Nonmetallic Mining and Associated Activities Application

NPDES/SDS Permit Program

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Purpose: The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/State Disposal System (SDS) Permit Program regulates stormwater and wastewater discharges to land and surface waters. This application applies to nonmetallic mining and associated operations that have stormwater that comes in contact with pollutants and may also have wastewater from the dewatering of pits and quarries, wash water from washing product or trucks, cooling cutting saws, or other sources.

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Permittee name: ___________________________ Permit number: MN ___________________________

Nonmetallic Mining and Associated Sites by PLS Coordinates

Let this list serve as an Inventory of all sites owned or operated at the same facility. Include the activities and the Public Land Survey (PLS) coordinates for each site. Consider this a comprehensive listing of all the sites you want covered under this permit. For all sites listed below, you must complete pages 3-7 of this application. You only need to complete this inventory once.

Example: JT's Aggregate owns and operates four pits and quarries throughout southern Minnesota. Three of the pits are construction sand and gravel pits, and one is a limestone quarry with a portable hot mix asphalt plant. The company dewater from two pits in Fillmore County, but is unable to contain everything on site in one of the pits. The remaining pits are able to contain all stormwater on site. The chart below would be filled out as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Site name, county PLS coordinate (Twp, range, section, Qtr-section)</th>
<th>Dewatering</th>
<th>Stormwater</th>
<th>Treatment and disposal</th>
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<td>Sample S&amp;G 1, Mower (TxxxN, RxxW, secxx, SE ½)</td>
<td>Constr. sand/ gravel</td>
<td>Indl. sand</td>
<td>J1</td>
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<td>Sample S&amp;G 2, Fillmore (TxxxN, RxxW, secxx, NE ⅔)</td>
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<td>Sample S&amp;G 4, Olmsted (TxxxN, RxxW, secxx, SW ⅔)</td>
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Basic Information

Complete the following for each site:

Site name: _____________________________________________

Facility site street/road address (not P.O. Box): ____________________________

City: ________________________ State: MN Zip: ____________ Telephone: ____________

Name of contact person at the site: ____________________________

(If different than Facility Operator on Transmittal Form [wq-wwprm7-03] question #5)

Title: ________________________ Telephone: ____________ E-mail: ______________

Name of secondary contact person at the site: ____________________________

Title: ________________________ Telephone: ____________ E-mail: ______________

Activity Information

1. Do you dewater from your mine, pit, or quarry to a surface water of the state?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
   This is only authorized for Construction Sand and Gravel (SIC Code 1442), Industrial Sand (SIC Code 1446) Dimension stone (SIC Code 1411), Crushed and Broken Limestone (SIC Code 1422), Crushed and Broken Granite (SIC Code 1423), and Crushed and Broken Stone (not elsewhere classified, SIC Code 1429) mining and quarrying areas. (All other activities that dewater must obtain an individual permit.) Dewatering means water that is impounded or that collects in the mine and is pumped, drained or otherwise removed from the mine through the efforts of the mine operator.

2. Do you dewater from a mine, pit or quarry to a control device?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
   Control devices include settling ponds, sedimentation basins, and/or infiltration basins. Devices shall be designed consistent with accepted engineering practices to control the pollutants of concern.

3. Is the abovementioned control device designed to control a 10-year, 24-hour storm event?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
   Documentation must be submitted with this application for MPCA to acknowledge the device as controlling mine pit dewatering from a 10-year, 24-hour storm event and for MPCA to dismiss the monitoring requirements in Section 8 of the permit. Designs must be approved by a professional engineer.

4. Have you had an overflow from your control device in the last five years?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
   An overflow can be a result from direct rainfall and/or groundwater seepage. It is only different from mine pit dewatering because it is passive and not removed through efforts of the mine operator.

5. Do you discharge stormwater to groundwater? (e.g., Do you infiltrate stormwater to the ground?)
   Yes ☐ No ☐

6. Do you discharge stormwater to a surface water of the state?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
   Because of the nature of the industry, if you answered ‘yes’ to question #4, this question should be ‘yes’ also. Often the overflow is a result of rainfall or snowmelt. More information is collected in this application under ‘Location Identification of Surface Water Discharge’ beginning at #18.

7. Do you have any of the following non-stormwater (also considered wastewater) activities conducted at your site?
   Check all that apply.
   ☐ a. Wash water from Subsector J1 and J2 facilities
   ☐ b. Wet scrubbers at Subsector D1 facilities
   ☐ c. Washing trucks, mixers, transport buckets, forms and/or other equipment at Subsector E2 facilities
   ☐ d. Scale deck wash water
   ☐ e. Wash water associated with emergency cleaning of mobile equipment and/or cosmetic cleaning of mobile equipment that does not use detergents, solvents, or degreasers
   ☐ f. Waters used for dust control on crushers, conveyors, and associated equipment
8. Is stormwater co-mingled with any of the non-stormwater listed in #7 above prior to discharge?
   Yes ☐ No ☐

   If you answered ‘yes’, then that stormwater is considered non-stormwater, or process wastewater and must be discharged in accordance with wastewater requirements. Therefore, there shall be no surface water discharge and all water must be collected, contain and infiltrate to the ground. The permittee must implement Best Management Practices to prevent contamination of groundwater.

9. Select the Primary Activity and Secondary Activity (if applicable) at the site:

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<th>Subsector J1</th>
<th>Primary</th>
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<tr>
<td>Construction sand and gravel mining (Standard Industrial Classification [SIC Code 1442])</td>
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<td>Industrial sand mining (SIC Code 1446)</td>
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<th>Subsector J2</th>
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<td>Dimension stone (SIC Code 1411)</td>
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<td>Crushed and broken limestone mining/quarry area (SIC Code 1422)</td>
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<th>Subsector D1</th>
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<td>Hot mix asphalt production areas also known as asphalt paving mixtures and blocks (SIC Code 2951). This includes portable hot mix asphalt plants.</td>
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<th>Subsector E2</th>
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<td>Concrete block and brick (SIC Code 3271)</td>
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<td>Concrete products other than block and brick (SIC Code 3272)</td>
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<td>Ready-mix concrete (SIC Code 3273)</td>
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   *If using flotation or acid leaching process(es), you are not eligible for this general permit and must apply for an individual permit.*

10. Describe completely your stormwater management systems used to control stormwater:
    Includes industrial stormwater ponds, sedimentation basins, and/or infiltration devices.

11. Describe completely your wastewater treatment systems:

12. For permit reissuance or modification, note any changes made to either the stormwater or wastewater treatment systems since this permit was last issued (include additional sheets, if needed):

13. How and where are the sediments and sludge removed from the stormwater and/or wastewater treatment systems at the facility disposed?

14a. Does the facility discharge non-contact cooling water (for example, power generation, refrigeration, boilers, etc.)?
    *This is a non-stormwater discharge and must be infiltrated on site to be eligible for this general permit.*
    ☐ Yes ☐ No
    If yes, is this once-through or recirculating:

14b. Are there any chemical additives to this waste stream?
    ☐ Yes ☐ No

15. List below all chemical additives that are used or proposed to be used at the facility.
    *This must include all process reagents, flocculants, biocides, wastewater treatment chemical additives, chlorine or other disinfectants, detergents, cleaning products, chemical dust suppressants, freeze conditioning agents, etc.*

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<th>Product name</th>
<th>How often added</th>
<th>Where it is used</th>
<th>Average rate of use (weight or volume/day)</th>
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   *Attach Material Safety Data Sheets and complete product labels for each additive. Attach information on the chemical composition, aquatic toxicity, human health, and environmental fate for each proposed chemical additive.*
16. What is the source of the intake water supply for the facility?
   Intake water supply includes all make-up water supplied to the facility. (Choose one.)
   - [ ] Municipal, include city name: __________________________
   - [ ] Groundwater, intake location: __________________________
   - [ ] Surface water, include name: __________________________

   If this is a non-municipal water supply, have you already obtained a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) water appropriations permit?  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  [ ] Not applicable
   If yes, what is the DNR permit number: __________________________
   DNR permit expiration date (mm/dd/yyyy): __________________________

17. Has the facility been required to complete an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and/or Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)?  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  [ ] Not applicable
   If yes, attach a copy of the completed EIS/EAW and note:
   (Title) __________________________  Date (mm/dd/yyyy) __________________________

18. What is the fate of the sewage generated by the facility?
   Examples are septic tank and drainfield, routing to municipal sanitary sewer, portable containment systems, etc.

19. Is this site covered under any other permit? For example, does this site have an Industrial Stormwater Multi-Subsector General Permit (MNR050000) or a Construction Stormwater Permit (MNR100001)?  [ ] Yes  [ ] No
   If yes, please provide permit identification number. This does not include coverage you already may have through this permit (MNG490000).

20. Have you developed a Pollution Prevention Plan for this site?  [ ] Yes  [ ] No
   You must do so prior to submittal of this application. If you have already created one under another version of this general permit, you must update the plan prior to submittal of this application.

Location Identification of Surface Water Discharges

21. Please identify each surface water discharge location at your site. If you answered 'yes' to question #1, #4 (mine dewatering), and/or #6 (stormwater) above, please provide the discharge location.
   The point source discharge location is defined as the location where a wastewater or stormwater discharge enters a surface water (not where the pipe leaves the wastewater facility structure). If a pipe extends out into a river or lake, the location is identified where the pipe leaves the shore and enters the body of water. If the discharge is to a line or storm sewer, the location is identified where the line or storm sewer enters a surface water. If the discharge is into an open ditch or ravin, the location is identified as the point where the discharge leaves the pipe and enters the open ditch. Examples include "to Twin Lakes", "to unnamed wetlands adjacent to Black Lake", "to a storm sewer to the Cottonwood River", or "to an unnamed ravin to the Sunrise River". For new facilities, enter as much information as available and provide a name or description for the Station ID.

   Station ID (if applicable): __________________________
   Type of discharge: __________________________
   (i.e., pit site dewatering, stormwater runoff, overflow from control device)
   Average discharge flow rate: __________________________
   (Flow rates are not necessary for discharges that solely consist of stormwater runoff.)
   Maximum discharge flow rate: __________________________
   Flow duration and frequency:
   Month of flow: __________________________  Days/week: __________________________  Hours/day: __________________________
Complete the table for each surface water discharge point. If this is an existing facility, refer to the current NPDES/SDS Permit for Station ID. For new facilities, enter as much information as available. If more space is needed for additional stations, attach additional pages.

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<td>Township (26-71 or 101-168)</td>
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<td>T 109 N</td>
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Receiving Water: County Ditch 4

Temperature (degrees Fahrenheit) | Minimum | Maximum
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pH
Total suspended solids (TSS) maximum (mg/L)
Total phosphorus maximum (mg/L)
Other potential pollutants
(for example, metals, ammonia, nitrate, nitrite, salts, residual chlorine, fluoride, oil and grease, polychlorinated biphenyls, phenols, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, and/or volatile organic compounds)
Please clearly indicate with the test results the specific dates, locations and methods of sampling. The time when you sample must be representative of the projected discharge wastewater quality.

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) rules require that all laboratories conducting wastewater tests be certified. To help ensure the precision and accuracy of water quality test results, the MPCA accepts laboratory data only from MDH-certified laboratories. (Dissolved oxygen, pH, temperature and total residual chlorine analyses do not need to be done by a certified laboratory; these analyses shall be conducted as soon as practicable after sample collection and no later than one hour after collection.)

Indicate the name of the laboratory that will analyze your samples: ________________________________________

Indicate the MDH Laboratory Certification No. for this laboratory: ____________________________

Site Diagram and Map

25. Attach a site map showing:
   - location of all discharge points
   - location of all overflow points from control devices
   - directions of stormwater runoff (including stormwater that is contained/infiltrated on site).

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This is a multi-site permit. Many of the industries covered under this permit may have more than one location where they conduct the permitted activities. Only one Transmittal Form is needed, but for each site (pit, quarry, or production site), a separate application must be completed. All activities may be covered under one permit, but to correctly assess the discharges, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) needs information about each site.

All activities include construction at the facility and materials stored in compliance with Minn. R. 7035.2860 (Beneficial Use of Solid Waste). Any recycling and storage of these materials must meet the requirements of Minn. R. 7035.2855 (Solid Waste Storage Standards), including uncontaminated asphalt, concrete rubble and other materials for recycling or reuse.