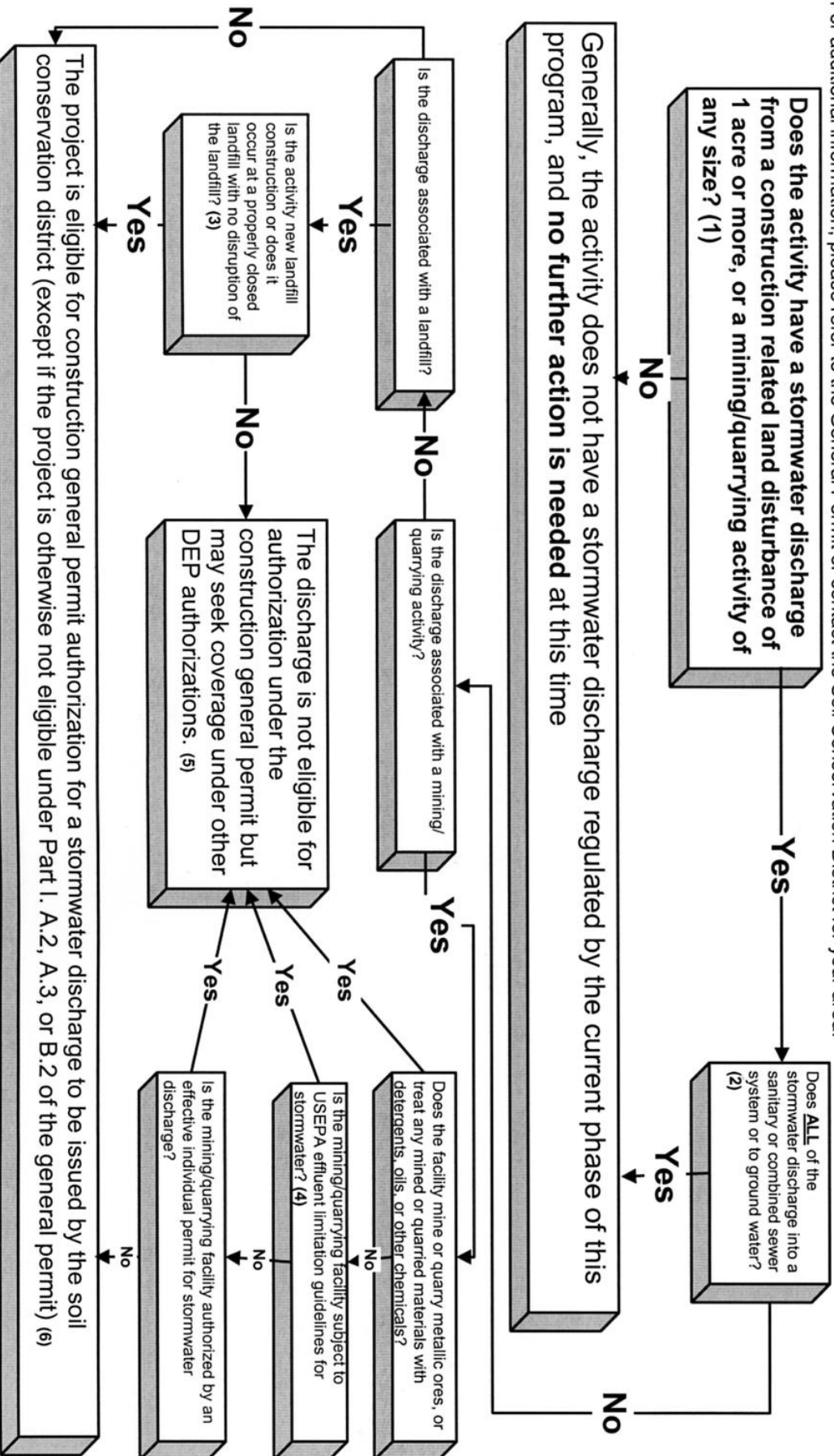




NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
 NJ DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 Stormwater Discharge Permit Program
Construction General Permit NJG0088323
Self - Screening Form



This informal guidance may be used to assess the applicability of the Construction General Permit to stormwater discharges from construction and mining activities. For additional information, please refer to the General Permit or contact the Soil Conservation District for your area.



**New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
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SELF-SCREENING FORM NOTES

1. Stormwater discharges means for the purposes of this screening form, stormwater runoff, from a construction, mining, or quarrying project. Eligibility for authorization under the Construction General Permit is limited to the following activities:

a. Construction activities include clearing, grading, and excavation activities associated with construction. Construction activities disturbing less than one acre of total land area which is part of a larger common plan of development or sale must secure stormwater discharge authorization.

b. Mining/Quarrying activities are generally limited to facilities classified as Standard Industrial Classifications 10 through 14 (mineral industry) including active or inactive mining operations that discharge stormwater contaminated by contact with or that has come into contact with any overburden, raw material, intermediate products, finished products or waste products located on the site of such operations. The Construction General Permit is available only for certain facilities that mine or quarry gravel, stone, sand, soil, shale, or clay (such mining or quarrying may involve crushing, washing and other processing). Any facilities that mine or quarry metallic ores, that treat any mined or quarried material with chemicals, or that have stormwater discharges subject to USEPA effluent guideline limitations (see Note 4 below) must instead obtain an individual NJPDES permit directly from the DEP.

2. This program only addresses stormwater discharges to surface waters (DSW), which includes discharges to storm sewers (or other stormwater flow paths) that discharge to surface waters a distance from the site. If all of the stormwater from your facility is discharged to a sanitary or combined sewer or to ground water, it is not regulated under this program. (A “combined sewer” is a sewer designed to convey both stormwater and sanitary sewage to a sewage treatment facility.) A verification from the appropriate municipal sewer or public works department, sewerage agency, or municipal engineer (or other supporting documentation) that the discharge is to a combined sewer must be obtained.

If all or part of the stormwater is discharged to ground water, it may require a NJPDES Discharge to Ground Water (DGW) permit. Discharges to ground water occur if any of the following stormwater devices are used: permeable detention or retention basins, dry wells, seepage pits, leaching fields, underground trenches or drains, infiltration/percolation basins or lagoons. If there is a discharge to ground water of stormwater which has been exposed to industrial source materials or industrial activity, or if the discharge to ground water of stormwater is combined with any other industrial discharge, process wastewater discharge, or non-stormwater discharges, you

should contact the Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control ground water staff at (609) 292-0407 for further assistance regarding the need to apply for a DGW permit. If you have a DGW permit that incorporates the stormwater discharge, no action is required at this time.

3. The Construction General Permit may authorize stormwater discharges during new landfill construction (before any solid or hazardous waste is received) and for landfills which have been closed in compliance with State solid or hazardous waste rules and where construction or mining is occurring without disrupting the landfill. For other construction or mining activities at landfills, an individual NJPDES permit must be obtained instead directly from the DEP.

4. Some stormwater discharges from mining/quarrying activities are ineligible for the Construction General Permit because they are subject to either of the following USEPA effluent guideline limitations for stormwater: mineral mining and processing (40 CFR 436) or ore mining and processing (40 CFR 440). Examples of subcategories of the “mineral mining and processing⁴” category that have USEPA effluent guideline limitations for stormwater include crushed stone, construction sand and gravel, and industrial sand. Please contact the Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control at (609) 633-7021 for more detailed information.

5. If your project is not eligible for authorization under the Construction General Permit, you need to apply directly to the DEP for authorization under an individual NJPDES permit. Please contact the Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control at (609) 633-7021 for more detailed information.

6. Certain other stormwater discharges, such as those subject to USEPA effluent guideline limitations for stormwater (besides those mentioned in Note 4 above), and those from activities that are not regulated under Chapter 251, are also ineligible for the Construction General Permit (see Part I.A.2,A.3 and B.2 of that permit for further information). There are USEPA effluent guideline limitations for stormwater from the following categories: cement manufacturing, materials storage piles (40 CFR 411, Subpart C); feedlots (40 CFR 412); fertilizer manufacturing (40 CFR 418); petroleum refining (40 CFR 419); phosphate manufacturing (40 CFR 422); steam electric, coal pile runoff (40 CFR 423); mineral mining and processing (40 CFR 436); ore mining and dressing (40 CFR 440); asphalt emulsion (40 CFR 443 Subpart A); and landfills (40 CFR 445).