

NPDES Stormwater Permit Fees

Fees are authorized in NCGS 143-215.3D

IMPORTANT UPDATE: In accordance with [General Statute 143B-279.19](#), the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has adjusted [certain fees and rates](#) for its programs to support the delivery of services and issuance of environmental permits. This is effective as of July 1, 2025.

Permit Service	Major Individual NPDES SW Permit ¹	Minor Individual NPDES SW Permit ²	General Permit NPDES SW COC
New Industrial Permit ³	N/A	\$1,267	\$127
New MS4 Permit ³	\$4,435	\$1,056	N/A
Annual Fee ⁴	Equal to New Permit Fee	Equal to New Permit Fee	Equal to New Permit Fee
Major Modification (Industrial Permit) ⁵	N/A	\$380.10	\$38.10
Major Modification (MS4 Permit) ⁵	\$1,330.50	\$316.80	N/A
Minor Modification ⁶	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rescission	\$0	\$0	\$0
Renewal	\$0	\$0	\$0
No Exposure Exclusion ⁷	N/A	N/A	\$264

¹ *Major Individual NPDES Stormwater (SW) permits* are for medium/large municipalities (with populations greater than 100,000) that have an MS4, such as Phase I NPDES municipalities. NCDOT's statewide stormwater permit is also considered a Major individual NPDES stormwater permit.

² *Minor Individual NPDES Stormwater (SW) permits* are for small MS4s that do not qualify for a Major individual stormwater permit and industrial facilities that are not eligible for coverage under one of NC's NPDES stormwater general permits.

³ The application fee for a new permit is nonrefundable even if the application is denied.

⁴ *Annual fee* means a fee collected on an annual basis beginning one year after initial permit issuance.

⁵ *Major modification* means any modification of a permit that is not a minor modification. Major modifications include, but are not limited to: changes to compliance schedules, changes to benchmarks, material and substantial alterations to the permitted facility or on-site activity, etc. The fee for a major modification is nonrefundable even if the application is denied.

⁶ *Minor modification* is defined in 40 CFR 122.63 (e.g., correct typographical errors, increase monitoring frequency, name/ownership change, outfall removal in certain circumstances, etc.)

⁷ *No Exposure Exclusion* fee is for the first year only. No fee is required after the first year.

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