

Individual NPDES Permits

While many facilities seek coverage through general stormwater permits, some comply with regulations through an individual stormwater permit that reflects the facility's unique permit conditions and limits. Examples of facilities that likely require an NPDES permit include a facility that discharges wastewater, a construction site, or a pretreatment operation. Individual NPDES permits are prepared with limits and conditions for specific facilities.

DEQ manages four kinds of individual discharge permits. Point source dischargers are divided by municipal operation and industrial operation. Both of these permits require an additional state permit for construction of any new wastewater facilities. Pretreatment requirements are enforced as industrial discharge permits issued by DEQ or by those Arkansas cities that have [federal- and state-approved pretreatment programs](#).

All individual permits require public notices or public review. Find public notices of a specific individual permit:

- [Draft Water Permits at Public Notice](#)
- [Elements Necessary to Develop Most NPDES Permits](#)

Applications vary according to facility, but all permits are developed from applicant information, regulatory requirements from APC&EC Regulation 6, and federal guidelines.

Individual NPDES Permit Contacts

Individual NPDES

501-682-5876

[Questions or Comments?](#)

Individual NPDES Permit Application Information

Please refer to the linked documents before submitting your NPDES permit application. The first is a list of common mistakes that are made when filling out the application. The second is a checklist to help ensure that all parts of the application package are included in the submittal.

- [Common Mistakes on NPDES Permit Applications and How to Avoid Them](#)
- [NPDES Permit Application Checklist](#)

Major Municipal Discharge

A major municipal facility is one owned by a municipality or regional sewer district with a design flow of 1 million gallons per day or greater. Municipal wastewater treatment facilities must obtain an NPDES permit before they can legally discharge treated wastewater.

Permit Action Required Documents Application Process

New Permit or Renewal:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEQ Form 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PDF ◦ Word • EPA Form 2A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PDF • DEQ Priority Pollutant Scan (PPS) Form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PDF ◦ Word 	<p>New: To obtain a municipal NPDES permit, file an application package with DEQ's Water Office. New facilities must submit the package at least 180 days before the expected date of the first wastewater discharge.</p> <p>Renewal: Existing facilities must submit their application package at least 180 days before the expiration date of the existing NPDES permit.</p>
Modification:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEQ Form 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PDF ◦ Word 	<p>Submit only as needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEQ Priority Pollutant Scan (PPS) Form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PDF ◦ Word
Termination:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of Termination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PDF 	<p>If all discharges have been eliminated, the permittee may request termination of the NPDES Permit</p>

Minor Municipal Discharge

A minor municipal facility is one owned by a municipality with a design flow of less than 1 million gallons per day. Municipal wastewater treatment facilities must obtain an NPDES permit before they can legally discharge treated wastewater.

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Industrial Discharge Permit for EXISTING Facilities Applying to Discharge Process Wastewater

Any facility that is not owned by a municipality or regional sewer district is classified as an industrial facility. Industrial permits cover the discharge of process wastewater, and sanitary, or domestic, wastewater that is not discharged to a municipal treatment facility.

An “existing facility” is a facility that is already in operation, and is producing process wastewater. “Process wastewater” means any water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct, or waste product.

Specific categories of facilities may seek coverage through a streamlined general permit process. See the [general industrial \(non-stormwater\) permits](#) rules, activities they regulate, and permitting forms and information.

Permit Action	Required Documents	As Needed Documents	
New Permit or Renewal:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEQ Form 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PDF ◦ Word • EPA Form 2C <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PDF • DEQ Priority Pollutant Scan (PPS) Form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PDF ◦ Word • Disclosure Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PDF 	<p>Submit only if stormwater is mixed with process water:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPA Form 2F <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PDF 	
	Modification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEQ Form 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PDF ◦ Word 	
	Termination:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of Termination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PDF 	<p>If all discharges have been eliminated, the permittee may request termination of the NPDES Permit</p>

Industrial Discharge Permit for NEW Facilities Applying to Discharge Process Wastewater

Any facility that is not owned by a municipality or regional sewer district is classified as an industrial facility. Industrial permits cover the discharge of process wastewater, and sanitary, or domestic, wastewater that is not discharged to a municipal treatment facility.

A “new facility” is a facility that is not yet in operation, and is not producing process wastewater. “Process wastewater” means any water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct, or waste product.

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New Permit or Renewal:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEQ Form 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PDF ○ Word 	Submit only if stormwater is mixed with process water: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPA Form 2F <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PDF
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPA Form 2D <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PDF 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEQ Priority Pollutant Scan (PPS) Form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PDF ○ Word 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disclosure Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PDF 	

Industrial Discharge Permit for Facilities that do NOT Discharge Process Wastewater (NEW or EXISTING)

Any facility that is not owned by a municipality or regional sewer district is classified as an industrial facility. Industrial permits cover the discharge of process wastewater, and sanitary, or domestic, wastewater that is not discharged to a municipal treatment facility.

“Facilities that do NOT Discharge Process Wastewater” include, but are not limited to, facilities that are operated by: businesses that are manufacturers, but have only a sanitary wastewater discharge; businesses that discharge sanitary and food-preparation wastewater; schools; and nonmunicipal domestic sewage treatment works (subdivisions, apartments, etc.).

“Process wastewater” means any water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct, or waste product.

Specific categories of facilities may seek coverage through a streamlined general permit process. See the [general industrial \(non-stormwater\) permits](#) rules, activities they regulate, and permitting forms and information.

Permit Action Required Documents As Needed Documents

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEQ Form 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PDF ○ Word 	Submit only for a nonmunicipal domestic sewage treatment works (NDSTW) facility:
New Permit or Renewal:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPA Form 2E <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PDF • Disclosure Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PDF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDSTW Trust Fund Certification Form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PDF ○ Word
Modification:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEQ Form 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PDF ○ Word 	Submit only for a nonmunicipal domestic sewage treatment works (NDSTW) facility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDSTW Trust Fund Certification Form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PDF ○ Word
Termination:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of Termination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PDF 	If all discharges have been eliminated, the permittee may request termination of the NPDES Permit

Individual Stormwater Permit

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Permit Action Required Documents As Needed Documents

- [Word](#)
 - [Word](#)
 - EPA Form 2F
 - [PDF](#)
 - Disclosure Statement
 - [PDF](#)
 - DEQ Form 1
- Modification:
- [PDF](#)
 - [Word](#)
- Termination:
- Notice of Termination
 - [PDF](#)
- If all discharges have been eliminated, the permittee may request termination of the NPDES Permit

Construction of a Wastewater Treatment Facility

Permits are required for the construction of any municipal and industrial treatment and collection facilities that discharge treated wastewater to a waterbody. Wastewater treatment construction permits are also required for small on-site wastewater disposal systems that commonly serve developments or small areas in the treatment of domestic wastewater. The NPDES Section of DEQ's Water Office issues state wastewater treatment construction permits under authority of Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Rule 6, Section 6.202.

Permits are required for the construction of any municipal and industrial treatment and collection facilities that discharge DEQ does not require the use or installation of particular technologies. Rather, the Clean Water Act requires operators to meet certain performance standards that are based on the proper operation of pollution prevention and treatment technologies identified by EPA . For more information, visit [Treatment Technologies](#).

Permits are required for the construction of any municipal and industrial treatment and collection facilities that discharge All wastewater treatment systems must be designed based on the latest edition of "[Recommended Standards for Wastewater Facilities](#)" by the Great Lakes - Upper Mississippi River Board of State and Provincial Public Health and

Environmental Managers. This design manual is commonly referred to as “The 10 States Standards” and is updated periodically by a board including 10 Midwestern states and the province of Ontario.

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New Permit or Modification:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEQ Form 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PDF ◦ Word • Design Calculations • Plans and Specifications signed and stamped by a professional engineer registered in Arkansas • Disclosure Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PDF 	<p>For Sanitary Wastewater ONLY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arkansas Department of Health Approval Letter
Completion of Construction:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of Completion of Construction for State Construction Permits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PDF ◦ Word 	