



## Boston Water and Sewer Commission

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### Stormwater Permit Requirements

If your construction site operations result in the disturbance of one acre or more of land, or are part of a planned disturbance of one acre or more, you are required to obtain permit coverage from EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit.

To obtain this permit developers or owners need to prepare a StormWater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the EPA. The NOI can be filed electronically with the EPA and can be found on their webpage at:

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/cgpenoi.cfm>

Upon filing your NOI you are certifying that you have prepared a SWPPP and will implement it prior to starting construction activities. Information on preparing your SWPPP can also be found on the EPA's website at:

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/swppp.cfm>

Failure to obtain the NPDES permit can result in EPA fines up \$37,500 per day for applicable construction sites that do not have coverage.

**All NPDES Construction General Permit sites will be inspected by the BWSC under the Stormwater Construction Inspection and Enforcement Program.** The new program requires that sites submit EPA NOI tracking numbers and SWPPP plans in .pdf format to BWSC with site plan submissions. Site plans will not receive BWSC approval prior to receiving NOI tracking numbers and approved SWPPPs.

Upon approval of site plans, developers will be required to notify BWSC of the starting date of construction activities. BWSC will inspect all sites within 8 weeks of the start of construction activities and periodically from then until the end of the job. During that time it will be the requirement of the SWPPP operators to comply with BWSC's Construction Site Inspection and Enforcement Program in maintaining their SWPPPs and conducting their own inspections and keeping inspection logs per requirement of the EPA Construction General Permit.

Weekly inspection reports will be required to be sent to BWSC electronically on a monthly basis. Inspection reports can be emailed to [SWPPP@bwsc.org](mailto:SWPPP@bwsc.org).

**Sites found not in compliance with their NPDES permits by the BWSC may be subject to BWSC and ISD enforcement measures including stop work orders and fines from BWSC's Regulations Regarding the use of Sanitary and Combined Sewers and Storm Drains.**