

# State Water Resources Control Board General Permit Requirements

NPD-003

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this handout is to inform owners and contractors of their responsibility to protect stormwater quality during construction and to inform the development community of the State Water Resources Control Board's General Permit requirements for construction projects disturbing one (1) or more total acres of soil. Construction activities include but are not limited to: clearing, grading, excavating, stockpiling and reconstruction of existing facilities involving removal and replacement.

Applicants of construction projects disturbing one or more acres of soil are required to file for coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) General Permit for Discharges of Storm Water Runoff Associated with Construction Activity (General Permit). The General Permit is part of the SWRCB's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program established to protect and enhance water quality.

To be covered under the General Permit, owners of construction projects disturbing one or more acres of soil are required to submit a complete Notice of Intent (NOI) package to the SWRCB and prepare a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

A complete NOI package consists of a NOI form, site map and fee. Fees are calculated per acre of disturbed area as determined by the SWRCB. The SWPPP should contain best management practices to prevent or reduce polluted storm water runoff. The SWPPP is required to be present on-site and available for review by Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) inspectors, County inspectors, contractors and subcontractors throughout the duration of construction. Further information regarding filing a NOI, calculating fees and preparing a SWPPP can be obtained from the SWRCB through the contact methods provided below.

All currently active and proposed construction projects are subject to this regulation. A complete NOI package should be sent to the SWRCB at the following address:

U. S. Postal Service:  Attn: Storm Water Section State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Quality PO Box 1977 Sacramento, CA 95812-1977	FedEx or other overnight:  Attn: Storm Water Section State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Quality 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814
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Failure to file a Notice of Intent constitutes non-compliance with the General Permit requirements and may result in RWQCB fines up to \$10,000 per day.

Visit the SWRCB website at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/stormwtr/construction.html> or call 916-341-5537 for more information on the General Permit and associated requirements.

Additional resources are available from the Association of Bay Area Governments and Friends of the San Francisco Estuary. Visit <http://store.abag.ca.gov/construction.asp> or call 510-622-2465 to order. Suggested materials include "Guidelines for Construction Projects" and the "Erosion and Sediment Control Field Manual."