

STORM WATER UPDATE FOR Georgia's Recycling Industry

On June 1, 2012, a revised general permit for storm water discharges associated with industrial activity went into effect. Find out if your recycling facility might be required to file for coverage under this permit and what this means for your business.

Does this permit apply to your operations?

If your facility's *primary* Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code is listed in Appendix D of the 2012 Industrial Storm Water General Permit (IGP) and the facility discharges storm water associated with industrial activity, then you must file either a Notice of Intent (NOI) form for coverage or a No Exposure Exclusion (NEE) form for exemption.

Your primary SIC code is a code for the activity that employs the most people or produces the most revenue at that location. If you are unsure of your facility's SIC code, look near the top of your most recent income tax form for a six-digit business activity code or on your fire insurance policy. This will be the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for your business. [Click here to find the corresponding four-digit SIC code.](#)

What actions do you need to take?

If you are covered under this permit, you were required to complete a Notice of Intent (NOI) form and submit it to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) by July 1, 2012. [Click here to download the NOI form.](#)

If your facility has never filed for coverage under an IGP, you must prepare a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) before submitting the NOI. If you have filed in the past, then you must review and update your SWPPP.

If you think your operation may be exempt from filing an NOI form under this permit (because no industrial activities at your site are exposed to storm water), you must complete and submit a No Exposure Exclusion (NEE) form. [Click here to download the NEE form.](#)

Even if your facility is not covered under this permit, you must still minimize the discharge of pollutants in storm water runoff from the site. [Click here to download a list of best management practices for recycling facilities.](#)

Specific facility types

If you operate one of the following types of facilities, you may be required to file for coverage or exemption under this permit:

- Material recovery facility
- Recovered material processing facility
- Single-stream processing facility
- Material processing facility co-located at a transfer station or landfill
- Facility operating under Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 5015 or 5093
- Composting facility

Need more information?

- [Full text of the permit](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)
- [EPD contacts by county](#)
- [Recycling facility guide to managing storm water](#)

