

# NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) REQUIREMENTS

## **Background**

Senate Bill 205 (2019) was signed by Governor Gavin Newsom on October 2, 2019 and became effective January 1, 2020. This Senate Bill requires a person applying to a city or county for a new or renewed business license to demonstrate enrollment under the **National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)** Industrial Storm Water General Permit for each business location conducting regulated industrial activities described below.

## **Purpose of Senate Bill 205**

The purpose of Senate Bill 205 is to ensure industrial businesses subject to regulation under the Industrial General Permit obtain coverage. Numerous applicable industrial businesses have not acquired coverage to discharge storm water. This Bill aims to minimize unauthorized storm water discharges and requires applicable industrial businesses to manage their storm water prior to receiving or renewing their business license.

## **What is an NPDES permit?**

An NPDES permit is a federal permit that regulates point source discharges of pollutants into waters of the United States. The Clean Water Act prohibits discharge of pollutants from point sources into waters of the United States unless regulated by an NPDES permit. The NPDES permit sets discharge requirements, including monitoring and reporting requirements.

## **Which NPDES permit do industrial businesses have to obtain for their storm water discharges?**

The State Water Board issues regulatory permits for different discharge types, including storm water discharge (rainfall flowing over surfaces into water ways) from industrial activities. The industrial business activities defined below must obtain coverage under the Industrial General Permit (<https://waterboards.ca.gov/IGP>) to discharge storm water from industrial activities into waters of the United States.

Please contact [stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov) for additional information about NPDES storm water permitting.

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*\*Applicant to complete as appropriate and upload to Accela Cannabis Business License Application:*

**Cannabis Business License Applicant Name:**

**Cannabis Business License Applicant Location:**

**Please list all corresponding *primary* Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes:**


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Please indicate which of the following has been obtained from the State Water Board (must select one):

Storm water permit number, known as the Waste Discharger Identification number (WDID) and WDID application number issued by the State Water Board.

WDID or WDID application number:

No Exposure Certification (NEC) identification number issued by the State Water Board.

NEC identification number:

Notice of Non-Applicability (NONA) identification number issued by the State Water Board.

NONA identification number:

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### ***Additional Resources:***

- Senate Bill No. 205 FAQs: [Senate Bill No. 205 FAQs](#)
- Alphabetical SIC codes: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/sic.shtml](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/sic.shtml)
- Numeric list of SIC codes: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/sicnum.shtml](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/sicnum.shtml)
- U.S. Dept of Labor SIC code search: <https://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/sicsearch.html>
- State Water Board storm water contacts for general permit and SMARTS inquiries:
  - Email: [stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov)
  - Toll Free Phone Number: 1 (866) 563-3107
- Stormwater Multiple Application and Report Tracking System (SMARTS) Help Guides: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/smarts/industrial/indst\\_help\\_guides.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/smarts/industrial/indst_help_guides.html)
- State Water Board or a local Regional Water Board storm water contacts: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/contact.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/contact.html)
- Water Board Office Locations: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterboards\\_map.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterboards_map.html)
- State Water Resources Control Board Industrial Storm Water Toolbox: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/toolbox.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/toolbox.html)