

FEES – FACT SHEET

STATE OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM GENERAL PERMITS NO. GAR100001, NO. GAR100002 and NO. GAR100003 FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

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PERMIT FEE AUTHORITY

As outlined in the Water Quality Control Rules (391-3-6-.22, NPDES General Permits for Construction Activity Fees), each Primary Permittee shall determine the estimated disturbed acreage to the nearest tenth (1/10th) acre and pay the fee established in the Water Quality Control Rules prior to commencement of any land disturbing activity. The purpose of the NPDES General Permit fees is to help EPD offset the costs of implementing and enforcing the NPDES General Permits for storm water discharges associated with construction activity, and to help local governments offset the costs of implementing and enforcing local land disturbing activity permits.

If the Primary Permittee has already paid the applicable fees, the Primary Permittee does not pay any additional NPDES General Permit fees, unless the scope of work covered under the NPDES General Permit so paid for is increased.

The Primary Permittee is solely responsible for the payment of fees for all *planned* land disturbing activities, including all land disturbing activities within a common development planned by the Secondary Permittees and/or Tertiary Permittees. ***Only the Primary Permittee is responsible for paying the NPDES General Permit fees.***

CALCULATING FEES

For land disturbing activities submitting an *initial* Notice of Intent *in an area with no certified Local Issuing Authority* **OR** *for land disturbing activities not regulated by a certified Local Issuing Authority*, the Primary Permittee shall pay a fee of **\$80 per acres *disturbed*** to EPD (to the nearest tenth (1/10th) acre).

Land disturbing activities not regulated by a certified Local Issuing Authority include, but are not limited to:

- Construction of public water system reservoirs.
- Land disturbing activities conducted by any electric membership corporation or municipal electrical system or any public under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission, any utility under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, any cable television system as defined

in O.C.G.A. §36-18-1, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States engaged in the generation, transmission or distribution power, except when the project is located within a common development as described in the NPDES General Permits.

- Construction of agricultural buildings (e.g., barns, poultry houses).
- Construction or maintenance projects undertaken or financed by the Department of Transportation, the Georgia Highway Authority, the State Road and Tollway Authority, or any county or municipality, except when the Department of Transportation, the Georgia Highway Authority or the State Road and Tollway Authority is a Secondary Permittee within a common development.
- Projects carried out under the technical supervision of the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agricultural.

For land disturbing activities submitting an *initial* Notice of Intent *in an area with a certified Local Issuing Authority*, the Primary Permittee shall pay a fee of **\$40 per acres disturbed** to EPD **AND** a fee of **\$40 per acres disturbed** to the Local Issuing Authority (to the nearest tenth (1/10th) acre). Payments to the Local Issuing Authority should be made in the manner specified by the Local Issuing Authority and should not be submitted to EPD. The NPDES General Permit fees are **in addition to** any local land disturbing activity permit fees that are required by the Local Issuing Authority.

FEE FORM

The NPDES General Permit – Fee Form is located on the EPD website, www.gaepd.org, under “Documents, Publications and Forms” (scroll down to “Regulatory Forms” and “Watershed Protection Branch,” and then “Storm Water”).

Submit the completed NPDES General Permit – Fee Form and payment to the address delineated on the form:

EPD – Construction Land Disturbance Fees
P. O. Box 932858
Atlanta, GA 31193-2858

The check should be made payable to:

Department of Natural Resources - EPD

If additional information is required, please contact the NonPoint Source Program with the EPD Watershed Protection Branch at (404) 675-6240.