

**General NPDES Permit No. ILR00**

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**NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM**

**General NPDES Permit  
For  
Storm Water Discharges from Industrial Activities**

**Expiration Date: March 31, 2022**

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**Effective Date: April 5, 2017**

Discharges authorized by this General Permit: In compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, the Illinois Pollution Control Board Rules and Regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code, Subtitle C, Chapter 1) and the Clean Water Act, the following discharges may be authorized by this permit in accordance with the conditions herein:

Discharges of storm water associated with industrial activities, as defined and limited herein. Storm water means storm water runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage.

This general permit regulates only storm water discharges from a facility. Other discharges such as process wastewater or cooling water shall be regulated by other NPDES permits.

**Receiving waters:** Discharges may be authorized to any surface water of the State.

To receive authorization to discharge under this general permit, a facility operator must submit a Notice of Intent form and additional documentation as required in Part D of this permit. Authorization, if granted, will be by letter and include a copy of this permit.



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SIC 28	(Chemicals and allied products)
SIC 283	(Drugs)
SIC 285	(Paints, varnishes, lacquers, enamels, and allied products)
SIC 29	(Petroleum refining and related industries), except discharges subject to 40 CFR 419
SIC 30	(Rubber and miscellaneous plastics products)
SIC 31	(Leather and leather products)
SIC 311	(Leather tanning and finishing)
SIC 32	(Stone, clay, glass, and concrete products)
SIC 323	(Glass products, made of purchased glass)
SIC 33	(Primary metal industries)
SIC 34	(Fabricated metal products, except machinery and transportation equipment)
SIC 3441	(Fabricated structural metal)
SIC 35	(Industrial and commercial machinery and computer equipment)
SIC 36	(Electronic and other electrical equipment and components, except computer equipment)
SIC 37	(Transportation equipment)
SIC 373	(Ship and boat building and repairing)
SIC 38	(Measuring, analyzing, and controlling instruments; photographic, medical, and optical goods; watches and clocks)
SIC 39	(Miscellaneous manufacturing industries)
SIC 4221-25	(Farm products warehousing and storage, refrigerated warehousing and storage, general warehousing and storage)

This permit is also applicable to any additional storm water discharges that are not otherwise required to obtain an NPDES permit but are comingled or mixed with discharges authorized by this permit.

3. Facilities classified as SIC 10-14 (Mineral Industry) including active or inactive mining operations and oil and gas exploration, production, processing, treatment operations, or transmission facilities, except discharges subject to 40 CFR 434, 436, or 440 or any discharges subject to general permit number ILG84. This permit does not authorize any discharge associated with the hydraulic fracturing process if additional chemicals are utilized in the process.
4. Landfills, land application sites (excluding land application sites which utilize agricultural land), and open dumps that receive or have received any industrial wastes (waste that is received from any of the facilities described in 40 CFR 122.26(b) (14)).
5. Facilities involved in the recycling of materials including metal scrapyards, battery reclaimers, salvage yards, automobile junkyards and concrete recycling facilities including but not limited to SIC 5015 (Used motor vehicle parts) and SIC 5093 (Scrap and waste materials)
6. Transportation facilities listed below with areas involved in vehicle maintenance (including vehicle rehabilitation, mechanical repairs, painting, fueling, and lubrication), equipment cleaning operations, or airport deicing operations (unless individual permit required by 40 CFR 449):

SIC 40	(Railroad transportation)
SIC 41	(Local and suburban transit and inter-urban highway passenger transportation)
SIC 42	(Motor freight transportation and warehousing) except SIC 4221-4225 (Farm product warehousing and storage, refrigerated warehousing and storage, general warehousing and storage)
SIC 43	(United States Postal Service)
SIC 44	(Water transportation)
SIC 45	(Transportation by air)
SIC 5171	(Petroleum bulk stations and terminals-wholesale)

7. Treatment Works treating domestic sewage with a design flow of 1.0 mgd or more including sludge or wastewater treatment devices or systems used in the storage, treatment, recycling, and reclamation of municipal or domestic sewage, and land dedicated to sludge disposal located within the confines of the facility. This requirement excludes off-site sludge management lands, farm lands, and gardens.
8. Discharge of storm water from non-classified facilities designated by the Agency as requiring a permit. See Sector AD of Attachment 1 and 2.

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7. Storm water discharges associated with inactive mining or inactive oil and gas operations occurring on Federal lands where an operator cannot be identified.
8. Storm water discharges to any receiving water identified under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.105(d) (6).
9. Storm water discharges that the Agency determines are not appropriately covered by this general permit.
10. Storm water or other discharges of hazardous substances or oil resulting from an on-site spill.
11. Discharges of storm water collected in containment areas at bulk storage and hazardous waste facilities where the storm water becomes contaminated by direct contact with a spill or release of stored materials into the containment area.

### C. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Discharging pollutants for which a water body is impaired with an approved TMDL:
  - a. The Permittee must determine whether the facility discharges storm water, either directly or indirectly, to the immediate stream segment which is an impaired water body, i.e., a water body included on the most recent U.S. EPA-approved Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list of impaired water bodies. This determination must be made within 6 months of the effective date of this permit, and must be documented in the facility's SWPPP or storm water records. Information on impaired waters is contained in the Agency website below:

<http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/tmdls/303d-list/>

- b. If the Permittee determines that it discharges storm water to the immediate stream segment which is an impaired water body, the Permittee must identify if there is a U.S. EPA-approved TMDL that establishes waste load allocations for discharges of pollutant(s) of concern to the impaired water body. This determination must be made within 6 months of the effective date of this permit, and must be documented in the facility's SWPPP or storm water records. Information on TMDLs is contained in the Agency website below:

<http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/tmdls/index>

- c. If the Permittee determines that there is a U.S. EPA-approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for a water body to which the facility discharges storm water, the permittee must determine if there is a Waste Load Allocation (WLA) applicable to the facility's storm water discharges in the approved TMDL.
  - d. If the Permittee determines that it is subject to an applicable (WLA), the following requirements apply:

- i. The Permittee must calculate/quantify the facility's estimated current loading(s) of the pollutant(s) of concern to the impaired water body. This may be done using monitoring data and/or through modeling.
    - ii. The Permittee must determine if, based on the estimated current loading(s), it is meeting the applicable WLA with current storm water controls and practices. If loading reductions are needed in order to achieve the applicable WLA, the permittee must update its SWPPP to incorporate Best Management Practices (BMPs) or other storm water control measures that will be implemented to reduce loadings of the pollutant(s) of concern and achieve the applicable WLA.

The SWPPP must specifically identify the additional or enhanced BMPs or control measures necessary to reduce loadings of the pollutant(s) of concern, and must also document/summarize modeling and/or other calculations used to estimate that the practices and control measures will reduce loadings to achieve the applicable WLA.

- iii. The SWPPP must define a schedule for implementing the control measures identified necessary to meet the WLA. The schedule for implementing the planned BMPs and/or control measures above must be set out so that the management practices and control measures are in place and operational as quickly as possible. Interim milestones should be established to facilitate assessment of progress in implementing the control measures and gauging progress toward meeting the applicable WLA.

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- i. Facilities classified as SIC 28 (Chemicals and Allied Products) and SIC 30 (Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products): Storm water discharges that come into contact with solid chemical storage piles.
  - j. Automobile junkyards: Storm water discharges exposed to over 250 auto/truck bodies with drivelines, over 250 drivelines, or any combination thereof (in whole or in parts); over 500 auto/truck units (bodies with or without drivelines in whole or in parts); or over 100 units per year are dismantled and drainage or storage of automotive fluids occurs in areas exposed to storm water.
  - k. Lime manufacturing facilities: Storm water discharges that have come into contact with lime storage piles.
  - l. Cement manufacturing facilities and cement kilns: Storm water discharges other than those subject to 40 CFR 411.
  - m. Ready-mixed concrete facilities: Sampling data is not required for new ready-mixed concrete facilities or for relocated ready-mixed concrete facilities. Schedule 2-F is not required for existing or previously permitted facilities.
  - n. Ship building and repairing facilities.
  - o. Other industrial activities when requested by the Agency.
3. When a facility has two or more outfalls that, based on consideration of features and activities within the area drained by the outfall, the Permittee reasonably believes discharge substantially identical effluents, the Permittee may sample the effluent of one such outfall and report that quantitative data also applied to the substantially identical outfalls. If the applicant is requesting approval to sample a representative outfall, identification of all storm water outfalls considered to be substantially identical along with the outfall being used to represent such outfalls and appropriate justification must be provided with the application.
  4. Existing facilities application/Notice of Intent requirements:
    - a. For existing facilities with an individual NPDES permit covering storm water associated with industrial activity, or those facilities that have previously submitted an application for an individual permit and not yet received a permit, the Permittee/Applicant may elect to seek coverage under this general permit in place of obtaining an individual permit. To be considered for coverage the Permittee/Applicant is required to submit the information, in Part D.1.
    - b. For existing facilities that have submitted a NOI for coverage of any discharge of storm water associated with industrial activities under this general permit a new or revised NOI will not be required unless the industrial activity at the site has substantially changed.
  5. For new facilities, the NOI and required information shall be submitted 180 days prior to the date on which the discharge is to commence unless permission for a later date has been granted by the Agency. Mobile facilities (such as concrete or asphalt batch plants) shall apply at least 30 days prior to discharge.
  6. The required information from Part D.1.a.i and ii and D.1.c shall be submitted to one of the following addresses:
    - a. Electronic submission shall be submitted to:  
[epa\\_indilr00swppp@illinois.gov](mailto:epa_indilr00swppp@illinois.gov)
    - b. If electronic submittal is unavailable the required information should be submitted to the following address:  
  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Division of Water Pollution Control  
Permit Section #15  
1021 North Grand Avenue East  
Post Office Box 19276  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
  7. Authorization: Owners or operators must submit either an NOI in accordance with the requirements of this permit or an application for an individual NPDES Permit to be authorized to discharge under this General Permit. Authorization, if granted, will be by letter from the Agency and include a copy of this Permit. Upon review of an NOI, the Illinois EPA may deny coverage under this Permit and require submittal of an application for an individual NPDES Permit.

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- c. If the Permittee discharges to an impaired water with an established U.S. EPA approved or established TMDL and the SWPPP has been modified in accordance with Part E.1.b above, Illinois EPA will review the SWPPP and inform the Permittee in writing if additional pollutant control measures for rainfall events are necessary for the discharge to be consistent with the assumptions of any available waste load allocations in the TMDL or if coverage under an individual permit is necessary.
2. Plans for new facilities shall be completed prior to submitting an NOI to be covered under this permit. An electronic copy of the SWPPP shall be submitted to the Agency at the following email address: [epa.indlr00swppp@illinois.gov](mailto:epa.indlr00swppp@illinois.gov). Plans shall provide for compliance with the effluent limitations in Part F of this permit prior to operation of any industrial activity to be covered under this permit. [Note: If the plan has already been required to be developed under a previous permit it shall be updated and maintained in accordance with all requirements of this Special Condition within 180 days of the effective date of this permit.]. The owner or operator of an existing facility with storm water discharges covered by this permit shall submit a copy of the Plan to the Agency and shall make a copy of the Plan available to the Agency during any inspection of the site.

Facilities which discharge to MS4 shall also make a copy available to the operator of the municipal system at any reasonable time upon request.

3. The Permittee may be notified in writing by the Agency at any time that the Plan does not meet the requirements of this permit. After such written notification, the Permittee shall modify the Plan and shall submit a revised plan to the Agency with the requested changes that have been made. Unless otherwise provided, the Permittee shall have 30 days after such notification to make the changes.
4. The Permittee shall modify the SWPPP based on the corrective actions and deadlines required in Part H.2 and that the Permittee documented in Part H.2, such that the triggering conditions for corrective action in Part H.1 do not reoccur. The Permittee shall also modify the SWPPP whenever there is a change in construction, operation, or maintenance which may affect the discharge of concentrations or quantities of pollutants to the waters of the United States. SWPPP modifications must be signed in accordance with Attachment H.
5. The Plan shall provide a description of potential sources which may be expected to affect concentration or quantities of pollutants to storm water discharges, or which may result in non-storm water discharges from the facility. The Plan shall include, at a minimum, the following items:
  - a. A topographic map extending one-quarter mile beyond the property boundaries of the facility, showing: the facility, surface water bodies, wells (including injection wells), seepage pits, infiltration ponds, and the discharge points where the facility's storm water discharges to a municipal storm drain system or other water body. The requirements of this paragraph may be included on the site map if appropriate. Any map or portion of map may be withheld for security reasons.
  - b. A site map showing:
    - i. The storm water conveyance and discharge structures;
    - ii. An outline of the storm water drainage areas for each storm water discharge point, location, and identification of any MS4 to which the industrial site discharges storm water;
    - iii. Paved areas and buildings;
    - iv. Areas used for outdoor manufacturing, storage trash dumpsters and compactors or disposal of significant materials, including activities that generate significant quantities of dust or particulates;
    - v. Location of existing or planned storm water structural control measures/practices (dikes, coverings, detention facilities, etc.);
    - vi. Surface water locations and/or municipal storm drain locations;
    - vii. Areas of existing and potential soil erosion;
    - viii. Vehicle service areas;
    - ix. Material loading, unloading, transfer, and access areas;
    - x. Direction of storm water flow (use arrows);

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### 9. The following must be documented in the SWPPP:

- a. Good Housekeeping (F.2.c) – A requirement that waste materials be regularly picked up and disposed of, along with routine inspections for leaks and conditions of drums, tanks and containers;
- b. Maintenance (F.2.b) – Procedures and frequencies for inspection and maintenance of storm water conveyance system devices such as oil/water separators, catch basins, etc., and inspection and testing of plant equipment and systems that could fail and result in discharges of pollutants to storm water. The SWPPP shall include the schedule or frequency for maintaining all control measures;
- c. Spill Prevention and Response (Part F.2.d) – Procedures for responding to spills and leaks, including internal and third-party notification procedures. For preventing spills, include in the SWPPP the control measures for material handling and storage, and procedures for preventing spills that can contaminate storm water. Spill clean-up equipment and procedures should be identified, as appropriate;
- d. Erosion and Sediment Control (Part F.2.f) – If the Permittee uses polymers and/or other chemical treatments as part of a control measure, the Permittee must identify the polymer and/or chemicals used and the purpose; and
- e. Employee Training (Part F.2.g) – The elements of the employee training plan shall include all, but not be limited to, the requirements set forth in Part F.2.g and also include the following:
  - i. The content of the training;
  - ii. The frequency/schedule of the training for employees who have duties in areas of industrial activity subject to this permit; and
  - iii. A log of the date on which specific employees receive training.

### 10. Inspections.

- a. The Permittee must document in the SWPPP its procedures for performing, as appropriate, the types of inspections specified in this permit, including:
  - i. Routine facility inspections (See Part G.1), and
  - ii. Quarterly visual assessment of storm water discharges (See Part J.1).
- b. If the Permittee is invoking the exception for inactive and unstaffed sites relating to routine facility inspections and quarterly visual assessments, the Permittee must include in the SWPPP the information to support this claim as required by Part G.5.

### 11. Monitoring.

- a. The Permittee must document in the SWPPP the procedures for conducting two types of analytical monitoring specified by the permit, where applicable to the facility:
  - i. Benchmark monitoring (See Part J.2)
  - ii. Site-specific monitoring
- b. For each type of monitoring, the SWPPP must document:
  - i. Locations where samples are collected, including any determination that two or more outfalls are identical;
  - ii. Parameters for sampling and the frequency of sampling for each parameter;
  - iii. Schedules for monitoring at the facility;
  - iv. Any numeric control values (benchmarks, TMDL-related requirements) applicable to discharges from each outfall; and

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- ii. A finding that the exceedance was due to natural background pollutant levels; or
  - iii. A finding that no further pollutant reductions were technologically available and economically practicable in light of best industry practice consistent with Part J.2.;
  - h. Documentation to support any determination that pollutants of concern are not expected to be present above natural background levels if the facility discharges directly to impaired waters, and such pollutants were not detected in the discharge or were solely attributable to natural background sources (See Part J.2);
  - i. Documentation to support the claim that the facility has changed its status from active to inactive and unstaffed with respect to the requirements to conduct routine inspections (See Part G.5), quarterly visual assessments (see Part J.1) and/or benchmark monitoring (see Part J.2); and
  - j. Electronic copies of all documents, including the SWPPP, are acceptable.
17. Modifications to the following requirements in the plan shall be submitted to the Agency pursuant to Part K.1, E.1.c, E.6, E.7, E.16.f, E.16.g, E.16.i.

### F. Control Measures and Discharge Limitations

In the technology-based limits included below, the term "minimize" means reduce and/or eliminate to the extent achievable using control measures (including best management practices) that are technologically available and economically practicable and achievable.

#### 1. Storm Water Controls

The Permittee must select, design, install, and implement control measures (including best management practices) to meet the discharge limitations in Part F.2 and meet the water quality-based effluent limitations in Part F.3. The selection, design, installation, and implementation of these control measures must be in accordance with good engineering practices and manufacturer's specifications. Note that the Permittee may deviate from such manufacturer's specifications where it provides justification for such deviation and include documentation of its rationale in the part of its SWPPP that describes its control measures, consistent with Part E.6. If the Permittee finds that its control measures are not achieving their intended effect of minimizing pollutant discharges, it must modify these control measures in accordance with the corrective action requirements set forth in Part H. Regulated storm water discharges from the Permittee's facility include storm water run-on that commingles with storm water discharges associated with industrial activity at its facility.

#### 2. Discharge Limitations

- a. Minimize Exposure – The Permittee must minimize the exposure of manufacturing, processing, and material storage areas (including loading and unloading, storage, disposal, cleaning, maintenance, and fueling operations) to rain, snow, snowmelt, and runoff by either locating these industrial materials and activities inside or protecting them with storm resistant coverings. In order to minimize exposure, where feasible, the Permittee must include the following BMPs where applicable:
  - i. Use grading, berming, or curbing to prevent runoff of contaminated flows and divert run-on away from these areas;
  - ii. Containment - Storage within berms or other secondary containment devices to prevent leaks and spills from entering storm water runoff. To the maximum extent practicable, storm water discharged from any area where pollutants from material handling equipment or activities, raw materials, intermediate products, final products, waste materials, by-products, or industrial machinery are exposed to storm water should not enter vegetated areas or surface waters or infiltrate into the soil unless adequate treatment is provided;
  - iii. Clean up spills and leaks promptly using dry methods (e.g., absorbents) or other cleanup methods to prevent the discharge of pollutants;
  - iv. Store leaky vehicles and equipment indoors or, if stored outdoors, use drip pans and absorbents;
  - v. Use spill/overflow protection equipment;
  - vi. Perform all vehicle and/or equipment cleaning operations indoors, under cover, or in bermed areas

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contribute pollutants, measures to remove pollutants from storm water discharge shall be implemented. The following management practices shall be considered and implemented as applicable:

- i. Debris & Sediment Control - Screens, booms, sediment ponds, or other methods to reduce debris and sediment in storm water discharges;
  - ii. Covered Storage or Manufacturing Areas - Covered fueling operations, materials, manufacturing, and storage areas to prevent contact with storm water. This includes any pesticide, herbicide, fertilizer, or any other chemical storage area;
  - iii. Mercury Switch Removal and Recycling – Mercury containing convenience lighting switches and anti-lock brake assemblies shall be removed from vehicles and recycled in an approved manner which prevents mercury from entering the storm water discharges; and
  - iv. Storm Water Reduction – To minimize storm water runoff, install vegetation on roofs of buildings within and adjacent to the exposure area to detain and evapotranspire runoff where the precipitation falling on the roof is not exposed to contaminants. Capture storm water for use as appropriate based on quality where feasible and applicable.
- f. Sediment and Erosion Prevention – where feasible and applicable, the Permittee must minimize erosion by stabilizing exposed soils at the facility and placing flow velocity dissipation devices at discharge locations. The Permittee must also use structural and non-structural control measures to prevent the discharge of sediment. If the Permittee uses polymers and/or other chemical treatments as part of its controls, it must identify the polymers and/or chemicals used and the purpose. Information on BMPs for erosion and sediment control is available at the following websites:

### USEPA National Menu of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Storm Water

<https://www.epa.gov/npdes/national-menu-best-management-practices-bmps-stormwater#edu>

### Illinois Urban Manual:

<http://www.aiswcd.org/illinois-urban-manual/>

- g. Employee Training – The Permittee must train all employees who work in areas where industrial materials or activities are exposed to storm water, or who are responsible for implementing activities necessary to meet the conditions of this permit (e.g., inspectors, maintenance personnel), including all pollution prevention personnel. Employees shall be trained at a minimum of once per calendar year. The Permittee shall ensure the following personnel are trained on the requirements of this permit:
- i. Personnel who are responsible for the design, installation, maintenance, and/or repair of controls (including pollution prevention measures);
  - ii. Personnel responsible for the storage and handling of chemicals and materials that could become contaminants in storm water discharges;
  - iii. Personnel who are responsible for conducting and documenting monitoring and inspections as required in Parts G and J; and
  - iv. Personnel who are responsible for performing and documenting corrective actions as required in Part H.
- h. De-icing Material Storage - Storage piles of deicing material used onsite or for other commercial or industrial purposes must be enclosed or covered to prevent exposure to precipitation (except for exposure resulting from adding or removing materials from the pile). The Permittee must document and implement appropriate pollution prevention measures that minimize exposure to storm water when adding to or removing material from the pile. Piles do not need to be enclosed or covered where storm water from the pile is not discharged to Waters of the United States or the discharges from the piles are authorized under another permit. The Permittee must document the location of any storage piles of deicing material to be used for deicing or for other commercial or industrial use in the SWPPP site map (Part E.5.b.xvii).

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- d. All observations relating to the implementation of control measures at the facility, including:
    - i. A description of any discharges occurring at the time of the inspection;
    - ii. Any previously unidentified discharges and/or pollutants from the site;
    - iii. Any evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants entering the drainage system; Observations regarding the physical condition of and around all outfalls including any flow dissipation devices, and evidence of pollutants in discharges and/or the receiving water;
    - iv. Any control measures needing maintenance, repairs, or replacement;
  - e. Any additional control measures needed to comply with the permit requirements; and
  - f. Any incidents of noncompliance observed.
  - g. Any outfall not inspected due to flooding conditions,
3. Any corrective action required as a result of a routine facility inspection must be performed consistent with Part H of this permit.
  4. If the Permittee performed a visual observation required in Part J.1 during the facility inspection, the Permittee may include the results of the assessment with the report required in Part G.2, provided all components of both types of inspections are included in the report.
  5. Exceptions to Routine Facility Inspections for Inactive and Unstaffed Sites.

The Permittee may exercise a waiver of the facility inspection requirement at a facility that is inactive and unstaffed, provided there are no industrial materials or activities exposed to storm water. If the Permittee exercises this waiver, the Permittee must maintain a certification with the SWPPP stating that the site is inactive and unstaffed, and that there are no industrial materials or activities exposed to storm water.

### H. CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

1. Conditions Requiring SWPPP Review and Revision.

The Permittee must review the SWPPP when any of the following conditions occur:

  - a. An unauthorized release or discharge (e.g., spill, leak, or discharge of non-storm water not authorized by this or another NPDES permit) occurs at the facility;
  - b. Control measures are not stringent enough for the discharge to meet applicable water quality standards or the conditions of this permit;
  - c. A required control measure was never installed, was installed incorrectly, or not in accordance with this permit or is not being properly operated or maintained;
  - d. Visual observations indicate signs of storm water pollution (e.g., unnatural color, odor, turbidity, floatable material, settled solids, suspended solids, foam, and oil sheen);
  - e. The average of four quarterly sampling results exceeds any applicable benchmark monitoring concentration. If less than four samples have been taken, but the results are such that an exceedance of the four quarter average is mathematically certain (i.e., if the sum of quarterly sample results to date is more than four times the benchmark monitoring concentration) this is considered a benchmark exceedance, triggering this review;
  - f. Construction or a change in design, operation, or maintenance at the facility that modifies the type or concentration of pollutants discharged in storm water from the facility, or increases the quantity of pollutants discharged;

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- iii. does not release the Permittee from compliance with other applicable statutes of the State of Illinois or other applicable local law, regulations, or ordinances.
  - b. If any statement or representation is found to be incorrect, this authorization may be revoked and the Permittee thereupon waives all rights thereunder.
3. Plans and specifications of all treatment equipment being included as a part of the Storm Water Management Practice shall be included in the SWPPP.
4. Any modification of or deviation from the plans and specifications originally submitted with the initial SWPPP requires amendment of the SWPPP.
5. Construction activities which result from treatment equipment installation, including clearing, grading, and excavation activities which result in the disturbance of one acre or more of land area, are not covered by this authorization. The Permittee shall contact the Agency regarding any additional required permit(s).

### J. MONITORING

1. Quarterly Visual Observation of Discharges – The requirements and procedures for quarterly visual observations are applicable to all facilities covered under this permit, regardless of the Permittee's sector of industrial activity.
  - a. The Permittee must perform and document a quarterly visual observation of a storm water discharge associated with industrial activity from each outfall. The visual observation must be made during daylight hours. If no storm event resulted in runoff during daylight hours on normal work days from the facility during a monitoring quarter, no visual observation is required for that quarter, provided the permittee documents that no observable runoff occurred. Normal work days do not include weekends or Federal holidays. The Permittee must sign and certify the documentation.
  - b. Visual observation must be made on samples collected within 1 hour of an actual discharge from a storm event equal to or greater than 0.25 inch in 24 hours. If it is not possible to take a sample within the first hour of the discharge, the sample must be collected as soon as practicable after the first hour and the Permittee must explain why it was not possible to take samples within the first hour. In the case of snowmelt, the samples must be taken from an actual discharge from the site. For storm events, samples must be collected from a storm event discharge at least 72 hours from the previous discharge. The 72 hour interval does not apply if the Permittee documents that a less than 72 hour event is representative for local storm events during the sampling period. The observation must document: unnatural color, odor, clarity, floatable solids, settled solids, suspended solids, foam, oil sheen, and other obvious indicators of storm water pollution if present in the discharge. If visual observations indicate any unnatural color, odor, turbidity, floatable material, oil sheen or other indicators of storm water pollution, the Permittee shall obtain a sample and test for the parameter or the list of pollutants as provided pursuant to Part E.5.C.ii and E.5.d and initiate corrective action in Part H.
  - c. The Permittee must maintain visual observation reports onsite with the SWPPP. Each report must include the observation date and time, inspection personnel, outfall location, nature of the discharge (i.e., runoff or snow melt), visual quality of the storm water discharge (including observations of unnatural color, odor, clarity, floating solids, settled solids, suspended solids, foam, oil sheen, and other obvious indicators of storm water pollution), and probable sources of any observed storm water contamination.
  - d. The Permittee may exercise a waiver of the visual observation requirement at a facility that is inactive and unstaffed, as long as there are no industrial materials or activities exposed to storm water. If the Permittee exercises this waiver, the Permittee must maintain a certification with the SWPPP stating that the site is inactive and unstaffed, and that there are no industrial materials or activities exposed to storm water.
  - e. Representative Outfalls - If the Permittee's facility has two or more outfalls that are believed to discharge substantially identical effluents, based on similarities of the industrial activities, significant materials, size of drainage areas, and storm water management practices occurring within the drainage areas of the outfalls, the Permittee may conduct visual observation of the discharge at just one of the outfalls and report that the results also apply to the substantially identical outfall(s).
  - f. Visual observation documentation shall be made available to the Agency and general public upon written request.

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- A. The average concentration of the benchmark monitoring results is less than or equal to the concentration of that pollutant in the natural background;
  - B. The Permittee document and maintain with the SWPPP, the supporting rationale for concluding that the benchmark exceedances are in fact attributable solely to natural background pollutant levels. The Permittee must include in the rationale any data previously collected by the Permittee or other sources (i.e., literature studies) that describe the level of natural background pollutants in the storm water discharge;
  - C. Notify the Agency on the Permittee's final quarterly benchmark monitoring report that the benchmark exceedances are attributable solely to natural background pollutant levels.
  - D. Permittees may discontinue monitoring natural background pollutants that occur solely from run-on sources provided the Permittee analyzes the pollutant in the run-on source during the benchmark monitoring period.
- f. Exception for Inactive and Unstaffed Sites - The requirement for benchmark monitoring does not apply at a facility that is inactive and unstaffed, provided there are no industrial materials or activities exposed to storm water. To qualify for any monitoring exception, the Permittee must meet the following requirements:
- i. Maintain a statement with the Permittee's SWPPP stating that the site is inactive and unstaffed, and that there are no industrial materials or activities exposed to storm water in accordance with the substantive requirements in 40 CFR 122.26(g) and sign and certify the statement in accordance with Attachment H 11.
  - ii. If a Permittee is not qualified for this exception at the time of permit coverage but during the permit term the Permittee becomes qualified because the facility is inactive and unstaffed, and there are no industrial materials or activities that are exposed to storm water, then the Permittee must notify Illinois EPA of this change in the next benchmark monitoring report. A Permittee may discontinue benchmark monitoring once Illinois EPA has been notified, and prepared and signed a certification statement concerning the facility's qualification for this monitoring exception.
- g. Representative Outfalls -- If the Permittee's facility has two or more outfalls that are believed to discharge substantially identical effluents, based on similarities of the industrial activities, significant materials, size of drainage areas, and storm water management practices occurring within the drainage areas of the outfalls, the Permittee may conduct benchmark monitoring of the discharge at just one of the outfalls and report that the results also apply to the substantially identical outfall(s).

### K. REPORTING

1. The Permittee shall submit an electronic copy of the annual inspection report to the Agency. The report shall include results of the quarterly benchmark monitoring as required by Part J.2 and the quarterly facility inspections which are required by Part G of this permit. The report shall include, at a minimum, a review and update of the SWPPP. The Permittee shall submit modifications of the requirements of the plan to the Agency with the Annual Report. Permittees have 180 days to update their SWPPP to comply with the new requirements and then submit with the following annual report. The report shall also include documentation of any event (spill, treatment unit malfunction, etc.) which would require an inspection, results of the inspection, and any subsequent corrective maintenance activity. The report shall be completed and signed by the authorized facility employee(s) who conducted the inspection(s). The annual inspection report is considered a public document that shall be available to the public at any reasonable time upon request.
2. For new Permittees, the first Annual Report shall contain information gathered during the one year time period beginning with the initial effective date of coverage under this permit and shall be submitted no later than 60 days after this one year period has elapsed. Each subsequent report shall contain the previous year's information and shall be submitted no later than one year after the previous year's report was due.
3. Existing Permittees renewing coverage under this permit shall continue to submit the Annual Report no later than 60 days after the original date of effective coverage under a general storm water permit.
4. If the facility performs inspections more frequently than required by this permit, the results shall be included as additional information in the Annual Report.

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Agency. The request shall be granted by issuance date of an individual permit or an alternative general permit if the reasons cited by the owner or operator are adequate to support the request.

3. When an individual NPDES permit is issued to an owner or operator otherwise subject to this permit, or the owner or operator is approved for coverage under an alternative NPDES general permit, the applicability of this permit to the individual NPDES Permittee is automatically terminated on the issuance date of the individual permit or the date of approval for coverage under the alternative general permit, whichever the case may be. When an individual NPDES permit is denied to an owner or operator otherwise subject to this permit, or the owner or operator is denied coverage under an alternative NPDES general permit, the applicability of this general permit to the individual NPDES Permittee is automatically terminated on the date of such denial, unless otherwise specified by the Agency.
4. The Permittee must submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) within 30 days after one or more of the following conditions have been met:
  - a. A change in ownership or operational control at the facility;
  - b. The Permittee has ceased operations at the facility, there are no discharges or no longer will be any discharges of storm water associated with industrial activity from the facility, and necessary sediment and erosion controls have been implemented; or
  - c. Coverage has been obtained under an individual or alternative general permit for all discharges required to be covered under an NPDES permit.
5. NOT submittals can be made to one of the following addresses:
  - a. Electronic NOTs should be submitted to:  
[epa.indannualinsp@illinois.gov](mailto:epa.indannualinsp@illinois.gov)
  - b. If electronic submittal is unavailable the NOT should be submitted to the follow address:  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Division of Water Pollution Control  
Compliance Assurance Section #19  
1021 North Grand Avenue East  
Annual Inspection Report  
P.O. Box 19276  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
6. Standard Condition 15 of Attachment H is not applicable to this General Permit.

### M. DEFINITIONS

1. Coal pile runoff means the rainfall runoff from or through any coal storage pile.
2. Control Measures means any storm water control or other method (including narrative effluent limitations) used to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to waters of the state.
3. Discharge point or Outfall means the location where collected and concentrated storm water flows are discharged from the facility.
4. Green Infrastructure means wet weather management approaches and technologies that utilize, enhance or mimic the natural hydrologic cycle processes of infiltration, evapotranspiration and reuse. Green infrastructure approaches currently in use include green roofs, trees and tree boxes, rain gardens, vegetated swales, pocket wetlands, infiltration planters, porous and permeable pavements, porous piping systems, dry wells, vegetated median strips, reforestation/revegetation, rain barrels and cisterns and protection and enhancement of riparian buffers and floodplains.
5. Industrial activities means any of the 10 categories of industrial activities included in the definition of "storm water discharges associated with industrial activity" as defined in 40 CFR 122.26(b)(14)(i)-(ix) and (xi).
6. Land application site means an area where wastes are applied onto or incorporated into the soil surface for treatment or disposal.

**Attachment H  
Standard Conditions**

**Definitions**

**Act** means the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, 415 ILCS 5 as Amended.

**Agency** means the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

**Board** means the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

**Clean Water Act** (formerly referred to as the Federal Water Pollution Control Act) means Pub. L. 92-500, as amended. 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.

**NPDES** (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) means the national program for issuing, modifying, revoking and reissuing, terminating, monitoring and enforcing permits, and imposing and enforcing pretreatment requirements, under Sections 307, 402, 318 and 405 of the Clean Water Act.

**USEPA** means the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

**Daily Discharge** means the discharge of a pollutant measured during a calendar day or any 24-hour period that reasonably represents the calendar day for purposes of sampling. For pollutants with limitations expressed in units of mass, the "daily discharge" is calculated as the total mass of the pollutant discharged over the day. For pollutants with limitations expressed in other units of measurements, the "daily discharge" is calculated as the average measurement of the pollutant over the day.

**Maximum Daily Discharge Limitation** (daily maximum) means the highest allowable daily discharge.

**Average Monthly Discharge Limitation** (30 day average) means the highest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar month, calculated as the sum of all daily discharges measured during a calendar month divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that month.

**Average Weekly Discharge Limitation** (7 day average) means the highest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar week, calculated as the sum of all daily discharges measured during a calendar week divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that week.

**Best Management Practices** (BMPs) means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the pollution of waters of the State. BMPs also include treatment requirements, operating procedures, and practices to control plant site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw material storage.

**Aliquot** means a sample of specified volume used to make up a total composite sample.

**Grab Sample** means an individual sample of at least 100 milliliters collected at a randomly-selected time over a period not exceeding 15 minutes.

**24-Hour Composite Sample** means a combination of at least 8 sample aliquots of at least 100 milliliters, collected at periodic intervals during the operating hours of a facility over a 24-hour period.

**8-Hour Composite Sample** means a combination of at least 3 sample aliquots of at least 100 milliliters, collected at periodic intervals during the operating hours of a facility over an 8-hour period.

**Flow Proportional Composite Sample** means a combination of sample aliquots of at least 100 milliliters collected at periodic intervals such that either the time interval between each aliquot or the volume of each aliquot is proportional to either the stream flow at the time of sampling or the total stream flow since the collection of the previous aliquot.

- (1) **Duty to comply.** The permittee must comply with all conditions of this permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of the Act and is grounds for enforcement action, permit termination, revocation and reissuance, modification, or for denial of a permit renewal application. The permittee shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under Section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act for toxic pollutants within the time provided in the regulations that establish these standards or prohibitions, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirements.
- (2) **Duty to reapply.** If the permittee wishes to continue an activity regulated by this permit after the expiration date of this permit, the permittee must apply for and obtain a new permit. If the permittee submits a proper application as required by the Agency no later than 180 days prior to the expiration date, this permit shall continue in full force and effect until the final Agency decision on the application has been made.
- (3) **Need to halt or reduce activity not a defense.** It shall not be a defense for a permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.
- (4) **Duty to mitigate.** The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge in violation of this permit which has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.
- (5) **Proper operation and maintenance.** The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance includes effective performance, adequate funding, adequate operator staffing and training, and adequate laboratory and process controls, including appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of back-up, or auxiliary facilities, or similar systems only when necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.
- (6) **Permit actions.** This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause by the Agency pursuant to 40 CFR 122.62 and 40 CFR 122.63. The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance, does not stay any permit condition.
- (7) **Property rights.** This permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege.
- (8) **Duty to provide information.** The permittee shall furnish to the Agency within a reasonable time, any information which the Agency may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit, or to determine compliance with the permit. The permittee shall also furnish to the Agency upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit.

schedule of this permit shall be submitted no later than 14 days following each schedule date.

(e) **Monitoring reports.** Monitoring results shall be reported at the intervals specified elsewhere in this permit.

(1) Monitoring results must be reported on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR).

(2) If the permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by the permit, using test procedures approved under 40 CFR 136 or as specified in the permit, the results of this monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the DMR.

(3) Calculations for all limitations which require averaging of measurements shall utilize an arithmetic mean unless otherwise specified by the Agency in the permit.

(f) **Twenty-four hour reporting.** The permittee shall report any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment. Any information shall be provided orally within 24-hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. A written submission shall also be provided within 5 days of the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. The written submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and time; and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance. The following shall be included as information which must be reported within 24-hours:

(1) Any unanticipated bypass which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit.

(2) Any upset which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit.

(3) Violation of a maximum daily discharge limitation for any of the pollutants listed by the Agency in the permit or any pollutant which may endanger health or the environment.

The Agency may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis if the oral report has been received within 24-hours.

(g) **Other noncompliance.** The permittee shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported under paragraphs (12) (d), (e), or (f), at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in paragraph (12) (f).

(h) **Other information.** Where the permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application, or submitted incorrect information in a permit application, or in any report to the Agency, it shall promptly submit such facts or information.

(13) **Bypass.**

(a) **Definitions.**

(1) Bypass means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility.

(2) Severe property damage means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities which causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources which can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a bypass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production.

(b) Bypass not exceeding limitations. The permittee may allow any bypass to occur which does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded, but only if it also is for essential maintenance to assure efficient

operation. These bypasses are not subject to the provisions of paragraphs (13)(c) and (13)(d).

(c) **Notice.**

(1) Anticipated bypass. If the permittee knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it shall submit prior notice, if possible at least ten days before the date of the bypass.

(2) Unanticipated bypass. The permittee shall submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required in paragraph (12)(f) (24-hour notice).

(d) **Prohibition of bypass.**

(1) Bypass is prohibited, and the Agency may take enforcement action against a permittee for bypass, unless:

(i) Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;

(ii) There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back-up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a bypass which occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance; and

(iii) The permittee submitted notices as required under paragraph (13)(c).

(2) The Agency may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the Agency determines that it will meet the three conditions listed above in paragraph (13)(d)(1).

(14) **Upset.**

(a) **Definition.** Upset means an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology based permit effluent limitations because of factors beyond the reasonable control of the permittee. An upset does not include noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or careless or improper operation.

(b) **Effect of an upset.** An upset constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with such technology based permit effluent limitations if the requirements of paragraph (14)(c) are met. No determination made during administrative review of claims that noncompliance was caused by upset, and before an action for noncompliance, is final administrative action subject to judicial review.

(c) **Conditions necessary for a demonstration of upset.** A permittee who wishes to establish the affirmative defense of upset shall demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence that:

(1) An upset occurred and that the permittee can identify the cause(s) of the upset;

(2) The permitted facility was at the time being properly operated; and

(3) The permittee submitted notice of the upset as required in paragraph (12)(f)(2) (24-hour notice).

(4) The permittee complied with any remedial measures required under paragraph (4).

(d) **Burden of proof.** In any enforcement proceeding the permittee seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof.