

NPDES Stormwater Multi Sector Generic Permit Guidance Sector P: Land Transportation Facilities

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Sector P — Land Transportation of the Multi-Sector Generic Permit (MSGP) covers ground transportation facilities and rail transportation facilities that have vehicle and equipment maintenance shops (vehicle and equipment rehabilitation, mechanical repairs, painting, fueling and lubrication) and equipment cleaning operations. Vehicle and equipment maintenance is a broad term used to include the following activities: vehicle and equipment fluid changes, mechanical repairs, parts cleaning, sanding, refinishing, painting, fueling, locomotive sanding (loading sand for traction), storage of vehicles and equipment waiting for repair or maintenance, and storage of the related materials and waste materials, such as oil, fuel, batteries, tires, or oil filters. Equipment cleaning operations include vehicle exterior wash down, interior trailer washouts, tank washouts, and rinsing of transfer equipment.

A Closer Look:

Sector P also covers facilities under SIC code 4221–4225 (public areas where material handling equipment or activities, raw materials, intermediate products, final products, waste materials warehousing and storage) that do not have vehicle and equipment maintenance shops or equipment cleaning operations but do have, by-products or industrial machinery are exposed to storm water.

Recommended BMPs (not limited to):

Stormwater treatment BMPs are intended to prevent or minimize the contamination of runoff, or treat runoff contaminated with pollutants.

- Train employees on proper fueling techniques, wash control, storage and disposal procedures.
- Using spill and overflow protection.
- Reduce exposure of the fuel area to storm water by covering the area.
- Use dry cleanup methods for fuel area rather than hosing the fuel area down.
- Perform preventive maintenance on storage tanks to detect potential leaks before they occur.
- Drain oil filters before disposal or recycling. Do not pour liquid waste down floor drains, sinks, or outdoor storm drain inlets.
- Plug floor drains that are connected to the storm or sanitary sewer; if necessary, install a sump that is pumped regularly.
- Inspect the storage yard for filling drip pans and other problems regularly.
- Avoid washing parts or equipment outside.
- Use phosphate-free biodegradable detergents.
- Designate an area for cleaning activities.
- Contain and recycle washwaters.
- Inspect cleaning area regularly.

Industrial facilities which have the potential to discharge stormwater to surface waters of the State or into a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) and fall under any one of the 11 categories of industrial activities identified in 40 CFR 122.26(b)(14), may require coverage under the Multi-Sector Generic Permit. To submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) for coverage, request a permit determination or to obtain a copy of the MSGP Sector P Specific Language in its entirety, please contact the NPDES Stormwater Notices Center at: 866-336-6312 (toll-free) or by email at NPDES-stormwater@floridadep.gov

