

Public Notice  
Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board  
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MDEQ Contact: Morgan White

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality proposes to reissue the statewide Industrial Stormwater General Permit for Industrial Activities (Previously Baseline Storm Water General Permit for Industrial Activities). The Industrial Stormwater General Permit, originally issued in July 1992, and subsequently every five years thereafter, covers the State of Mississippi and authorizes the discharge of storm water runoff into waters of the State from regulated industrial activities. The current Industrial Stormwater General Permit expires on October 31, 2020. The reissued general permit will allow the continued discharge of storm water from regulated industrial activities for an additional five-year period.

The staff of the Permit Board has developed the draft general permit and has made a preliminary determination that the Industrial Stormwater General Permit meets the requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act and applicable provisions of the Mississippi Air and Water Pollution Control Law. Facilities granted coverage under this permit and adhering to conditions contained therein should operate within State and Federal environmental laws and standards. However, before proceeding to the final staff evaluation, public comments are being solicited. The staff recommendation to the Board, as well as the Board decision, will be made only after a thorough consideration of all public comments. The draft permit conditions have been developed to ensure compliance with all State and Federal regulations but are subject to change based on information received as a result of public participation.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations are invited to submit comments in writing to Morgan White at the Permit Board's address shown above, no later than the end of the thirty (30) day public notice. All comments received by this date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the general permit. A public hearing will be held if the Permit Board finds a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit. Persons wishing to request a public hearing may do so by submitting that request in writing to Morgan White or the Chief of the Environmental Permits Division at the address shown above. The Permit Board is limited in the scope of its analysis to environmental impact. Any comments relative to zoning or economic and social impacts are within the jurisdiction of local zoning and planning authorities and should be addressed to them.

A copy of the proposed draft permit may be found on the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality's website at: <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/industrial-stormwater/>

or by writing or calling Morgan White at the above Permit Board address and telephone number. This information is also available for review at the following location during normal business hours:

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality  
Office of Pollution Control  
515 E. Amite St  
Jackson, MS 39201

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know will be interested.