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- [Texas 8-1-1 Call Before You Dig](#)
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## INDUSTRIAL FACILITY STORMWATER RUNOFF PERMIT COVERAGE

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# PURPOSE OF PERMIT

The City's industrial inspection program is part of the requirement of the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) permit through TCEQ. For the purpose of compliance with the permit, the City must inspect and track:

- SARA Title III Section 313 industrial facilities,
- hazardous waste treatment, disposal or recovery facilities,
- municipal landfills,
- industries that have been determined to be contributing a substantial pollutant load to the MS4, and
- facilities that meet the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code requirements as stated in the TPDES Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP).

Each of these facilities must be inspected at least once every 5 years. These inspections are based upon TCEQ criteria and primarily include a review of the facility's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3) and a physical inspection of the facility to identify and potential sources of stormwater pollution.

# FACILITIES REQUIRE A STORMWATER PERMIT

Facilities with activities included in one of the following 11 categories must obtain coverage through the TPDES MSGP.

- Facilities with effluent limitations
- Manufacturing
- Mineral, Metal, Oil and Gas
- Hazardous Waste, Treatment or Disposal Facilities
- Landfills

# STORMWATER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS CONT....

- Recycling Facilities
- Steam Electric Plants
- Transportation Facilities
- Treatment Works
- Construction Activity
- Light Industrial Activity

All business owners should review the SIC listing to determine whether they require a TPDES General Permit. An operator of a facility can search via [TCEQ](#) or [OSHA SIC](#) code to determine whether or not their facility activity is included in one of the above categories.

# GETTING A PERMIT

You have determine that your facility requires permit coverage under the TCEQ's MSGP. First, prepare a SWP3 and submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the TCEQ and the City of Abilene. Visit the TCEQ website and obtain a copy of the [TPDES MSGP TXR050000](#).

# SWP3 PLAN

A site specific SWP3 must be prepared prior to submitting the NOI. The SWP3 contains Best Management Practices (BMP) implemented to lessen the potential for pollutants discharged during stormwater events. The SWP3 complies with the MSGP. To aid in preparing the [SWP3 visit TCEQ's site](#)

# NO EXPOSURE CERTIFICATION (NEC)

Facilities subject to the MSGP may be excluded from its requirements if industrial activities and materials are isolated from rain, snow, snowmelt and runoff by storm-resistant shelters. The facility may apply for a No Exposure Certification (NEC); however, NEC facilities are still required to submit to site inspections to ensure the NEC requirements are met. Industries that do not obtain permits or make reasonable efforts to implement their SWP3 will be subject to fines ranging in raters per violation/per day and will be referred to the EPA and/or TCEQ for possible state or federal enforcement actions.

# FACILITY INSPECTIONS

The City conducts site inspections subject to the MSGP in a method much like TCEQ and EPA inspections:

- Owner/operator notified of date/time inspection will occur.
- Brief meeting with inspector and owner/operator to discuss the objectives and scope of the inspection.
- Review the facility SWP3, TPDES permit, Hazardous Communication Plan, Spill Prevention Control & Countermeasure Plan and other documents applicable to stormwater management.
- Visual inspection of the facility to observe SWP3 applications and review the BMPs.
- Closing meeting to acquire add'l or missing information, answer questions with facility officials and issue deficiency notices, if applicable.