

(f) (Reserved)

(g) The annual fee for discharges by a significant indirect user to a domestic treatment works is calculated by using the following Environmental Impact in the annual fee formula:

1. The Environmental Impact of a discharge by a significant indirect user (SIU) to a domestic treatment works (DTW) is derived by applying the formula:

$$\text{Environmental Impact} = (\text{Total Pollutant Load})$$

i. Total Pollutant Load is the sum of each limited pollutant's average loading (in kilograms per day) for the selected 12-month period, as determined in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A-3.1(a)7, multiplied by its associated risk factor as listed in Table I below.

(1) Any pollutant listed in Table I will be deleted from the Total Pollutant Load, if reported as non-detectable in all samples for the monitoring period. When any of the pollutants listed in Table I is detected at least once in the monitoring period, the Department shall calculate the Total Pollutant Load using one-half the reported minimum detection limit for pollutant concentrations.

(h) The fees for exemptions for certain types of residual use or disposal operations shall be assessed as follows:

1. Permit exemptions or Letters of Land Application Management Approvals authorizing the land application of sludge-derived products at specific sites in accordance with a Department-approved distribution program shall be assessed a fee of \$250.00 for the duration of the permit exemption or Letter of Land Application Management Approval. The Department will not consider a request for a permit exemption or Letter of Land Application Management Approval complete unless the request is accompanied by the fee; and

2. General distribution permit exemptions providing Department approval of a sludge derived product distribution program which is not directly regulated for residuals handling through an individual NJPDES permit shall be assessed a fee of \$2,700 for the duration of the exemption. The Department will not consider a request for a permit exemption complete unless the request is accompanied by the fee.

(i) (Reserved)

(j) For NJPDES Permit No. NJ0088323 (referred to as the category 5G3 "construction activity" stormwater general permit), there is no annual or minimum fee. The fee for projects that disturb less than 5.0 acres is \$450.00. The fee for projects that disturb 5.0 acres or more is \$650.00. Fees shall be paid by check or money order, payable to "Treasurer, State of New Jersey," and submitted to the applicable soil conservation district along with each request for authorization submitted under that permit, except as provided in (j)1 or 2 below. The soil conservation district shall forward all such checks and money orders to the State Soil Conservation Committee in the Department of Agriculture, which shall cause such checks and money orders to be deposited to the credit of the State. The soil conservation district shall not certify any request for authorization that is not accompanied by this fee.

1. For a project that the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is constructing or proposes to construct for which a stormwater discharge is regulated under this general permit, the fee of \$450.00 or \$600.00, as applicable, shall be paid to the Department.

2. For a project that a Federal governmental entity is constructing or proposes to construct for which a stormwater discharge is regulated under this general permit, a fee in the amount set forth in the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Act (N.J.S.A 4:24-39 et seq.) fee schedule for the appropriate County Soil Conservation District shall be made payable to the "Treasurer, State of New Jersey." The fee will be allocated to address the Department's administrative and enforcement responsibilities, the Department of Agriculture's administrative costs, and the appropriate Soil Conservation District's review and inspection activities.

(k) The fee for discharges to groundwater required for conducting remediation, as defined by N.J.A.C. 7:26E, of contaminated sites, and for any NJPDES discharge to groundwater permits issued by the Site Remediation Program, is calculated and billed through requirements specified in N.J.A.C. 7:26C-9.3.

(l) The Department shall assess, where applicable, the fee for laboratory certification pursuant to the schedule set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:18.

(m) Any fee under this section that is subject to N.J.A.C. 7:1L shall be payable in installments in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:1L.

Table I
RISK CATEGORIES

Risk Factor 10 ⁰	10 ¹	10 ²	10 ³	10 ⁴	10 ⁵
SURFACE WATER					
TDS Chloride Sulfate Fluoride	TSS Phosphorus Phtalic Acid	Tin Aluminum Antimony Barium	Styrene Nickel Copper Silver	Arsenic Beryllium Asbestos Acid fraction compounds	Lead Mercury Cadmium Chromium-hex

Iron	Sulfide Molybdenum Bismuth Manganese Zinc	Chromium-trivalent Oil & Grease Surfactants N(nitrite, nitrate Kjeldhal, diss & Total) Oxidizable Matter Petroleum Hydrocarbons	Cobalt Ammonia Cyanide Selenium	Base-Neutral Compounds Volatile Organics	Pesticides PCBs PBB
INDIRECT USERS					
BOD TSS COD Oil & Grease	TDS Iron Antimony Bismuth Tin Manganese Inorganic Sulfur Compounds	1,1 Dichloroethylene Copper Zinc Chromium-Trivalent Barium Cyanide Dimethyl phthalate Surfactants Petroleum Hydrocarbons Total Toxic Metals ** Nitrogen Compounds/ Ammonia Phenols	Nickel Silver Asbestos Cobalt Selenium Benzene 1,2-Dichloroethane Chloroform Ethylbenzene 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene Naphthalene Vinyl Chloride Base Neutral Compounds * Acid Extractable Compounds 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane Bromoethane 1,2-Dichloropropane 1,1-Dichloroethane 1,1,2-Trichloroethane Dichlorobenzene Di-n-butyl Phthalate Anthracene Tetrachloroethylene Pentachlorophenol Butyl Benzyl phthalate Di-n-octyl Phthalate	Beryllium 1,1,1-Trichloroethane Lead Arsenic Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate Dichlorodifluoromethane Trichlorofluoromethane Total ToxicOrganics ** Volatile Organics * TVOS as in N.J.A.C. 7:27-17.3 ** Chlorobenzene Toluene 1,2-Trans-Dichloroethylene Trichloroethylene	Carbon Tetrachloride Mercury Cadmium Chromium, hex Total Pesticides PCBs Dioxin

* Unlisted
** Not Itemized

Table II
(Reserved)

Table III
Minimum Fees

<u>Permit Fee Category¹</u>	<u>Min Fee Code</u>	<u>Minimum Fee</u>
1. Major DSW Domestic Treatment Works (DTW) – Individual Permit	MMJ	\$11,150
2. Minor DSW Domestic Treatment Works (DTW) – Individual Permit	MMI	\$4,200
3. Combined Sewer Overflow – Individual Permit Component or General Permit	CSO	\$9,450
4. Major Industrial DSW – Individual Permit	IMJ	\$9,950
5. Minor Industrial DSW – Individual Permit	IMI	\$4,200
6. General Permit – Industrial DSW, DGW or both (unless otherwise listed)	IGN	\$2,300
7. Industrial Stormwater – Individual Permit	IST	\$4,100
8. Stormwater – Basic Industrial General Permit (5G2)	SBG	\$800
9. Municipal Stormwater—Tier B General Permit (R10)	STB	\$500
10. Municipal Stormwater—Tier A General Permit (R9)		
(population range 0-1,000)	SA1	\$600
(population range 1,001-5,000)	SA2	\$1,050
(population range 5,001-10,000)	SA3	\$2,000
(population range 10,001-15,000)	SA4	\$3,000
(population range 15,001-20,000)	SA5	\$4,050
(population range 20,001-25,000)	SA6	\$5,250
(population range 25,000+)	SA7	\$9,000
11. Municipal Stormwater—Public Complex General Permit (R11)		
(population range 1,000-2,999)	SP1	\$900
(population range 3,000-5,999)	SP2	\$1,500
(population range 6,000-8,999)	SP3	\$2,600

Permit Fee Category ¹	Min Fee Code	Minimum Fee
(population range 9,000+)	SP4	\$3,600
12. Municipal Stormwater – Highway Agency General Permit (R12)		
(mileage range 0-9)	SH1	\$550
(mileage range 10-199)	SH2	\$2,450
(mileage range 200-399)	SH3	\$5,100
(mileage range 400+)	SH4	\$9,800
13. DGW – Initial Individual Permit ²	GWN	\$6,000
14. DGW – Renewed or Continued Individual Permits ²	GWE	\$2,750
15. DGW – General Permit (I1, I2 and LSI)	GGN	\$900
16. DGW – General Permit (T1)	GT1	\$450
17. DGW – Operating Landfill Individual Permit	LND	\$6,900
18. Residuals Use or Disposal Operations (unless otherwise listed)	RES	\$10,600
19. Residuals—Food Processors/WTPs ³ Individual Permit	RFP	\$4,000
20. Residuals—Category Z Individual Permit ⁴	RTZ	\$2,050
21. Residuals—General Permit (ZG and 4G)	RTG	\$500
22. Residuals—Category 04 Individual Permit ⁵	RPH	\$850
23. Residuals—Land Application General Permit (unless otherwise listed)	RSG	\$800
24. Significant Indirect User (SIU) (Pretreatment)	SIU	\$5,750
25. Landfills operating or terminated after January 1, 1982 without an approved closure plan	⁶	\$2,500
26. Terminated Landfills properly closed or closed prior to January 1, 1982	⁶	\$500
27. Emergency Permit issued pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:14A-6.14	⁷	

¹For names corresponding to the general permit category see N.J.A.C. 7:14A-6.13(c).

²For a domestic or industrial facility issued an individual NJPDES Discharge to Groundwater permit, the minimum fee is \$6,000 for the first five years of that permit, and \$2,750 if the permit is renewed or administratively continued. All other domestic or industrial facilities issued an individual NJPDES Discharge to Groundwater permit shall be assessed a minimum fee of \$2,750.

³WTPs refer to potable water treatment plants.

⁴Refers to a Residuals Transfer Facilities individual permit.

⁵Refers to a Residuals—Reed Beds individual permit.

⁶This permit is issued and administered by the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste.

⁷Fee based on category for type of discharge.

Administrative correction.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3822(a).

In (c)4, substituted “general permit” for “general plan”; and in (d)1i, changed the rating in the table from “21” to “2”.

Public Notice: NJPDES Annual Fee Report, FY 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 5105(a).

Public Notice: NJPDES Annual Fee Report, FY 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 4078(a).

Public Notice: NJPDES Annual Fee Report, FY 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 2977(a).

Public Notice: NJPDES Annual Fee Report, FY 2000.

See: 32 N.J.R. 2131(a).

Public Notice: NJPDES Annual Fee Report, FY 2001.

See: 33 N.J.R. 2345(a).

Amended by R.2002 d.34, effective January 22, 2002.

See: 33 N.J.R. 3636(a), 34 N.J.R. 595(a).

Rewrote the section.

Administrative correction.

See: 34 N.J.R. 920(b).

Public Notice: NJPDES Annual Fee Report, FY 2002.

See: 34 N.J.R. 1859(b).

Public Notice: NJPDES Annual Fee Report, FY 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 2370(a).

Amended by R.2004 d.47, effective February 2, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 169(a), 35 N.J.R. 1331(a), 36 N.J.R. 813(a).

Rewrote (j).

Public Notice: NJPDES Annual Fee Report, FY 2004.

See: 36 N.J.R. 2947(c).

Administrative change.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4131(b).

Public Notice: NJPDES Annual Fee Report, FY2005.

See: 37 N.J.R. 534(a).

Public Notice: Adoption of New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES); Fiscal Year 2006 Annual Fee Report and Assessment of Fees

See: 38 N.J.R. 1087(a).

Administrative correction.

See: 38 N.J.R. 5153(a).

Public Notice: Adoption and Administrative Changes and Corrections: NJPDES Annual Fee Report, 2007.

See: 39 N.J.R. 381(b).

Public Notice: Adoption: NJPDES Annual Fee Report, FY2008.

See: 40 N.J.R. 813(a).

Amended by R.2009 d.7, effective January 5, 2009.

See: 40 N.J.R. 1478(a), 41 N.J.R. 142(a).

In (a)7, deleted “Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) and/or Monitoring Report Forms” following “on”, deleted the parentheses around “MRFs” and substituted “12-month” for “12 month”; rewrote (b)2ii and (c)1i; in the introductory paragraph of (d), deleted “and landfills” following “residuals” and “and (f)” following “(e)”; rewrote (d)1; repealed (f); rewrote (g)1i and (j); and repealed Table II.

Public Notice: Adoption: NJPDES Annual Fee Report, FY2009.

See: 41 N.J.R. 680(a).

Case Notes

DEP could issue discharge permit to owner of closed landfill, only if Department had substantial evidential basis for believing that landfill actually was discharging pollutants that might flow or drain into State’s waters. *V. Concrete Co. v. Department of Environmental Protection*, 115 N.J. 1, 556 A.2d 761 (1989).

Fee structure for pollutant discharge elimination system permits issued under Water Pollution Control Act did not have to be determined on a permit-specific cost-related basis; graduated fee schedule proportional to the deleterious impact of the permittee’s discharge was reason-

able; use of a bioassay factor in determining toxicity and calculating the NJPDES fees was neither arbitrary nor unreasonable. *GAF Corp. v. New Jersey Dep't of Environmental Protection*, 214 N.J.Super. 446, 519 A.2d 931 (App.Div.1986).

Fee schedule adopted to recover cost of surface water pollutant discharge permitting system proper as based on aggregate, rather than individual permit, costs: volume-based system for thermal dischargers proper: refunds due industrial users properly limited to credit on behalf of suit parties. *Public Service Electric and Gas Co. v. Dept. of Environmental Protection*, 101 N.J. 95, 501 A.2d 125 (1985).

Former regulation's method of assessing fees for discharges to surface waters invalid as unrelated to legislative policy and not established in a reasonable manner; Department's determination as to excess fee assessment credits supported by substantial credible evidence. *Public Service Electric and Gas Co. v. Dept. of Environmental Protection*, 193 N.J.Super. 676, 475 A.2d 665 (App.Div.1984), affirmed 101 N.J. 95, 501 A.2d 125 (1985).

SUBCHAPTER 4. PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

7:14A-4.1 Purpose and scope

This subchapter sets forth the minimum NJPDES permit application requirements, which apply to all applicants for NJPDES permits, unless otherwise specified.

7:14A-4.2 Application requirements

(a) Any person who is engaged in an activity or proposes to commence an activity that requires an individual NJPDES permit pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:14A-2 shall submit a complete application to the Department in accordance with this subchapter. Any person wishing to be authorized under a general permit shall comply with the application requirements in the applicable general permit. The application forms can be obtained by writing to the address cited in (b) below, or from the Department's web site, <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/>.

(b) Once an applicant has complied with N.J.A.C. 7:14A-4.3(a)13, requiring submittal of the application to the local agency or sewerage entity and municipality, the applicant shall submit two copies of all NJPDES permit applications to:

New Jersey Department of Environmental
Protection
Bureau of Permit Management
Division of Water Quality
PO Box 029
Trenton, NJ 08625-0029
Attn: Administrative Review Unit

(c) It is the duty of any person who is or will be an operating entity for any part of a facility which includes a discharge or activity regulated pursuant to this chapter to obtain a NJPDES permit. When a facility or activity is owned by one or more persons, but is currently operated by another person, it is the operating entity's duty to obtain a NJPDES permit. However, the property owner (record owner of fee

title interest) shall sign the "Property Owner's Certification" in the NJPDES-1 Form for all DGW permits.

(d) Whenever pursuant to (c) above, more than one person is required to obtain an individual NJPDES permit for one or more discharges or activities at a specific site, the Department may issue a single permit and may list all of these persons as permittees. Such a permit may identify permit conditions that apply to one or more of those permittees.

(e) The schedule for submission of applications (or requests for authorization under a general permit) is as follows:

1. Any person proposing a new facility or activity, which requires a NJPDES permit pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:14A-2.4 and is not exempt pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:14A-2.5, shall submit an application at least 180 days before the date on which the activity is proposed to commence, unless an alternative date has been established by the Department. The schedule for submitting an application for certain stormwater discharges is set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:14A-24.4 and 25.4.

2. For general permits, alternate dates for submitting requests for authorization may be specified under the terms of the applicable general permits.

3. Any person planning to continue discharging after the expiration date of an existing NJPDES permit shall file an application for renewal or a request for authorization under a general permit at least 180 calendar days prior to the expiration of the existing permit, unless:

i. Otherwise required under (e)4 below;

ii. The existing permit is a general permit that provides for automatic renewal of authorization when that general permit is renewed (see N.J.A.C. 7:14A-6.13(d)9), or that provides for retroactive renewal of authorization after a new request for authorization is submitted or granted under the renewed general permit; or

iii. The existing permit is an individual permit where:

(1) The permittee has been notified by the Department prior to submitting a renewal application pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:14A-2.7 that the permit qualifies for expedited permit renewal under N.J.A.C. 7:14A-16.3(h), and elects to participate; or

(2) The permittee has a stormwater only permit and is approved by the Department for expedited permit renewal.

4. (Reserved)

5. If the Department revokes the industrial pretreatment program of a delegated local agency, the Department will notify each affected facility or activity that discharges under that industrial pretreatment program of the deadline for

submitting an application for an individual NJPDES-SIU permit from the Department.

6. All existing facilities or activities which require an individual NJPDES-SIU permit due to promulgation of new Categorical Pretreatment Standards under 40 CFR

situation to reduce the potential for an emergency situation, shall be implemented.

(e) A municipality or sewerage authority who is not a permittee (for example, does not have a direct surface or groundwater discharge) but who owns and operates a treatment works used only for the collection or transportation of domestic sewage is not required to prepare an operations and maintenance manual. However, the municipality or sewerage authority shall be responsible for the proper operation and maintenance of that treatment works. The criteria for proper operations and maintenance and an emergency plan pursuant to (a) and (d) above, may be used as a guideline and implemented as applicable.

Amended by R.2008 d.381, effective December 15, 2008.
 Sec: 40 N.J.R. 3785(a), 40 N.J.R. 6961(a).

In (c)2, substituted "within 30 days after" for "whenever there is"; in (c)3v, deleted "and" from the end; in (c)3vi, substituted a semicolon for a period at the end; and added (c)3vii through (c)3xi.

7:14A-6.13 General permits

(a) The Department shall issue a general permit to authorize a category of surface water, ground water, or indirect discharges, residual use or disposal practices, or facilities within a geographic area, described in (b) below, except those otherwise eligible for authorization but which are authorized pursuant to individual permits or other general permits. The area shall correspond to existing geographic or political boundaries, such as:

1. Designated planning areas under Sections 208 and 303 of the Federal Act and Section 5 of the "New Jersey Water Quality Planning Act", N.J.S.A. 58:11A-1 et seq.;
2. Sewer districts or sewerage agencies;
3. City, county, or State political boundaries;
4. State highway systems;
5. Standard metropolitan statistical areas as defined by the Office of Management and Budget;

6. Urbanized areas as designated by the Bureau of Census according to criteria in 39 FR 15202 (May 1, 1974); or

7. Any other appropriate division or combination of boundaries.

(b) A general permit may be written to regulate within the area described in (a) above, either:

1. Stormwater discharges;
2. Non-contact cooling water discharges;
3. Combined sewer overflows; or
4. A category of discharges other than those listed in (b)1 through 3 above, if they all:
 - i. Involve the same or substantially similar types of operations;
 - ii. Discharge the same type of wastes or engage in similar residual use or disposal practices;
 - iii. Require the same or similar effluent limitations, operating conditions, or standards for residual use or disposal;
 - iv. Require the same or similar monitoring; and
 - v. In the opinion of the Department, are more appropriately controlled under a general permit than under individual permits.

(c) General permits may be issued, modified, revoked and reissued, suspended, or revoked in accordance with applicable requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:14A-15, 16 and 17. The Department shall publish in the New Jersey Register a notice of administrative change revising the list of general permits in the table below to reflect any of these general permit actions. The list in this table is for informational purposes only. The Department advises prospective applicants to obtain a copy of the most recent general permit list from the Department's Division of Water Quality at PO Box 029, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, or from the Division's website (<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq>). A copy of any general permit on the list may be obtained from the same address.

<u>NJPDES Permit No.</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Name of General Permit</u>	<u>Discharge Type</u>	<u>Year Issued</u>
NJ0108308	I1	Stormwater Basins at Sanitary Landfills	DGW	2007, modified in 2007
NJ0108642	I2	Potable Water Treatment Plant Basins and Drying Beds	DGW	2003
NJ0130281	T1	Existing Sanitary Subsurface Disposal Systems	DGW	2008
NJ0142051	LS1	Lined Surface Impoundment	DGW	2004
NJ0138622	R7	Wood Recyclers	DGW	2007
NJ0168416	K2	Dental Facilities Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems	DGW	2007
NJ0138631	R8	Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO)	DGW/DSW	2008
NJ0107671	SM	Scrap Metal Processing/Auto Recycling	DGW/DSW	2005
NJ0088315	5G2	Basic Industrial Stormwater	DGW/DSW	2007

<u>Permit No.</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Name of General Permit</u>	<u>Discharge Type¹</u>	<u>Year Issued</u>
NJPDES NJ0141852	R9	Tier A Municipal Stormwater	DGW/DSW	2004, modified in 2005
NJ0141861	R10	Tier B Municipal Stormwater	DGW/DSW	2004, modified in 2005
NJ0141879	R11	Public Complex Stormwater	DGW/DSW	2004, modified in 2005
NJ0141887	R12	Highway Agency Stormwater	DGW/DSW	2004, modified in 2005
NJ0141950	R13	Mining and Quarrying Activity Stormwater	DGW/DSW	2005, modified in 2007
NJ0088323	5G3	Construction Activity Stormwater	DSW	2007
NJ0108456	CPM	Concrete Products Manufacturing Stormwater	DGW/DSW	2003, modified in 2008
NJ0134791	R5	Newark Airport Complex Stormwater	DSW	2005
NJ0132721	R4	Hot Mix Asphalt Producers Stormwater	DGW/DSW	2004, modified in 2007
NJ0070203	CG	Non-contact Cooling Water	DSW	2006
NJ0102709	B4B	Groundwater Petroleum Product Clean-up	DSW	2008
NJ0142581	ABR	Wastewater Beneficial Reuse	DSW	2006
NJ0155438	BGR	Groundwater Remediation Cleanup	DSW	2005
NJ0105023	CSO	Combined Sewer Systems	DSW	2004, modified in 2006
NJ0128589	B6	Swimming Pool Discharges	DSW	1998
NJ0132993	BG	Hydrostatic Test Water	DSW	2005
NJ0134511	B7	Construction Dewatering	DSW	2005
NJ0105767	EG	Land Application Food Processing Residuals	RES	2003
NJ0132519	ZG	Residuals Transfer Facilities	RES	2004
NJ0132501	4G	Residuals—Reed Beds	RES	2008

¹ Acronyms identifying "Discharge Type" have the following meanings:

DGW	Discharge to Groundwater
DSW	Discharge to Surface Water
RES	Residual Use or Disposal

(d) An authorization under a general permit shall be obtained as follows:

1. Except as provided in (d)7 and 8 below, persons seeking authorization under a general permit shall submit to the Department a written request for authorization. A person who fails to submit a request for authorization in accordance with the terms of the permit is not authorized to discharge under the terms of the general permit unless:

- i. The general permit, in accordance with (d)7 below, contains a provision that a request for authorization is not required; or
- ii. The Department notifies a person that the discharge is authorized by a general permit in accordance with (d)8 below.

2. The contents of the request for authorization shall be specified in the general permit and shall require the submission of information necessary for adequate program implementation, including, at a minimum, the legal name and address of the owner and operating entity, the facility name and address, type of facility or discharges, the receiving surface or ground water(s) or DTW, and the certification required under (d)3 below. Unless the general permit specifies otherwise, the request for authorization shall include all of the forms, information, signatures, and certification(s) that this chapter requires to be included in an application for a NJPDES permit. The request for authori-

zation shall also include any other certification specified in the general permit.

3. In addition to the information required under (d)2 above, the request for authorization shall include, when specified in the general permit, a certification that arrangements have been made for publication, in a daily or weekly newspaper within the area affected by the facility, of a notice which states that a request for authorization under a general permit has been submitted pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:14A-6.13(d). This notice shall also identify the general permit under which authorization is sought, the legal name and address of the owner and operating entity or, the facility name and address, type of facility or discharges, and the receiving surface or ground water(s) or DTW. Each general permit shall set forth the form of notice appropriate to that general permit.

4. General permits shall specify the deadlines for submitting requests for authorization and the date(s) when a person is authorized to discharge under the permit.

5. General permits shall specify whether a person that has submitted a complete and timely request for authorization in accordance with the general permit, and that is eligible for authorization under the permit, is authorized to discharge in accordance with the permit either upon:

- i. Receipt of the request for authorization by the Department, after a waiting period specified in the general permit, where applicable;

another general permit (or a denial of a request to reconsider that order) be deemed final agency action.

(l) The following requirements apply to petitions filed under (e) above:

1. Any petition shall state clearly and concisely:
 - i. The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner;
 - ii. The petitioner's interest in the petition (including any organizational affiliations and any economic interest);
 - iii. The name and address of the permittee whose authorization could be affected by the petition;
 - iv. The number of the permit under which that permittee is authorized; and
 - v. The reasons why the petition should be granted (including any citations to any relevant legal authority).

2. The petitioner shall serve the petition on both the Department and the permittees whose authorization could be affected by the petition.

3. The permittees whose authorization could be affected shall have 30 days from the date the petition was served to respond to the petition. Any response shall be served on both the Department and the petitioner. The Department thereafter may in its discretion seek further information relevant to the petition.

4. The Department shall determine whether to grant the petition based upon materials submitted in accordance with this subsection and based upon the criteria set forth in (e) above. The Department shall notify both the petitioner and the permittees whose authorization is affected by the petition of the Department's determination.

5. Either party may ask the Department to reconsider its decision regarding a petition by sending a letter to the Commissioner within 30 days of the issuance of the initial decision. The letter shall be sent to the Department's Office of Legal Affairs, at the address listed above, and both the envelope and the letter shall clearly indicate that it is a "REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION DETERMINATION." The Commissioner may act on the request within 60 days; if the Commissioner fails to take any action the request shall be deemed denied. It shall be considered final agency action where the ultimate outcome of the agency proceedings is that the petition is denied by the Commissioner.

(m) The following requirements apply to denial of requests for authorization:

1. The Department shall deny a request for authorization if it determines that the subject discharge is not eligible for the general permit for which the person has requested authorization.

2. The Department may deny a request for authorization if it determines that the discharge is not appropriately regulated under the relevant general permit because of:

- i. Its location;
- ii. The size of the discharge or activity;
- iii. The quantity and nature of pollutants reaching the waters of the State;
- iv. The quality of the receiving waters; or
- v. Other relevant factors.

3. If the Department denies a request for authorization, it shall notify the person of that denial in writing. A person whose request for authorization has been denied may ask the Department to reconsider its decision by sending a letter to the Commissioner within 30 days of the issuance of the initial denial. The letter shall be sent to the Department's Office of Legal Affairs, at the address listed above, and both the envelope and the letter shall clearly indicate that it is a "REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF GENERAL PERMIT DETERMINATION." The Commissioner may act on the request within 60 days; if the Commissioner fails to take any action the request shall be deemed denied. In no event shall a denial of a request for authorization, or a request to reconsider that denial, be deemed final agency action.

(n) An authorization may be transferred to a new permittee in accordance with the requirements for an automatic transfer at N.J.A.C. 7:14A-16.2(d).

(o) With the consent of the permittee, the Department shall revoke an authorization to discharge under a general permit without following the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:14A-15.6, if the discharge has ceased.

Amended by R.2002 d.34, effective January 22, 2002.
See: 33 N.J.R. 3636(a), 34 N.J.R. 595(a).

Rewrote (c).
Petition for Rulemaking.
See: 35 N.J.R. 2954(a), 4136(b).
Amended by R.2004 d.47, effective February 2, 2004.
See: 35 N.J.R. 169(a), 35 N.J.R. 1331(a), 36 N.J.R. 813(a).

In (c), rewrote table; in (d)7, added "municipal separate storm sewer systems,".

Administrative change.
See: 36 N.J.R. 4131(b).
Administrative change.
See: 38 N.J.R. 5153(a).
Amended by R.2009 d.7, effective January 5, 2009.
See: 40 N.J.R. 1478(a), 41 N.J.R. 142(a).

Rewrote the table in (c).

7:14A-6.14 Emergency permits

(a) Under the specified circumstances listed in (b) below, the Department may issue an emergency permit, except for a DSW, to allow the discharge of pollutants, where such discharge is unpermitted or the discharge consists of pollutants not covered by an effective permit.