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Storm Water Permit Required for Marinas

On October 15, 2007, Ohio EPA issued a final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for storm water discharges associated with industrial activity from marinas.



It applies to all marinas in Ohio operating under standard industrial classification (SIC) code 4493, which are mainly those involved in boat maintenance activities including boat rehabilitation, mechanical repairs, painting, fueling and lubrication or equipment cleaning operations.

The permit requires that marinas use best management practices (BMPs) to prevent contaminants from coming into contact with storm water. BMPs cover areas such as:



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- container management;
- fueling operations;
- product and waste storage;
- painting, maintenance and fueling activities; and
- power washing.

The permit also requires marinas to prepare a written storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) that outlines the BMPs being implemented at the facility to prevent storm water contamination.

This permit goes into effect on January 13, 2008, and expires on January 12, 2013. **All marinas under the SIC code of 4493 that are involved in boat maintenance or equipment cleaning operations are required to apply for coverage under this general permit.** There is a marina template storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) and fact sheet on monitoring to go along with the permit. For more information on this permit or compliance materials, visit www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/permits/GP_Marinas.html.

If you have questions or need help with the general permit requirements, you can also contact Ron Nabors of OCAPP at (419) 373-3147 or ron.nabors@epa.state.oh.us.

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Municipal Storm Water Workshops in Northeast Ohio

By May 2008, municipalities will be required to have a fully operational Municipal Storm Water Management Program, which requires communities to:



- provide education to its citizens, businesses and employees on storm water issues;
- provide opportunities for public involvement;
- implement a program to proactively identify and eliminate illicit discharges to the storm sewer system;
- review plans for construction and post-construction runoff control;
- inspect new development sites for compliance with those plans; and
- implement pollution prevention practices at municipal operations.

Ohio EPA's Northeast District Office will be hosting a series of six workshops coordinated by the Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention (OCAPP) for municipalities in northeast Ohio. The titles and dates of workshops are listed below. One month before each workshop, you will be able to see the agendas and details about each workshop online at www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/storm_workshop.html. These workshops are free, but space is limited, so be sure to register as soon as possible.

Workshop #1 - September 20, 2007
Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Storm Water Program Managers

Workshop #2 - November 19, 2007
Implementing Illicit Discharge Programs and Conducting Illicit Discharge Investigations

Workshop #3 - December 12, 2007
Non-Structural Post-Construction BMPs from Planning and Zoning Perspectives



Workshop #4 - January 9, 2008
Implementing an Effective Public Involvement and Public Education Program

Workshop #5 - February 13, 2008
Structural and Non-Structural Post Construction BMP Case Studies: Making It Work in NE Ohio

Workshop #6 - March 25, 2008
Construction Site BMP Training for Municipal Plan Reviewers and Site Inspectors

If you miss a workshop, the PowerPoint presentations with audio and all the handouts will be available online. For more information and to register, visit www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/storm_workshop.html.

Tox-Minus: New Voluntary Initiative to Reduce Air Emissions

On September 18, 2007, Ohio EPA Director Chris Korleski announced a new program to encourage Ohio facilities to voluntarily reduce the pollutants they release to the environment. Launched during National Pollution Prevention Week, the Director sent letters to 100 of the top toxic chemical reporters under the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI), inviting them to participate in the new *Tox-Minus* initiative. To date, Ohio EPA has received commitments from 48 companies volunteering to join *Tox-Minus*, including some of Ohio's largest industries, including auto manufacturers, steel plants and utilities. Although initially focused on the top TRI reporters, the program is open to any company that wants to participate and several companies not included in the initial invitation have joined.



Ohio continues to rank among the top states nationally for toxic releases to the environment. "Even though these are legal and controlled releases that don't necessarily pose an identifiable public health risk, I think we can and should do

better," Korleski said. "I am determined to reduce toxic emissions so that Ohio is no longer at the top of the national rankings and I invite these companies to help me achieve that goal."

A few key aspects of *Tox-Minus*:

- It is a significant step toward a long-term goal of reducing toxic releases, which will help enhance the state's image as an environmentally proactive yet economically competitive state.
- It demonstrates how companies and Ohio EPA can work cooperatively to improve Ohio's environment.
- Participation is voluntary. There are no penalties or enforcement associated with the program.

OCAPP is coordinating the *Tox-Minus* initiative. Ohio EPA is not setting mandatory reduction goals for companies. Each company will be asked to identify its own reduction goals for TRI chemical emissions, including waste, air and/or water emissions. Companies are asked to achieve their reduction goals within a five-year time frame. Participants will provide a brief annual report about their accomplishments.

An important aspect of *Tox-Minus* is recognizing participants for outstanding environmental projects and their contributions to reducing emissions. Ohio EPA will publicize participant names and summarize success stories and accomplishments through an annual *Tox-Minus* progress report, media announcements and online.

OCAPP can conduct site visits to help companies identify pollution prevention strategies, assist companies with their reduction goals and provide guidance on how to prepare annual progress reports.

More information about the *Tox-Minus* program is available at www.epa.state.oh.us/tox-minus.html.

New Household and Consumer P2 fact sheets

OCAPP has recently completed seven household and consumer fact sheets regarding typical wastes found in a home.

Handling Used Oil from Your Home (HC1)
www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/p2/pdf/HC1web.pdf

Handling Gasoline, Kerosene, Diesel Oil and Heating Oil from Your Home (HC2)
www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/p2/pdf/HC2web.pdf

Household Batteries (HC3)
www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/p2/pdf/HC3web.pdf

Lead-Acid Batteries Generated from the Home (HC4)
www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/p2/pdf/HC4web.pdf

Pesticides (HC5)
www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/p2/pdf/HC5web.pdf

Storing and Disposing of Paint from Your Home (HC6)
www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/p2/pdf/HC6web.pdf

Electronic Equipment from Your Home... Don't Just Throw it Away (HC7)
www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/p2/pdf/HC7web.pdf

New Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Web site

U.S. EPA's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) team has redesigned their Web site. The redesign provides:

- Clear and easy access to policy and guidance for federal purchasers;
- Information on specific products and services;
- Tools and calculators;
- Publications and case studies; and
- Related Web links.



In order to ease navigation and provide the most up-to-date information, various pages of the EPP Web site were added, revised, moved or archived. If you have trouble finding an EPP resource on the redesigned site, please check the index on the EPP home page at www.epa.gov/epp/.

Need Help?

Ohio EPA's Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention is a non-regulatory program and one-stop location for information about environmental requirements, compliance concerns and pollution prevention. Services are free. Contact us at (800) 329-7518 or (614) 644-3469.

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