

PADEP REISSUES THE PAG-03 INDUSTRIAL STORMWATER NPDES GENERAL PERMIT

Semiannual stormwater sampling and electronic Discharge Monitoring Reports (eDMR) now required for all industrial sectors.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) reissued the PAG-03 General Permit on September 24, 2016 for a new 5-year term. Facilities currently authorized to operate under the previous PAG-03 are now subject to the reissued PAG-03 permit conditions with many significant changes, such as:

- Sector-specific appendices added and reorganized to improve consistency with the EPA's Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP).
- Semiannual collection of a stormwater sample and reporting by eDMR are now required. Annual inspection in lieu of collecting stormwater samples no longer allowed.
- Annual report due by May 1st of each year, which must include semiannual visual inspections, review of PPC plan, and annual installment fee of \$500.
- General Best Management Practices (BMPs) are substantially changed and updated to conform to the MSGP general BMPs. Existing permittees will have until September 24, 2017 to comply with the BMPs.
- Obtaining No Exposure Certification (NEC) approval from PADEP now requires an application, Notice of Intent (NOI), and \$500 fee. Existing facilities must collect at least one grab sample for stormwater from a representative outfall and report results with the application.

Existing facilities should carefully review the reissued PAG-03 permit for changes to monitoring requirements and BMPs under the sector-specific appendix for your facility. A copy of the PAG-03 permit and supporting documents can be accessed on the PADEP website at: <http://www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/dsweb/View/Collection-13064>

To discuss the changes to the PAG-03 Industrial Stormwater NPDES General Permit and how they impact your facility, please contact:

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