


Construction General Permit 2019


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Proposed Changes


- Automatic Coverage of small sites located within South Carolina's 8 coastal counties
 - Currently sites disturbing 0.5 acres or less within a half mile of a coastal receiving waterbody submit for automatic coverage
 - Proposed language will increase this threshold to 1.0 acres in the coastal counties



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Proposed Changes

- Automatic Coverage of individual lots located in subdivisions built prior to 1992, as long as only 5 acres of land disturbance remain in the subdivision, and as long no more than 5 contiguous lots remain for home construction

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Proposed Changes

- Addition of an “at the DHEC’s discretion” option under the Allowable Non-Stormwater Discharges
 - Allows for those discharges not currently explicitly defined to be evaluated by DHEC. A written confirmation issued by DHEC will determine if this discharge will be allowed under the CGP

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Proposed Changes

- Allows for a late notification allowance of construction activities which are needed as part of a Public Emergency (hurricanes, earthquakes, extreme flooding conditions or other widespread disruption is essential public services)

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Proposed Changes

- Allowances have been included for electronic submittals of applications associated with stormwater projects. (NOI’s, NOT’s, and other information)

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Proposed Changes

- In March 2014, EPA published a Final Rule amending the 2009 Construction and Development Rule. These amendments provide clarifications on applicability; flexibility for permitting authorities to implement some of the rule requirements and for permittee compliance; and clarifies the requirement for permittees to provide and maintain buffers around many Waters of the State/US at construction sites.

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Proposed Changes

- Modify the current inspection requirements to include a statement that no more than 9 days are to lapse between inspections.
- Inspections are to continue on the site until a NOT is submitted

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Proposed Changes

- For linear projects qualified inspectors are required to inspect all locations where construction activities cross Waters of the State/US

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Proposed Changes

- Additional requirements of inspection reports. Must inspect **All** discharge points identified in the SWPPP, record total rainfall since last inspection, determination of if the construction sequence is being followed, status of corrective actions from previous reports and dates corrections were implemented, and list of items carried over from previous reports which were not addressed

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Proposed Changes

- Provide documentation from the operator of construction activities when BMP maintenance will take longer than 7 days to complete, and include an estimated completion date

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Proposed Changes

- For those projects which are taking place inside the SCDOT right-of-way which the DOT is not the operator are to be covered under the CGP and are to be designed in accordance with Regulations 72-405 thru 72-45
- Those projects in which SCDOT is the operator are still permitted under the SCDOT CGP SCR160000

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Current Projects (March 2019)

- We are currently in the process of revising SCDOT Construction General Permit
- Our goal is to complete the revisions and have the permit reissued in the next 6 months

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What's Next

- Upon completion of SCDOT's CGP we will start the process of reissuance of the MS4 General Permit.
- The EPA has been conducting audits of all EPA Region 4 states and we awaiting this report.
- The EPA has recently been in the state conducting audits of some of our MS4's.

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