



Top 10 Most Frequently Encountered Compliance Issues at New Jersey Marinas

In order to provide marina owners and operators with information on environmental practices aimed at reducing impacts on the coastal environment, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) conducted a two-year marina compliance assistance project. Through the combined efforts of eight participating New Jersey counties (Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Cape May, Cumberland, Hudson, Middlesex, and Sussex) and DEP's Office of Local Environmental Management (OLEM), 123 marinas received scheduled on-site visits to assist them in complying with a wide-range of regulatory issues. Upon completion of the Marina compliance assistance project, OLEM evaluated all findings from the project and identified the top 10 most frequently encountered environmental issues.

This is NOT a complete list of requirements affecting marinas you need to follow but is offered to help you avoid the most common transgressions.

1. A stormwater permit is required if there are fueling activities of any kind (both aboveground (AST) and underground (UST) storage tanks), mechanical/engine repair activities, or boat maintenance activities (sanding, scraping, and power washing) at the marina.
2. Marinas are required to have a Spill Response Plan in place, emergency phone numbers of the Coast Guard and DEP posted, and absorbent booms and pads stored near the waterway.
3. An air permit is required if the marina dispenses gasoline or other volatile fuel products from an aboveground or underground storage tank greater than 2,000 gallons in volume.
4. Marinas are required to provide containers with lids for both solid waste and recyclable materials. These containers must also be clearly labeled.
5. Used batteries collected at marinas are required to be stored either under cover or inside a sheltered area. The batteries must also be clearly labeled as "Used Batteries".
6. Used oil tanks at marinas are required to be in a secure location and clearly labeled as "Used Oil".
7. Most marinas are not required to have a hazardous waste generator identification number due to small quantities. However, any container that stores or contains hazardous waste must be clearly labeled identifying its contents.
8. As of December 1988, all USTs at a marina must have mandatory spill, overfill and corrosion protection. All USTs must also have a verifiable leak detection method and have a current registration with the DEP.

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9. Any used tires must be properly disposed or stored under cover to prevent the collection of rainwater, which attracts and provides a breeding ground for mosquitoes. This will help to prevent the spread of West Nile Virus.
10. All antifreeze collected at marinas must be containerized, labeled and recycled.

A marina owner or operator may also wish to contact DEP's Land Use Regulation Program to determine if a Waterfront Development permit and/or Tidelands License is required. Please note that these requirements were not part of the compliance assistance project but may be applicable.

Who should I contact with questions?

Stormwater Permitting

Bureau of Non-Point Source Control (609) 633-7021

Air Permitting:

Air Quality Permitting Program (609) 633-2753

Marina Compliance Assistance Project or Greenstart

Office of Local Environmental Management (609) 292-1305

Waterfront Development Permit or Tidelands License

Land Use Regulation Program (609) 292-0060

Where can I get more information?

The following web sites can be accessed for additional information:

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/marina.htm> (Marina compliance assistance project)

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/marina.pdf> (Multi-media compliance assistance inspection form)

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/landuse/coast/tideland/tideland.html> (Land Use Regulation)

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/landuse/coast/coast.html>

Please note this advisory is intended to be a summary explanation of a department initiative. It does not include all potentially applicable requirements. If you have any questions related to compliance with this initiative, please contact the Enforcement number listed above.