

State of Florida
Department of Environmental Protection

Construction Generic Permit (CGP)

For

Stormwater Discharge from Large and Small Construction
Activities



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What is required to be covered by a permit?

- Small Construction Activity: Construction activity that disturbs ≥ 1 acre and less than 5 acres, or is part of larger common plan of development or sale that will disturb ≥ 1 acre and less than 5 acres
- Large Construction Activity: Construction activity that disturbs ≥ 5 acres, or is part of larger common plan of development or sale that will disturb ≥ 5 acres

Obtaining CGP Permit Coverage

- Submit a COMPLETE Notice of Intent (NOI) & fee to DEP:
 - \$150 Small Construction Activities
 - \$300 Large Construction Activities
- Send copy of NOI to MS4 operator, if applicable
- Permit coverage is not dependent on an ERP or 62-25 permit
- Develop and Implement a complete Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

Notice of Intent Requirements

- Construction Projects that will commence after the effective date of the new permit shall submit NOI at least 2 days before construction begins.
- Small construction activities that began prior to the effective date of the new permit must apply for coverage (submit NOI) within 30 days of the effective date of the new permit.

Notice of Intent Requirements

- Coverage under CGP is limited to a term not to exceed five years from the effective date of coverage
- If the “Operator” changes:
 - The new operator must submit an NOI at least 2 days before they take control of the project and
 - The old operator must submit an NOT within 14 days of relinquishing control of the project

CGP Requirements

- Inspections conducted by a “Qualified Inspector”
 - A person that
 - Successfully completed The Florida Stormwater, Erosion, and Sedimentation Control Inspector Training & Certification Program
 - Successfully completed an equivalent formal training program
 - Is qualified by other training of practical experience in stormwater pollution prevention and erosion sedimentation control

CGP Requirements

- NOI or Acknowledgement Letter from DEP must be posted at the construction site
- Keep all documentation for 3 years after final stabilization
- Keep a copy of the SWPPP and all reports at the construction site or at the alternate location listed on the NOI until final stabilization
- Meet all of the general conditions listed in Rule 62-621.250 F.A.C.
- File NOT within 14 days of final stabilization of site

CGP Requirements

- Develop and implement SWPPP
- Keep SWPPP current
- Failure to develop and implement a SWPPP shall be deemed a violation and may result in enforcement action

Contents of SWPPP

1. Site Description – site map, description of construction activity, sequence of major soil disturbing activities, total area and area to be disturbed, existing data describing the soil or quality of any stormwater discharge from the site, estimate the drainage area size for each discharge point, latitude and longitude of each discharge point and identify the receiving water or MS4 for each discharge point.

Contents of SWPPP

2. Controls – Describe controls, BMP's and measures that will be implemented at the construction site; describe temporary and permanent stabilization practices; describe structural controls to divert flows from exposed soils and structural practices to store flows; retain sediments outside or otherwise limit runoff; describe all sediment basins to be implemented for areas that will disturb 10 or more acres at one time; describe all permanent controls that will be installed during the construction process; describe waste disposal (debris, chemicals, litter, sanitary waste); address offsite vehicle tracking of sediments; address proper application of fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides; include the storage, use disposal of toxic substances

Contents of SWPPP

3. Maintenance – Describe maintenance procedures for structural and non-structural controls so that they remain in good and effective operating condition
4. Inspection – Provide weekly inspections by a qualified inspector and within 24 hours of the end of 0.50 inches or greater rainfall event, document inspections

Contents of SWPPP

5. Non-Stormwater Discharge – Identify and describe sources of non-stormwater discharges as allowed in Part IV A.3 of the permit
6. Certifications – Identify within the SWPPP, the contractor(s) or subcontractor(s) that will implement each measure. All contractor(s) and subcontractor(s) identified in the SWPPP must sign the following certification:
 - “I certify under penalty of law that I understand, and shall comply with, the terms and conditions of the State of Florida Generic Permit for Stormwater Discharge from Large and Small Construction Activities and this Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan prepared thereunder“