

December 29, 2020

Mr. John Doe
ABC Company
P O Box 1
Anywhere, MS 00000

Dear Mr. Doe:

Re: ABC Company
Letter of Instruction for Industrial Stormwater Re-Coverage
Ref. No. MSR000000
Stormwater Branch
Mississippi County

The Permit Board on Environmental Quality has reissued the general permit that authorizes the discharge of storm water associated with industrial activity. The Industrial Stormwater General Permit for Industrial Activities (MSR00) was reissued on December 10, 2020. This general permit was previously titled the Baseline Stormwater General Permit. This permit replaces the previous general permit that expired on October 31, 2020, and was administratively extended by MDEQ. The permit is reissued for a five-year period that will end on November 30, 2025.

The reissued general permit contains changes, which implements consistency with EPA permitting requirements, clarifies existing requirements, expand eligibility to additional facilities, and incorporates further measures to reduce administrative burden. These changes are summarized on the enclosed addendum. This addendum is only a summary of significant changes and does not negate the requirement for the coverage recipient to carefully read and be familiar with the permit, all of its conditions and the new Forms Package. The Industrial Stormwater General Permit and associated Forms Package are available on MDEQ's website at: <http://www.mdeq.ms.gov/Industrial-Stormwater>. **If a coverage recipient does not have internet access, MDEQ will mail the current general permit and standardized forms upon request.**

A regulated industrial activity that has active permit coverage (has been granted coverage under the previous general permit) has four options: (1) re-coverage under the reissued Industrial Stormwater General Permit, (2) termination of general permit coverage, (3) certification of a condition of no exposure (if regulated industrial activities are no longer exposed to storm water), or (4) application for an individual permit to discharge storm water. Please read the following instructions carefully.

1. In order for the above referenced project to remain covered under a valid general permit, the coverage recipient must complete the enclosed "Re-Coverage Form" and send it to the indicated address within 90 days of the date of this letter. **A re-submittal of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) is not required, even if amendments must be added to meet new permit conditions.** However, amendments to the SWPPP must be submitted with the "Re-Coverage Form" if there has been a change in design, construction, operation, or maintenance of the facility, which may increase the discharge of pollutants to waters of the State or the current SWPPP proves to be ineffective in controlling storm water pollutants. If ownership or the name of the facility has changed and MDEQ has not been notified, a "Request for Transfer of Permit, General Permit Coverage and/or Name Change Form," contained in the "Industrial Stormwater Forms Package," must accompany the "Re-Coverage Form."
2. Coverage must be terminated if the coverage recipient intends to permanently cease its regulated industrial activity and/or abandon the premises upon which it operates, or wishes to terminate Industrial Stormwater coverage and submit a No Exposure Certification in accordance with Option 3 below. A "Request for Termination of Coverage Form" can

be found on the Industrial Stormwater webpage. A Closure Plan, prepared in accordance with the provisions of ACT 15 of the Industrial Stormwater General Permit, must accompany the "Request for Termination of Coverage Form." The submittal of the "Re-Coverage Form" is not required if a "Request for Termination of Coverage Form" is submitted. Until receipt of written termination of coverage from MDEQ, the facility must continue to comply with the conditions of its previous general permit coverage.

3. In the event regulated activities have become no longer exposed to storm water, the facility may request termination of the Industrial Stormwater coverage in accordance with Option 2 above **and** submit a No Exposure Certification Form, which can be found on the industrial Stormwater webpage. Until receipt of written termination of coverage from MDEQ, the facility must continue to comply with the conditions of its previous general permit coverage.
4. Contact MDEQ if further information is needed for an individual permit.

A new Certificate of Permit Coverage will not be mailed to the coverage recipient. **Coverage recipients should access and print their Certificate of Coverage from the MDEQ website by following the steps listed below.** Please allow at least 90 days from the submittal of the "Re-Coverage Form" before attempting to access the new Certificate of Coverage. This will give MDEQ time to complete the review and administrative process of re-coverage.

1. Access enSearch Online at http://opc.deq.state.ms.us/search_ai_alt.aspx and input the appropriate nine digit coverage number (MSR00__ __) in the Permit Number query box. The project's unique coverage number can be found in the subject heading of this letter. Click on the "Search" button.
2. The industrial facility corresponding with the entered coverage number will be displayed in the table under "Results:," click on the AI ID Number in the far left column to access the facility information page, which contains online documents, re-coverage status, and specific MDEQ contacts.
3. Scroll to the bottom of the page and locate the table entitled, "Current Status of General Permit Applications." If this table has a status description of "Coverage Issued" then the "Permit Document" should be the new Certificate of Coverage.
4. Scroll up one table to locate, "Active Coverages Available Online."
5. Locate the project's coverage number and left-click on the file icon under the "Permit Document" column to open and print the Certificate of Permit Coverage. Please check the lower left corner of the certificate to confirm that the expiration date reads, November 30, 2025.

If a coverage recipient does not have access to the internet, MDEQ will mail a certificate of coverage upon request. Please keep a copy of the signed and completed "Re-Coverage Form" as proof of coverage until the certificate of coverage can be obtained. Also, in the case of a request for termination, written confirmation will be sent to the facility after a site inspection has been completed. Please remember that coverage is not terminated until notified in writing by MDEQ. If regulated activities are ongoing and the coverage recipient does not apply for re-coverage, the facility will be operating without a valid permit and is subject to potential enforcement action.

If you have any questions concerning these instructions please contact the "Office of Pollution Control Permit Stormwater Manager or Stormwater Permit Writer" found on the AI Information Page (see step 2 above) under the "Office of Pollution Control Contacts" table. If you do not have access to the internet or require additional assistance, please contact personnel in the industrial branch listed in the subject heading on the front page of this letter at (601)961-5171.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Permits Division

Enclosures