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Storm Water Discharge Permits

State and Federal regulations require that most industrial and certain commercial facilities apply for and obtain Storm Water Discharge Permits. Over the past few years, USEPA has placed a strong emphasis on the control of pollutants in storm water discharges. If your facility does not have a storm water permit, it is important to determine if such a permit is required.

Regulated facilities include, but are not limited to:

- Mining operations;
- Chemical plants;
- Food processing;
- Printing facilities;
- Fabricated metals, including scrap yards;
- Lumber and wood product operations;
- Petroleum and coal handling;
- Stone, clay and glass products (e.g., cement plants, quarries);
- Electronic equipment;
- Railroads;
- Various types of transportation facilities; and
- Automotive repair centers and certain gas stations with automotive services.

Any industrial activities at your facility that involve exposure of storm water to industrial operations may necessitate a storm water discharge permit. Limited exclusions may apply to regulated facilities that have no storm water exposure to industrial activity; however, the applicability of any such exclusion is best determined by a qualified individual.

Most states provide a systematic process for obtaining storm water discharge permits. As a condition of your permit, you may be required to prepare a *Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan* (SWP3). The SWP3 examines the potential for storm water to become impacted by industrial pollutants at your facility and requires that you develop and apply *Best Management Practices* (BMPs) to address how your facility will limit and control storm water pollution.

Some states require that the SWP3 be certified by a qualified professional, and periodic, documented review and revision to the SWP3 may be required under certain conditions.

Your storm water permit may require that you conduct periodic sampling and analysis of storm water samples. The results of storm water analysis are summarized on Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs).

If your facility is operating without a Storm Water permit, you may be at risk for fines and other penalties. Midwest Environmental Services' *Consulting Services Division* has qualified professionals available to assess your facility's operations and determine if you are managing storm water discharges in accordance with applicable regulations. In addition, Midwest can prepare, or revise your existing SWP3 to help assure that your facility is utilizing best management practices to control storm water pollution.

Midwest Environmental Services' *Consulting Services Division* is available to assist you and your company with compliance to applicable environmental and safety regulations. If professional assessment of the applicability of any of the myriad environmental or safety regulations affecting your business would benefit you, contact us at **502-491-0991**, or our Corporate Offices at **800-388-5160**.

Midwest Environmental Services continually works to improve our professional services to offer our valuable clients the best environmental solutions.

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