

RENEWED GENERAL NPDES STORM WATER PERMIT ISSUED

On April 3, 2009, the Illinois EPA issued the renewed General NPDES Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Industrial Activities. The Illinois EPA mailed the renewed permit to covered facilities in April.

The new General Storm Water Permit has significant new requirements compared to the previous version, including:

1. Quarterly Storm Water Monitoring;
 2. Electronic submittal of the **Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)** to the Illinois EPA for public posting on-line;
 3. Revisions to the SWPPP to address new elements of the permit.
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- ✓ If your facility is covered by the General Storm Water Permit, you should develop a storm water monitoring strategy so you are able to collect and analyze the storm water samples as required by the permit. **Admiral** can assist you in developing a strategy.
 - ✓ If you have not yet developed a **SWPPP**, or the SWPPP needs to be updated to conform with the new permit requirements or current plant conditions, we can help prepare this for you.
 - ✓ Industrial facilities that are exempt from storm water permitting because they have no storm water exposure to industrial activity, **should resubmit the No Exposure Certification (NEC) every five years.** The Illinois EPA reports that many regulated facilities have never submitted an NEC. If your facility never submitted an NEC or a Storm Water Notice of Intent (NOI) for coverage under the General Permit, this should be reviewed now.

At **Admiral Environmental Services**, we have 40 years of experience meeting the needs of industry. If you have any questions regarding these or other Storm Water issues, please give us a call. You can also contact me directly at Todd@Admiralenv.com.

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P.S. These storm water permitting rules do not apply to facilities that are serviced by a combined sewer system (e.g., most of the City of Chicago).