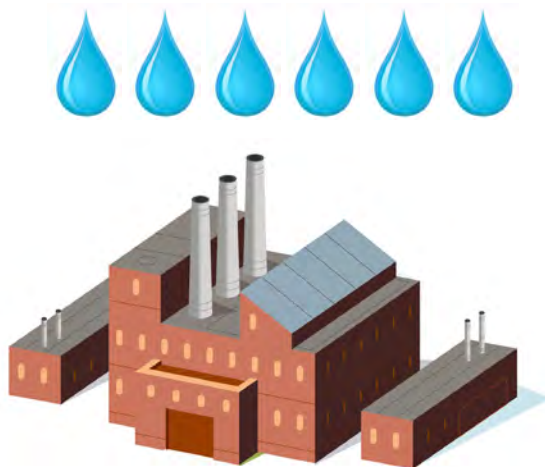


Requirements for benchmark monitoring

This overview of sampling requirements for the 2010 - 2015 Industrial Stormwater Multi-Sector General Permit answers commonly-asked questions about when to sample and provides helpful resources related to this important topic.



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Year 1 permit requirements:

- ▶ **NO for benchmark monitoring**
- ▶ **YES for others for effluent monitoring**

Example: Jim's Auto Salvage received industrial stormwater permit coverage on June 3, 2010. Jim does not have any benchmark monitoring requirements during Year 1.

Enter your permit's authorization date here:

Your facility's annual permit requirements include:

- ☐ filing an annual report
- ☐ paying fees
- ☐ providing employee training
- ☐ updating your SWPPP
- ☐ checking whether the facility is near newly-designated impaired waters
- ☐ conducting monthly inspections.

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Year 2 permit requirements:

- ▶ **YES for benchmark monitoring**
- ▶ **YES for others for effluent monitoring**

Example: Jim's permit Year 2 begins June 3, 2011 (exactly one year after his facility's permit was issued). This date also marks the first day of his facility's Year 2 of benchmark monitoring requirements.

Enter your facility's Year 2 start date here:

(This is also the start of "Year 2" benchmark monitoring requirements. This should be exactly one year after your facility's permit authorization date.)

Your facility's annual permit requirements include:

- ☐ filing an annual report
- ☐ paying fees, providing employee training
- ☐ updating your SWPPP
- ☐ checking whether the facility is near newly-designated impaired waters
- ☐ conducting monthly inspections.

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Year 3 permit requirements:

- ▶ **NO for benchmark monitoring**
- ▶ **YES for others for effluent monitoring**

Example: Jimi's facility permit enters Year 3 on June 3, 2012. Neither Jim's facility nor yours has any benchmark monitoring requirements during Year 3.

Enter your facility's permit Year 3 start date here:

Your facility's annual permit requirements include:

- ☐ filing an annual report
- ☐ paying fees
- ☐ providing employee training
- ☐ updating your SWPPP
- ☐ checking whether the facility is near newly-designated impaired waters
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Year 4 permit requirements:

- ▶ **YES for benchmark monitoring under certain circumstances**
- ▶ **YES for others for effluent monitoring**

Sampling is required if benchmark monitoring averages during Year 2 exceeded benchmark values, OR, if you did not collect any samples during Year 2.

Example: Jim's permit Year 4 begins June 3, 2013.

Enter your facility's Year 4 start date here:

(This is also the start of "Year 4" benchmark monitoring requirements, if applicable.)

Your facility's annual permit requirements include:

- ☐ filing an annual report
- ☐ paying fees
- ☐ providing employee training
- ☐ updating your SWPPP
- ☐ checking whether the facility is near newly-designated impaired waters
- ☐ conducting monthly inspections.

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Year 5 permit requirements:

- ▶ **YES for benchmark monitoring under certain circumstances**
- ▶ **YES for others for effluent monitoring**

As in Year 4, sampling is required if benchmark monitoring averages during year 4 exceeded benchmark values, OR, if you did not collect any samples within Year 4.

Example: Jim's permit Year 5 begins June 3, 2014. Jim will need to re-apply for a new Industrial Stormwater permit when it becomes available.

Enter your facility's Year 5 start date here:

(This is also the start of "Year 5" benchmark monitoring requirements, if applicable.) No matter what date you applied for your permit, it will expire on April 5, 2015. Watch for updated re-application information in mid-2014.

Your facility's annual permit requirements include:

- ☐ filing an annual report
- ☐ paying fees
- ☐ providing employee training
- ☐ updating your SWPPP
- ☐ checking whether the facility is near newly-designated impaired waters
- ☐ conducting monthly inspections.

Helpful links:

<http://cf.pca.state.mn.us/water/stormwater/isw/search.cfm>

To learn more about sampling in the winter, or what to do if you had no off-site discharge, read this FAQ:

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/water/water-types-and-programs/stormwater/industrial-stormwater/index.html>

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/nwqha90>

For more details:

Visit the MPCA Industrial Stormwater Program's web site at:
www.pca.state.mn.us/industrialstormwater

or call the Stormwater Hotline at (651) 757-2119 or (800) 657-3804 (non-Metro only)