





# NO EXPOSURE CERTIFICATION for Exclusion from NPDES Stormwater Permitting

## C. Exposure Checklist

Are any of the following materials or activities exposed to precipitation, now or in the foreseeable future? (Please check either 'Yes' or 'No' in the appropriate box.) **If you answer "Yes" to any of these questions (1) through (12), you are not eligible for the no exposure exclusion.**

	Yes	No
1. Using, storing or cleaning industrial machinery or equipment, and areas where residuals from using, storing or cleaning industrial machinery or equipment remain and are exposed to stormwater.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Materials or residuals on the ground or in stormwater inlets from spills/leaks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Materials or products from past industrial activity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Material handling equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Materials or products during loading/unloading or transporting activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Materials or products stored outdoors (except final products intended for outside use [e.g., new cars] where exposure to stormwater does not result in the discharge of pollutants).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Materials contained in open, deteriorated or leaking storage drums, barrels, tanks, and similar containers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Materials or products handled/stored on roads or railways owned or maintained by the discharger.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Waste material (except waste in covered, non-leaking containers).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Application or disposal of process wastewater (unless otherwise permitted).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Particulate matter or visible deposits of residuals from roof stacks and/or vents not otherwise regulated (i.e., under an air quality control permit) and evident in the stormwater outflow.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. You were not able to obtain written certification from either a Professional Engineer, a Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality (CPSWQ), a Registered Architect, or a Landscape Architect that you meet the requirements of no exposure.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## D. Certification Statement

I certify under penalty of law that I have read and understand the eligibility requirements for claiming a condition of "no exposure" and obtaining an exclusion from NPDES stormwater permitting.

I certify under penalty of law that there are no discharges of stormwater contaminated by exposure to industrial activities or materials from the industrial facility or site identified in this document (except as allowed under 40 CFR 122.26(g)(2)).

I understand that I am obligated to submit a no exposure certification form once every five years to the NPDES permitting authority and, if requested, to the operator of the local municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) into which the facility discharges (where applicable). I understand that I must allow the NPDES permitting authority, or MS4 operator where the discharge is into the local MS4, to perform inspections to confirm the condition of no exposure and to make such inspection reports publicly available upon request. I understand that I must obtain coverage under an NPDES permit prior to any point source discharge of stormwater from the facility.

Additionally, I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is to the best of my knowledge and belief true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Who May File a No Exposure Certification

Federal law at 40 CFR Part 122.26 prohibits point source discharges of stormwater associated with industrial activity to waters of the U.S. without a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. However, NPDES permit coverage is not required for discharges of stormwater associated with industrial activities identified at 40 CFR 122.26(b)(14)(i)-(ix) and (xi) if the discharger can certify that a condition of "no exposure" exists at the industrial facility or site. Appendix A of the 12-SW permit contains all SICs that need to consider coverage.

Stormwater discharges from construction activities identified in 40 CFR 122.26(b)(14)(x) and (b)(15) are not eligible for the no exposure exclusion.

## Obtaining and Maintaining the No Exposure Exclusion

This form is used to certify that a condition of no exposure exists at the industrial facility or site described herein. This certification is only applicable in jurisdictions where MDE is the NPDES permitting authority and must be re-submitted at least once every five years.

The industrial facility operator must maintain a condition of no exposure at its facility or site in order for the no exposure exclusion to remain applicable. If conditions change resulting in the exposure of materials and activities to stormwater, the facility operator must obtain coverage under an NPDES stormwater permit immediately.

## Where to File the No Exposure Certification Form

Mail the completed no exposure certification form to:

Maryland Department of the Environment  
Wastewater Permits Program  
1800 Washington Blvd, Ste 455  
Baltimore, MD 21230

## Completing the Form

You must type or print, using uppercase letters, in appropriate areas only. Enter only one character per space (i.e., between the marks). Abbreviate if necessary to stay within the number of characters allowed for each item. Use one space for breaks between words. One form must be completed for each facility or site for which you are seeking to certify a condition of no exposure. Additional guidance on completing this form can be accessed through EPA's web site at <http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater>. Please make sure you have addressed all applicable questions and have made a photocopy for your records before sending the completed form to the above address.

## Section A. Facility Operator Information

1. Provide the legal name of the person, firm, public organization, or any other entity that operates the facility or site described in this certification. The name of the operator may or may not be the same as the name of the facility. The operator is the legal entity that controls the facility's operation, rather than the plant or site manager.
2. Provide the telephone number of the facility operator.
3. Provide the mailing address of the operator (P.O. Box numbers may be used). Include the city, state, and zip code. All correspondence will be sent to this address.
4. Provide the e-mail address of the facility operator.

## Section B. Facility/Site Location Information

1. Enter the official or legal name of the facility or site.
2. Enter the complete street address (if no street address exists, provide a geographic description [e.g., Intersection of Routes 9 and 55]), city, county, and zip code. Do not use a P.O. Box number.
3. Indicate whether the industrial facility is operated by a department or agency of the Federal Government (see also Section 313 of the Clean Water Act).
4. Enter the latitude and longitude of the approximate center of the facility or site in degrees/minutes/seconds. Latitude and longitude can be obtained from United States Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle or topographic maps, by calling 1-(888) ASK-USGS. You may also use a GPS to find location within your site. There are internet tools you can also use, such as Google's. A step by step method can be found at this URL: <http://www.wikihow.com/Find-the-GPS-Coordinates-of-an-Address-Using-Google-Maps>. We request the coordinates in degrees decimal. An example of this for Maryland Department of the Environment at 1800 Washington Blvd, Baltimore, MD would be latitude of 39.276027, longitude of -76.644779.
5. Indicate whether the facility was previously covered under an NPDES stormwater permit. If so, include the permit number.
6. Enter the X-digit SIC/NAICS code which identifies the facility's primary activity, second X-digit SIC/NAICS code identifying the facility's secondary activity and tertiary X-digit SIC/NAICS code identifying the facility's secondary activity, if applicable. SIC/NAICS codes can be obtained at <http://www.naics.com/search.htm>. Appendix A of the 12-SW permit contains a list of SIC codes that are required to have a stormwater permit.
7. Enter the total size of the site associated with industrial activity in acres. Acreage may be determined by dividing square footage by 43,560, as demonstrated in the following example.  
  
Example: Convert 54,450 ft<sup>2</sup> to acres  
  
Divide 54,450 ft<sup>2</sup> by 43,560 square feet per acre:  
54,450 ft<sup>2</sup> ÷ 43,560 ft<sup>2</sup>/acre = 1.25 acres.
8. Check "Yes" or "No" as appropriate to indicate whether you have paved or roofed over a formerly exposed, pervious area (i.e., lawn, meadow, dirt or gravel road/parking lot) in order to qualify for no exposure. If yes, also indicate approximately how much area was paved or roofed over and is now impervious area.

## Section C. Exposure Checklist

Check 'Yes' or 'No' as appropriate to describe the exposure conditions at your facility. Question 12 asks about the additional certification required by the 12-SW permit. The 12-SW Part 1.F requires that you also obtain written certification by either a Professional Engineer, a Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality (CPSWQ), a Registered Architect, or a Landscape Architect that you meet the requirements of no exposure.

If you answer 'Yes' to **ANY** of the questions (1) through (12) in this section, a potential for exposure exists at your site and you cannot certify to a condition of no exposure. You must obtain (or already have) coverage under an NPDES stormwater permit. After obtaining permit coverage, you can institute modifications to eliminate the potential for a discharge of stormwater exposed to industrial activity, and then certify to a condition of no exposure.



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### Section D. Certification Statement

Federal statutes provide for severe penalties for submitting false information on this application form. Federal regulations require this application to be signed as follows:

For a corporation: by a responsible corporate officer, which means:

(i) president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy or decision making functions for the corporation, or

(ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures;

For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor; or

For a municipal, State, Federal, or other public facility: by either a principal executive or ranking elected official.