



New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

# COMPLIANCE ADVISORY Enforcement **ALERT**

*Making You Aware of Anticipated Enforcement Activities*

Compliance and Enforcement

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## Upcoming Deadlines for the Municipal Stormwater General Permits

### Who is affected?

**Municipalities** - The Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program regulates all 566 municipalities within the State. The general permit was issued in order to regulate stormwater discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) into the surface and ground waters of the State. Municipalities within the State are assigned as either Tier A or Tier B. The list of Tier A and Tier B municipalities can be found at [http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/pdf/municipal\\_tier\\_list.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/pdf/municipal_tier_list.pdf).

#### Statewide Basic Requirements

**Tier A municipalities** are generally located within the more densely populated regions of the state or along or near the coast.

Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit

**Tier B municipalities** are generally more rural and in non-coastal regions.

Tier B Municipal Stormwater General Permit

**Public Complexes** include some military bases, colleges and hospitals.

Public Complex Stormwater General Permit

**Highway Agencies** include those operated by Counties, State, Interstate or Federal agencies.

Highway Agency Stormwater General Permit

These general permits address stormwater quality related issues in new and existing development and redevelopment by requiring the development of a stormwater program and implementation of specific permit requirements referred to as Statewide Basic Requirements (SBRs). For most permittees, the deadline for compliance with some of these SBRs is April 1<sup>st</sup> of 2005, while for others it is May 1<sup>st</sup> or June 1<sup>st</sup> of 2005 depending on the day their permit became effective. The effective date of the permit can be found on the first page of the general permit.

### What is DEP doing?

The Department's Water Compliance and Enforcement program will conduct compliance assistance evaluation inspections to determine each municipality's permit compliance. Those out of compliance will receive Notices of Violation and further action could result if compliance issues cannot be resolved.

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## Whom should I contact with questions?

Any rule/permit related questions, please contact:

**Bureau of NonPoint Pollution Control-Stormwater Section** **609-633-7021**

Any compliance, inspection or enforcement questions, please contact:

**Water Compliance and Enforcement-Northern Field Office** **973-656-4099**  
(Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, and Warren Counties)

**Water Compliance and Enforcement-Central Field Office** **609-584-4200**  
(Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Union Counties)

**Water Compliance and Enforcement-Southern Field Office** **856-614-3655**  
(Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties)

## Where can I get more information?

The following web sites can be accessed for additional information:

Enforcement: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/enforcement/advisories.html>  
DEP News Release: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/newsrel/>  
Municipal Stormwater  
Regulation Program: <http://www.njstormwater.org> or  
<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/municstw.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, please contact the Enforcement number listed above.