

Do Powder Coaters And Metal Fabricators Have To Get A Stormwater Discharge Permit?

Yes. The California General Industrial Discharge Permit requires facilities with the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code of 3479 to obtain permit coverage and comply with the General Permit when there is the *potential* for stormwater and/or surface drainage to come in contact with any part of the industrial activity.

Where Can Stormwater Come In Contact With Powder Coating Operations?

- Air emissions, including permitted emissions;
- Outside activities, including:
 - Shipping/Receiving
 - Storage of incoming, intermediate or finished products/materials
 - Surface prepping activities, including drag out from booths, warehouses
 - Storage of inactive equipment & wastes

How Is Stormwater Regulated In California?

The California State Water Board issued the first General Industrial Stormwater Discharge Permit in 1992, which required all effected industrial facilities to do the following:

- File a Notice of Intent to Comply with the General Permit;
- Develop a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan;
- Develop a Stormwater Monitoring and Reporting Program and collect stormwater samples during each rainy season;
- Submit a Stormwater Compliance Report (Annual Report) by July 1 of each year

Are There Penalties For Not Getting A Stormwater Discharge Permit?

- Fines up to \$27,000 per day per violation
- Getting sued by Citizens Groups under the CWA's bounty hunter provisions

Why Regulate Stormwater?

In the 1980s, after several studies, USEPA determined that the most significant threat to water quality in the United States was urban runoff.

What's "Urban Runoff"?

Urban runoff is stormwater (rainfall and surface drainage, snow and ice melt) that comes in contact with urban activities, and as a result of that contact, picks up pollutants and deposit this stormwater pollution into receiving waters (creeks, streams, lakes and the ocean). Urban activities include:

- Industrial
- Commercial
- Residential
- Construction

How Is Stormwater Regulated?

Through the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA). USEPA administers the CWA at the federal level and state agencies administer the CWA at the state level through state issued permits



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Monitoring
Program**

***What is the NCCA Group Stormwater
Monitoring Program (GSMP)?***

The General Permit allows facilities with the same SIC code to form a stormwater monitoring group (GSMP). The GSMP must be run by a qualified stormwater management professional who has the required expertise to assist the group members in meeting their compliance obligations under the General Permit.

Members of GSMPs implement the same or similar stormwater pollution control measures, known as Best Management Practices (BMPs). Members of state approved GSMPs are allowed to collect fewer stormwater samples over the course of the 5-year permit period than non-group members.

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