

## NEC Qualifying Checklist

The Discharger must certify that none of the following materials or activities are, or will be in the foreseeable future, exposed to precipitations:

- 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;
- Materials or residuals on the ground or in storm water inlets from spills/leaks;
- Materials or products from past industrial activity;
- Material handling equipment (except adequately maintained vehicles);
- Materials or products during loading/unloading or transporting activities;
- Materials or products stored outdoors (except final products intended for outside use, i.e., new cars, where exposure to storm water does not result in the discharge of pollutants);
- Materials contained in open, deteriorated or leaking storage drums, barrels, tanks, and similar containers;
- Materials or products handled/stored on roads or railways owned or maintained by the Discharger;
- Waste material (except waste in covered, non-leaking containers, i.e., dumpsters);
- Application or disposal of processed wastewater (unless already covered by an NPDES permit); and
- Particulate matter or visible deposits of residuals from roof stacks/vents evident in the storm water outflow.

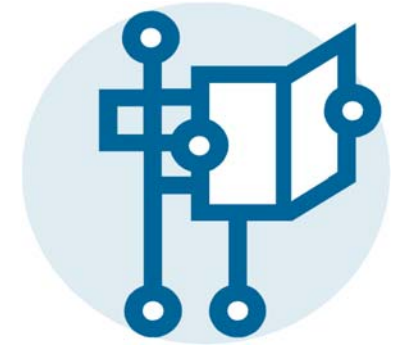
## Definitions of “No Exposure”

- A. No Exposure means all industrial materials and activities are protected by a storm-resistant shelter to prevent exposure to rain, snow, snowmelt and/or runoff.
- B. Industrial materials and activities include, but are not limited to, material-handling equipment or activities; industrial machinery; raw materials, intermediate products, by-products, and final products; or waste products.
- C. Material handling activities include storage, loading and unloading, transport, or conveyance of any raw material, intermediate product, by-product, final product, or waste product.
- D. Final products intended to be used outdoors (e.g., automobiles) typically pose little risk of polluting storm water since not typically contaminated with pollutants that become mobilized by contact with storm water. Final products are exempt from the requirement for protection by a storm-resistant shelter to qualify for no exposure. Similarly, containers, racks, and other transport platforms (e.g., wooden pallets) used for the storage or conveyance of final products may also be stored outside if pollutant-free or pollutants do not mobilize via contact with storm water.
- E. Storm-resistant shelters include: (1) completely roofed and walled buildings or structures, (2) structures with only a top cover (no side coverings) supported by permanent supports, provided material within the structure is not subject to wind dispersion (sawdust, powders, etc.) or track-out.

## DO YOU OPERATE AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITY?

*Requirements for Storm Water Protection*

### Storm Water Regulations for Industrial Dischargers



### What You Need to Know

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# Managing Industrial Facility Discharges: Are You in Compliance?

The **Federal Clean Water Act** requires industries that fall under certain Standard Industrial Classifications (SIC) codes to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. In California, these industries may comply with the Clean Water Act by applying for coverage under the State's **General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities (IGP)**, or by applying for an individual NPDES Permit.

The State of California requires every such facility to be routinely inventoried and inspected, in order to ensure the activities at the facility do not cause or will not cause storm water pollution discharges into the street and storm drain system.



## WHY YOUR FACILITY?

At the time of your business license application, your facility was identified and listed with a Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) category that falls under the 10 categories of industrial activities listed by the **State Water Resources Control Board (State Board)**. If you think your facility does not qualify as applicable to this permit's purview, submit to the City of El Segundo Public Works Department written notification from the State Board that the State Board agrees. Contact the State at:

[stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov)  
(866) 563-3107  
Luz Vargas: (213) 620-2219  
[Luz.vargas@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Luz.vargas@waterboards.ca.gov)

## WHAT IS REQUIRED?

The IGP requires the development of a **Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)** and a monitoring plan. The SWPPP identifies the site-specific sources of pollutants and describes the best management practices implemented at the facility to prevent dry weather discharges and to reduce pollutants in storm water discharges. Annually, dischargers must submit to the State Board an ad hoc report and an annual report via the online data base system, **Storm Water Multiple Application and Report Tracking System (SMARTS)**. Further information can be found on the State Board's website:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/sw\\_index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/stormwater/sw_index.shtml)

## WHAT IS A NO EXPOSURE CERTIFICATION (NEC) AND HOW CAN I OBTAIN ONE?

A facility can be conditionally exempted from specific IGP requirements if the business can certify that a condition of **"No Exposure"** exists at the industrial facility.

To qualify for a NEC, the facility's industrial activities and materials must not be exposed to areas where storm water can come into contact with them. For example, if your operations take place indoors or under covered areas with no chance of contaminating storm water, you may qualify for a No Exposure Certification. Industrial storm water discharges from construction and land disturbance activities are ineligible for the NEC coverage.

Dischargers must electronically certify and submit No Exposure Certification (NEC) Permit Registration Documents (PRDs) via the State Board's SMARTS website:

<https://smarts.waterboards.ca.gov>

If the State Board determines that your facility does have exposure or that the facility's storm water discharges have a reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an exceedance of applicable water quality objectives/standards, the State Board can deny the NEC request and require full IGP compliance requirements.

## WHAT TO SUBMIT TO THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO?

You must submit to the **City of El Segundo Public Works Department** the following:

- Written notification from the State Board that your facility does not fall under the purview of this permit;
- Or
- Your facility's State Board assigned Waste Discharger Identification (WDID) number,
  - Your facility's approved NEC;
- Or
- Your facility's State Board assigned Waste Discharger Identification (WDID) number,
  - Your facility's approved SWPPP and monitoring Plan.

**The City of El Segundo  
Public Works Department  
may be contacted at:  
Don Olson: (310) 524-2358  
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Facilities who have not submitted the above are considered out of compliance and are subject to enforcement actions by the State Board.