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Subject: Important notice regarding the General Permit for Discharges from Storm Water
Associated with Industrial Activities.

Dear Existing Permittees:

The Maryland Department of the Environment is issuing the State/National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Industrial Facilities, Permit No. 12SW (NPDES No. MDR00). This permit replaces the one issued in December 2002, No. 02SW. Since your facility was covered under this permit, a new NOI, fee payment and updated SWPPPs must all be prepared and submitted to the Department according to this schedule.

Category	NOI, SWPPP & Fee Submission Deadline
Existing Dischargers – in operation as of Jan 2014 and previously authorized for coverage under 02-SW and not subject to Chesapeake Bay Restoration Requirements under Part III.A of the permit.	June 30, 2014 (6 months after the permit effective date of January 1, 2014).
Existing Dischargers – in operation as of Jan 2014 and previously authorized for coverage under 02-SW that are subject to Chesapeake Bay Restoration Requirements (Part III.A).	December 31, 2014 (One year after the permit effective date of January 1, 2014).

There are many changes from the previous permit that are based primarily on the federal EPA Multisector General Permit (MSGP) and on Maryland's commitments to restore the Chesapeake Bay. The major changes are highlighted below.

- 1. Facilities 5 acres or greater in the Chesapeake Bay watershed that are located within an MS4 jurisdiction are required to evaluate the need for restoration on their site.*
- 2. The registrant must submit an updated SWPPP to MDE with their completed NOI. The SWPPP must first be updated to the standards of the 12SW permit terms in order to comply with this submittal requirement.*
- 3. Appendix A of the final permit details each of the industry sector SIC codes eligible for coverage.*
- 4. Two specific "Sector AD" categories were added. Coverage under the Sector AD category is not required unless the facility is notified by the Department that coverage is needed or where the facility was previously covered under the 02-SW permit. These added categories are:*
 - a. Sector AD.a (Department of Public Works and Highway Maintenance Facilities) and*
 - b. Sector AD.b (School Bus Fleet Maintenance Facilities).*



5. *Specific practices and requirements are included in Appendix D for each industry sector listed in Appendix A. This includes very specific control measures as well as industry specific requirements that must be addressed in the SWPPP.*
6. *Benchmark monitoring is required for 9 industrial categories. Numeric benchmark concentrations are established for certain industrial activities covered under this general permit. The industry categories were determined to be of the most relevance to Maryland with regard to needing more specific monitoring to evaluate their pollution prevention approaches. See Appendix D of the permit for the 9 industry benchmark sectors. For the 9 sectors identified, benchmark monitoring is required for four quarters (one year). If benchmarks are not met in that time period then the registrant must continue to monitor until the benchmarks are met.*
7. *The permit provides for individual limits to be set in specific cases where discharges are to impaired waters or are part of a TMDL. In these cases, instructions for monitoring, including sample type and frequency, will be provided as part of the registration letter.*
8. *For monitoring required by the Department, the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) should be sent to the Department using NetDMR, thus requiring that the permittee have access to a computer and be willing to take NetDMR training. Exceptions to this requirement are only available on a case by case basis.*
9. *Quarterly visual examinations of stormwater discharges are required to evaluate the effectiveness of the SWPPP. The Quarterly Visual Monitoring Form summarizing these self-performed examinations must be maintained on-site with the SWPPP.*
10. *The permit requires regular inspections and maintenance of your controls which will be documented in an annual Comprehensive Site Compliance Evaluation by the permittee.*
11. *Corrective action requirements are included in the permit and the Department must be notified if a deficiency cannot be addressed fully within 30 days.*
12. *Alternative requirements for inactive and unstaffed site have been added to the permit, including exemptions from quarterly visual or benchmark monitoring.*

To view and print the final permit, the NOI or other documents related to this permit, you may use this link http://bit.ly/MDE_industrial_stormwater.

Any questions regarding this final determination should be directed to Paul Hlavinka or Michael Richardson at the Maryland Department of the Environment, Water Management Administration, at paul.hlavinka@maryland.gov or michael.richardson@maryland.gov or by telephone at 410- 537-3323 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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