



NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
GENERAL PERMIT NO. GAR050000
FOR STORMWATER DISCHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY

May 18, 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The public notice comment period for the Permit expired April 4, 2022. In response to the comments received, the following revisions have been incorporated into the Permit.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO PART 1. COVERAGE UNDER THIS PERMIT

The requirement to post a sign of permit coverage has been removed.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO PART 4. INSPECTIONS

Permit Part 4.2.2.f. has been revised to clarify the information to be reported for the observed water quality characteristics. The following language has been revised:

“f. Results of observations of the stormwater discharge describing the relative **magnitude** of each characteristic listed in Part 4.2.1, as applicable;”

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO PART 5. STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SWPPP)

Permit Part 5.1.3.3 has been updated to clarify that size and material type should be provided only if available. The following sentence has been added as shown below:

“Size and material type should be provided only if information is available.”

Permit Part 5.1.3.3. has been revised to allow for incorporation of some site map information in the Site Description section of the SWPPP. The following language has been revised:

“To ensure the quality and legibility of the site map, the permittee may incorporate some of the site map information listed in items a. – l. above **in the Site Description section of the SWPPP.**”

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO PART 6. MONITORING

Permit Part 6.2.1.1.a.ii has been updated to reflect indicator monitoring to begin January 1, 2023, to provide additional time in the calendar year to conduct the monitoring, and to clarify the requirements for new dischargers. The following language has been revised:

“**Beginning January 1, 2023**, permittees must conduct indicator monitoring of stormwater discharges for pH, TSS, and COD annually (once per year) **within one of the first two quarters of the calendar year (or as soon as possible during the next qualifying rain event, should none occur within the specified time frames), or** beginning in the first full quarter of permit coverage **if the permittee’s date of discharge authorization comes later** and in accordance with Part 6.1.7.”

Permit Part 6.2.1.1.b.ii has been updated to reflect indicator monitoring to begin January 1, 2023, to provide additional time in the calendar year to conduct the monitoring, and to clarify the requirements for new dischargers. The following language has been revised:

“**Beginning January 1, 2023**, permittees must conduct indicator monitoring of stormwater discharges for PAHs annually (once per year) **within one of the first two quarters of the calendar year (or as soon as possible during the next qualifying rain event, should none occur within the specified time frames), or** beginning in the first full quarter of permit coverage **if the permittee’s date of discharge authorization comes later** and in accordance with Part 6.1.7.”

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO PART 7. REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING

Permit Part 7.7 has been updated to provide for an electronic notification option. The following section has been revised as shown below to add an e-mail address:

“A permittee establishing an alternative benchmark or notifying EPD may submit documentation *by return receipt certified mail* (or a similar service) **or delivery receipt email** to EPD at the following address:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Watershed Protection Branch
Nonpoint Source Program, Stormwater Unit
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. SE, Suite 1152 East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
industrial.sw@dnr.ga.gov”

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO APPENDIX C. IMPAIRED STREAM SEGMENT SAMPLING AND REQUIREMENTS

Permit Part C.2.4 has been updated to provide for language consistent with the opening paragraph. The following section header has been revised as shown below:

“Specific Requirements for Discharges into **an Impaired** Stream Segment for Bacteria or with a TMDL including a Bacterial Wasteload Allocation.”

Permit Part C.2.4.1 has been clarified to reflect that permittees that discharge to any previously delisted water body or waterbody that becomes delisted after the implementation of the new bacteria criteria are not subject to Impaired Stream Segment monitoring for this parameter. The following language has been revised:

“Facilities that discharge to **an impaired** stream segment **for bacteria** or having a TMDL that includes a wasteload allocation for bacteria (fecal coliform, E. coli, enterococci), **unless monitoring with the appropriate indicator bacteria has shown that the waterbody is supporting its designated uses**, are required to conduct sampling for the current bacterial indicator.”