

# Water

## NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Stormwater Construction General Stormwater Permit

**What Activities Require This Permit?** Construction activities that disturb more than an acre of land or are part of a larger development that disturbs more than an acre of land are required to get an approved Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan (E&SC) and coverage under the Construction General Stormwater Permit (NCG01).

**What Is The Purpose of This Permit?** To manage and store pollutants on construction sites in a manner that prevents pollution of surface waters. Sites covered under this general permit are required to develop a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

The SWPPP includes:

- Approved E&SC plan.
- Sample plan sheet for Ground Stabilization and Materials Handling (add to E&SC plan)
- Sample plan sheet for Self-Inspection, Record-keeping and Reporting (add to E&SC plan)

**Who Issues This Permit?** N.C. Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources (DEMLR), Stormwater Permitting Program.

### How Much Will This Permit Cost?

As of July 1, 2025, the new/annual fee for Certificates of Coverage under General Stormwater Permits: \$127. A full list of current annual and application fees can be found at the following: [Permit Fees 2025 Updates | NC DEQ](#).

### What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees?

Most application fees can be paid by check or money order. Annual fees can be paid online through the new AccessDEQ system. Register and request access at the following link: <https://portal.deq.nc.gov/login>.

**If Paying by Check, Who do I Make the Check Payable to?** Checks, money orders should be made payable to: Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources (or DEMLR) – Stormwater  
For more information, see the section below titled “Where Do I Submit My Application and Check.”

### Where Can I Get the Application For This Permit?

**Construction** - <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/energy-mineral-and-land-resources/stormwater/stormwater-program/npdes-construction-program>

*Other helpful resources may be found at the above link.*

**How Long Will It Take To Review My Application?** After receiving approval of E&SC plan, the NCG01 application is submitted to receive a Certificate of Coverage (COC) under the NCG01 permit. Within three business days, DEMLR will issue the COC via email to the applicant (if the form is complete and correct). If error(s) are found with the NCG01 application or supporting documentation, the application will be rejected, and the applicant will receive an email detailing the issue(s) needing to be addressed. Once corrected the application will need to be resubmitted. After completion of a project, the final step is to submit an electronic Notice of Termination (eNOT) from to end coverage under the NCG01 Permit.

### Where Do I Submit My Application and Check?

The application process is online; payment will have different options specified in preceding section.

NCDEQ - DEMLR Stormwater Program  
Attn: Stormwater Billing  
1612 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1612

**How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid?** Up to five years.

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### Legal Authority/Statute Reference:

Section 402 of the Clean Water Act; 40 CFR Parts 122-125; Parts 130-131; and Part 133; 15A NCAC 2H .0100, 15A NCAC 02H .1000.

**Links:** [Stormwater Program](#) | [NC DEQ](#)

### Statewide Contact Information:

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