

Technical Bulletin

For General Permit NCG560000

Pesticides

NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

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The NPDES permitting program's objective is to reduce the pollutant load entering the waters of the state by:

1. Educating the permitted community about wastewater and stormwater pollutants,
2. Encouraging the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to minimize the entry of pollutants into the waters of the state via wastewater and stormwater discharges, and
3. Using collected analytical data to assess these discharges contribution to water pollution to help prioritize controls in problem areas

Changes in Reissued General Permit

Important changes from the previous version of this permit:

- There were no changes from the previous permit.

Coverage Under This Permit

A Permittee generally includes both (1) the entity with control over the financing for, or the decision to perform pesticide applications, including the ability to modify those decisions, that results in a discharge to waters of the State and (2) the entity with day-to-day operational control of or who performs activities (e.g., the application of pesticides) that are necessary to ensure compliance with the permit (e.g., they are authorized to direct workers to carry out activities required by the permit or perform such activities themselves). As such, more than one person may be responsible for compliance with this permit for any single discharge from the application of pesticides.

Frequently Asked Questions

1) Do I need to submit the monitoring results annually?

No. The submission of monitoring reports for this permit is not required. There are no standardized Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) associated with this permit. All monitoring results should be kept on site or made available for three years. The Division may request these reports for review at any time. (Part

II, Section E:1) However, as per Part II, Section E:6:b, violations of any permit limitation must be reported within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances.

2) Where do I find my stream classification?

The stream classification, i.e. WS-IV, C, Tr, etc. can usually be found in the Certificate of Coverage. If you are unsure of your stream classification, you can contact the Division.

3) Does a certified lab need to be used to analyze samples?

No, lab samples are not needed for this permit.

4) What If I Sell My Business or The Name of My Business Changes?

The Division views changes of name or ownership as a minor modification and requires the Director's approval. Name and ownership changes require you to complete a Name/Ownership Change Form. The forms are available on the Division's website at: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-quality-permitting/npdes-wastewater/npdes-compliance-and-0>

5) When does my permit expire and how do I renew it?

The expiration date of the permit expires on October 31, 2021. New Applicants must submit a complete NOI and application permit fees. The application forms can be found at on the Division's website. If an existing permittee stops pesticide application and no longer requires coverage under this General Permit, the permittee needs to request rescission of permit from the NPDES Unit by letter or e-mail.

Other sources of information on North Carolina's NPDES General Permits Program

The Division of Water Resources website can be found at <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources>.