

Summary

Name of Permit: NPDES Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity For Stand Alone Construction Projects
Permit No.: GAR100001

This is a reissuance of a general permit for the discharge of stormwater associated with construction activity. The permit expires July 31, 2023.

Please Note the Following Changes to the 2023 Permit from the 2018 Permit:

Part I Coverage Under this Permit. B. Definitions. The following definitions have been revised for clarity and/or consistency with established Regulations:

- The definition of “Design Professional” modified to add, “and that has completed the appropriate certification course approved by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission in accordance with O.C.G.A 12-7-9.
- The definition of “Division” has been modified to include “or EPD” for clarity.
- The definition of “Normal Business Hours” was removed.
- The definition for “Drainage Structure” and “Roadway Drainage Structure” were added. Definitions taken from O.C.G.A. § 12-7-1.

Part III. C. Discharges into, or within One Mile upstream of and within the Same Watershed as, Any Portion of a Biota Impaired Stream Segment.

- In Part III.C.2.e., “flocclants or coagulants” was removed and replaced with “tackifiers”.
- In Part III.C.2.k., “Conduct soil tests representative of conditions at the time of planting to identify and to implement site-specific fertilizer needs and/or” was added. Combined from Part III.C.2.p.

Part III. D. Management Practices and Permit Violations.

- In Part III.D.6., modify language, “contaminated surfaces” replaced with “impacted areas”.

Part IV. A. Deadlines for Plan Preparation and Compliance.

- In Part IV.A.4.a., the language “or through the electronic submittal method provided by EPD” was added and the language “as a PDF on CD-ROM or other storage device” has been removed.
- In Part IV.A.5., added language “and certify” and “prior to commencing with construction activities as required by Part III.D.2 of this Permit”, clarifying that inspection reports for BMP perimeter controls are required prior to commencing with construction activities.

Part IV. D. Contents of Plan 2. Site Description.

- In Part IV.D.2.b., the language “A description of normal business hours as established by the Permittee” was added.
- In Part IV.D.2.e., a footnote was added stating “For solar farm projects, solar panels are to be considered impervious areas when determining the calculations and the post-construction impervious area shall be calculated as 70% of the square footage of the solar panels.”

Part IV. D. Contents of Plan. 3. Controls.

- In Part IV.D.3., modified language, “no greater” replaced with “less”.

Part IV. D. Contents of Plan. 4. Inspections.

- In Part IV.D.4.a.(3)., Permittee Requirements section (a) paragraph 3 clarifies Certified Personnel site inspection requirements for qualifying post-rain events, which will serve as a 7-day inspection and reset the requirement from date of completion.

Part IV. D Contents of Plan. 6. Sampling Requirements.

- In Part IV.D.6.a(1), the language "Sampling points shall be located on applicable pages of the Initial, Intermediate, and Final phase of Erosion Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plans" was added.
- In Part IV.D.6.d.(3)(b) and Part IV.D.6.d(3)(c), paragraph (d) Sampling Frequency. Section (3)(b) and (c) removed reference to definition of normal business hours.

Part IV. E. Reporting.

- In Part IV.E.3., paragraph 3, the language “to the appropriate EPD District Office or delivery receipt email to the appropriate EPD District Office resource mailbox” has been added to reflect the updates to EPD District Office reporting methods.

Part V. Standard Permit Conditions. A. Duty to Comply.

- In Part V.A.2., paragraph 2 is modified “Part II.C” was removed and “Appendix A” was added.

Part VI. B. Notice of Termination Contents.

- In Part VI.B.5., paragraph 5 is modified requiring written justification for why a sampling report was not conducted and provided to EPD within electronic NOT submittal.

Part VI. C. Notice of Termination Submittal.

- In Part VI.C., language added requiring the NOT submission within 14 days of project completion.

Appendix A – EPD District Office Address Updates

- Added reporting e-mail and updated mailing addresses for District Offices.