



MASSACHUSETTS MARINE TRADES ASSOCIATION

EPA Issues Multi-Sector General Permit - See Fact Sheet and Recommendations

The US Environmental Protection Agency has issued the final 2015 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Multi Sector General Permit (MSGP) for stormwater discharge for industrial activities. There are some changes from the 2008 version. An EPA Fact Sheet is available by clicking 'Read More' below. Additionally, the steps that EPA recommends to meet the new permit requirements are below. **However, please be cautious! MMTA Government Relations and Legal Counsel, Jamy Buchanan Madeja, advises that businesses claim proprietary information not be placed online.**

EPA Recommendations:

1. Visit EPA's MSGP webpage (<http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/npdes/stormwater/EPA-Multi-Sector-General-Permit-MSGP.cfm>) to learn about the status of the 2015 MSGP, your eligibility, NeT and NetDMR training, and to obtain guidance on complying with the new permit.
2. Determine if your facility qualifies for a conditional "no exposure" permit exclusion (see: <http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/npdes/stormwater/Conditional-No-Exposure-Exclusion.cfm>).
3. Review your Notice of Intent ("NOI") submitted for coverage under the 2008 MSGP (see: http://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/aps/f?p=MSGP_2008:HOME:16755873211799::::) for information that will help you file a new NOI for the 2015 MSGP.
4. Discuss internally who will prepare and certify the documents submitted through the NeT and NetDMR tools for your facility. Roles include:
 - o **Preparer:** An individual within the organization or a third-party who can prepare documents for review, signature, and submission by a Certifier.
 - o **Certifier:** An individual within the organization who can also serve as a Preparer, and is authorized to legally sign documents on behalf of the organization (See [Part B.11 of Appendix B of the draft permit](#) for a description of appropriate signatories).
5. Review your existing Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to identify the

revisions necessary to make it current and consistent with the 2015 MSGP requirements. Your SWPPP must be prepared and ready to implement prior to filing an NOI for the 2015 MSGP.

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