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South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
NO EXPOSURE CERTIFICATION for Exclusion from
NPDES Storm Water Permitting

Submission of this No Exposure Certification constitutes notice that the entity identified in Section A does not require permit authorization for its storm water discharges associated with industrial activity in South Carolina under the NPDES general permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity (except construction) (SCR000000) due to the existence of a condition of no exposure.

A condition of no exposure exists at an industrial site when all industrial materials and activities are protected by a storm resistant shelter to prevent exposure to rain, snow, snowmelt, and/or runoff. Industrial materials or activities include, but are not limited to, material handling equipment or activities, industrial machinery, raw materials, intermediate products, by-products, final products, or waste products. Material handling activities include the storage, loading and unloading, transportation, or conveyance of any raw material, intermediate product, final product or waste product. A storm resistant shelter is not required for the following industrial materials and activities:

- drums, barrels, tanks, and similar containers that are tightly sealed, provided those containers are not deteriorated and do not leak. "Sealed" means banded or otherwise secured and without operational taps or valves;
- adequately maintained vehicles used in material handling; and
- final products, other than products that would be mobilized in storm water discharges (e.g., rock salt).

A No Exposure Certification must be provided for each site qualifying for the no exposure exclusion. In addition, the exclusion from NPDES permitting is available on a site-wide basis only, not for individual outfalls. If any industrial activities or materials are or will be exposed to precipitation, the site is not eligible for the no exposure exclusion.

By signing and submitting this No Exposure Certification form, the entity in Section A is certifying that a condition of no exposure exists at its facility or site, and is obligated to comply with the terms and conditions of S.C. R. 61-9. 122.26(g).

A. Operator Information

1. Name: _____ 2. Phone: _____
3. Company Mailing Address: a. Street: _____
- b. City: _____ c. State: _____ d. Zip Code: _____

B. Site Location Information

1. Facility Name: _____
- a. Street Address: _____
- b. City: _____ c. County: _____
- d. State: _____ e. Zip Code: _____
- f. Site Contact Phone Number: _____ g. E-mail: _____
2. Is the site located on Indian Lands? Yes No
3. Is this a Federal facility? Yes No
4. a. Latitude: _____ ° _____ ' _____ " b. Longitude: _____ ° _____ ' _____ "
5. a. Was the site or site previously covered under an NPDES storm water permit or No Exposure Certification? Yes No
- b. If yes, enter permit or certification number: _____
6. SIC Codes/Sectors: Primary: _____ Sector _____ Secondary (if applicable): _____ Sector _____
7. Total size of site associated with industrial activity: _____ acres
8. a. Have you paved or roofed over a formerly exposed, pervious area in order to qualify for the no exposure exclusion? Yes No
- b. If yes, please indicate approximately how much area was paved or roofed over. _____
- Completing this question does not disqualify you for the no exposure exclusion. However, your permitting authority may use this information in considering whether storm water discharges from your site are likely to have an adverse impact on water quality, in which case you could be required to obtain permit coverage.



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C. Exposure Checklist

Are any of the following materials or activities exposed to precipitation, now or in the foreseeable future?
(Please check either "Yes" or "No" in the appropriate box.) **If you answer "Yes" to any of these
questions (1) through (11), you are not eligible for the no exposure exclusion.**

	Yes	No
1. Using, storing or cleaning industrial machinery or equipment, and areas where residuals from using, storing or cleaning industrial machinery or equipment remain and are exposed to storm water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Materials or residuals on the ground or in storm water inlets from spills/leaks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Materials or products from past industrial activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Material handling equipment (except adequately maintained vehicles)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Materials or products during loading/unloading or transporting activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Materials or products stored outdoors (except final products intended for outside use [e.g., new cars] where exposure to storm water does not result in the discharge of pollutants)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Materials contained in open, deteriorated or leaking storage drums, barrels, tanks, and similar containers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Materials or products handled/stored on roads or railways owned or maintained by the discharger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Waste material (except waste in covered, non-leaking containers [e.g., dumpsters])	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Application or disposal of process wastewater (unless otherwise permitted)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Particulate matter or visible deposits of residuals from roof stacks and/or vents not otherwise regulated (i.e., under an air quality control permit) and evident in the storm water outflow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

D. Certification Statement

I certify under penalty of law that I have read and understand the eligibility requirements for claiming a condition of "no exposure" and obtaining an exclusion from NPDES storm water permitting.

I certify under penalty of law that there are no discharges of storm water contaminated by exposure to industrial activities or materials from the industrial site identified in this document (except as allowed under S.C. R. 61-9. 122.26(g)(2)).

I understand that I am obligated to submit a no exposure certification form once every five years to the NPDES permitting authority and, if requested, to the operator of the local municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) into which the site discharges (where applicable). I understand that I must allow the NPDES permitting authority, or MS4 operator where the discharge is into the local MS4, to perform inspections to confirm the condition of no exposure and to make such inspection reports publicly available upon request. I understand that I must obtain coverage under an NPDES permit prior to any point source discharge of storm water from the site.

Additionally, I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is to the best of my knowledge and belief true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Print Name: _____

Print Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Check here if you wish to make payment with a credit card.

Card contact: Name _____ Phone Number _____ E-mail _____



INSTRUCTIONS

Who May File a No Exposure Certification

South Carolina law at S.C. R.61-9. Part 122.26 prohibits point source discharges of storm water associated with industrial activity to waters of the U.S. without a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. However, NPDES permit coverage is not required for discharges of storm water associated with industrial activities identified at S.C.R. 61-9 122.26(b)(14)(i)-(ix) and (xi) if the discharger can certify that a condition of "no exposure" exists at the industrial facility or site.

Storm water discharges from construction activities identified in S.C.R. 61-9 122.26(b)(14)(x) and (b)(15) are not eligible for the no exposure exclusion.

Obtaining and Maintaining the No Exposure Exclusion

This form is used to certify that a condition of no exposure exists at the industrial site described herein. This certification is applicable in South Carolina and must be re-submitted at least once every five years from the date this form is signed..

The industrial site operator must maintain a condition of no exposure at its site in order for the no exposure exclusion to remain applicable. If conditions change resulting in the exposure of materials and activities to storm water, the operator must obtain coverage under an NPDES storm water permit immediately.

S.C. Regulation 61-30, Environmental Protection Fees, requires payment of a fee of \$350.00 for submittal of a no-exposure certification (NEC) form under S.C.R.61-9.122.2(g). Payment of the fee must be included with the NEC form when it is submitted. Make the check payable to SCDHEC or indicate at the bottom of page 2 if you wish to pay via credit card using the online payment system. Provide contact information only if a credit card payment is desired. Please do not send fees directly to SCDHEC's Bureau of Finance.

Where to File the No Exposure Certification Form

Mail the completed no exposure certification form to:
SC Department of Health & Environmental Control
Bureau of Water
Stormwater Permitting Section
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201-1708

Completing the Form

You must type or print, using uppercase letters, in appropriate areas only. One form must be completed for each site for which you are seeking to certify a condition of no exposure. Additional guidance on completing this form can be found in EPA's Guidance Manual for Conditional Exclusion From Stormwater Permitting Based on "No Exposure" of Industrial Activities to Stormwater (EPA 833-B-00-001). Please make sure you have addressed all applicable questions and have made a copy for your records before sending the completed form to the above address.

Section A. Operator Information

1. Provide the legal name of the person, firm, public organization, or any other entity that operates the facility or site described in this certification. The name of the operator may or may not be the same as the name of the facility. The operator is the legal entity that controls the site operation, rather than the plant or site manager.
2. Provide the telephone number of the operator.

3. Provide the mailing address of the operator (P.O. Box numbers may be used). Include the city, state, and zip code. All correspondence will be sent to this address.

Section B. Facility/Site Location Information

1. Enter the official or legal name of the site. Enter the complete street address (if no street address exists, provide a geographic description [e.g., Intersection of Routes 9 and 55]), city, county, state, and zip code. Do not use a P.O. Box number.
2. Enter the contact information of the person responsible for industrial stormwater compliance for the site.
3. Indicate whether the facility is located on Indian Lands.
4. Indicate whether the industrial facility is operated by a department or agency of the Federal Government (see also Section 313 of the Clean Water Act).
5. Enter the latitude and longitude of the approximate center of the facility or site in degrees/minutes/seconds. Latitude and longitude can be obtained from United States Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle or topographic map. Otherwise, go to Topozone.com/viewmaps; put your nearest town and S.C. in the place search; select the town from the chart; then, under "Coordinate Format", Select D/M/S; move the map to your site with the arrows on the side of the map; place the pointer on your site. The latitude/longitude stated will be your lat/long.

Latitude and longitude for a facility in decimal form must be converted to degrees (°), minutes ('), and seconds (") for proper entry on the certification form. To convert decimal latitude or longitude to degrees/minutes/seconds, follow the steps in the following example.

Example: Convert decimal latitude 45.1234567 to degrees (°), minutes ('), and seconds (").

- a) The numbers to the left of the decimal point are the degrees: 45°.
 - b) To obtain minutes, multiply the decimal to the right of the decimal point by 60: 0.1234567 x 60 = 7.407402.
 - c) The numbers to the left of the decimal point in the result obtained in (b) are the minutes: 7'.
 - d) To obtain seconds, multiply the decimal from the result obtained in (b) by 60: 0.407402 x 60 = 24.44".
 - e) The conversion for 45.1234567 = 45° 7' 44".
6. Indicate whether the site was previously covered under an NPDES storm water permit or No Exposure Certification. If so, include the coverage number, (e.g. SCR001234) or the certificate number (e.g. SCRNE0123).

7. Enter the 4-digit SIC code which identifies the site primary activity, and second 4-digit SIC code identifying the facility's secondary activity, if applicable. SIC codes can be obtained from the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1987. Each SIC code should have a corresponding Sector listed in Appendix D of the NPDES stormwater general permit (SCR000000). If the Primary SIC code does not have a corresponding Sector, DO NOT apply for a No Exposure Certification at this time and contact the Department for further guidance.



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8. Enter the total size of the site associated with industrial activity in acres. Acreage may be determined by dividing square footage by 43,560, as demonstrated in the following example.

Example: Convert 54,450 ft² to acres
Divide 54,450 ft² by 43,560 square feet per acre:
54,450 ft² ÷ 43,560 ft²/acre = 1.25 acres.

9. Check "Yes" or "No" as appropriate to indicate whether you have paved or roofed over a formerly exposed, pervious area (i.e., lawn, meadow, dirt or gravel road/parking lot) in order to qualify for no exposure. If yes, also indicate approximately how much area was paved or roofed over and is now impervious area.

Section C. Exposure Checklist

Check "Yes" or "No" as appropriate to describe the exposure conditions at your site. If you answer "Yes" to **ANY** of the questions (1) through (11) in this section, a potential for exposure exists at your site and you cannot certify to a condition of no exposure. You must obtain (or already have) coverage under an NPDES storm water permit. After obtaining permit coverage, you can institute modifications to eliminate the potential for a discharge of storm water exposed to industrial activity, and then certify to a condition of no exposure.

Section D. Certification Statement

South Carolina statutes provide for severe penalties for submitting false information on this application form. The form submitted must be printed, original document and signed by hand. South Carolina regulations require this application to be signed as follows:

For a corporation: by a responsible corporate officer, which means:

- (i) president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy or decision making functions for the corporation, or
- (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated site including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures;

For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor; or

For a municipal, State, Federal, or other public site: by either a principal executive or ranking elected official.