

Compliance Tips for Construction General Permit

Planning and Preparation

- Disturb the smallest area possible.
- Avoid steep or unstable slopes and areas with soils susceptible to erosion.
- Time construction activities to limit the impact from seasonal climate changes or severe weather events.
- Don't mix other waste streams (wash waters, dewatering) with stormwater.
- Prepare a stormwater pollution prevention plan prior to submitting a Notice of Intent (NOI).
- Incorporate all applicable local and/or state sediment and erosion controls (stormwater management) into your pollution prevention plan.
- Install a sediment basin at sites with common drainage areas that serve ten or more disturbed acres. The basin should provide at least 3,600 cubic feet of storage for every acre drained.

Notice of Intent

- Owner, developer, or general contractor should submit the initial NOI to EPA with a copy sent to BWSC at least 7 days prior to clearing, grading or grubbing activities. All other parties involved in the activities should submit a NOI as a co-permitted as necessary.
- Submit a copy of the pollution prevention plan to BWSC.

During Construction

- Stabilize disturbed areas that will not be re-disturbed for 21 days or more within 14 days of the last disturbance.
- Install sediment basins, traps, or silt fences along the down slope and side slope perimeter for drainage areas less than 10 acres.
- Conduct site inspections every 7 days within 24 hours of a storm of 0.5 inches or greater. All disturbed areas, material and equipment storage areas, site entrances and exits, and erosion and sediment controls must be inspected. Deficiencies should be corrected within 7 days of the inspection.
- Keep your pollution prevention plan on site during construction and until final stabilization.

Terminating Coverage

- Retain the plan and all reports for 3 years after final stabilization. Final stabilization means all soil disturbing activities are complete and that a uniform perennial vegetative cover (i.e. density of 70 percent of the cover for unpaved areas not covered by permanent structures) has been established or that equivalent permanent stabilization measures have been employed (e.g., riprap, gabions, or geotextiles).
- Submit Notice of Termination to EPA with a copy sent to BWSC upon final stabilization.