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NPDES Pesticide General Permits Application Guidance and Requirements

Except for Permittees and pesticide application activities identified in Table 1-1, any Operator with eligible discharges is automatically authorized to discharge and is not required to apply for and obtain a COC issued under this general permit. Permittees with eligible discharges identified in Table 1-1 are authorized under this permit consistent with the requirements in that table.

TABLE 1-1: The following Permittees are required to apply for and obtain an individual Certificate of Coverage:

| Which Permittees must submit an Application | For Which Pesticide Application Activities |
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| Any Agency for which pest management for land stewardship is an integral part of the organization's Operations | All pest control activities resulting in a discharge to Waters of the State of Michigan |
| Pest control districts, or similar pest control entities | All pest control activities resulting in a discharge to Waters of the State of Michigan |
| Local governments or other entities that exceed an applicable <i>annual treatment area threshold</i> | Pesticide treatments if total more than the applicable annual treatment area threshold during a calendar year |

When should you file your permit application:

Permittees that are required to submit an application should attempt to do so as far in advance of your first pesticide application for the upcoming calendar year to allow the Department sufficient to process your request and issue your Certificate of Coverage. Permittees should consider the timing of pesticide applications when applying to ensure they will have the necessary authorization(s) prior to performing any pesticide applications that will result in a discharge to waters of the state of Michigan.

New Uses and Modifications:

- Although state statute provides the Department 180 days from receipt of complete application to process each request, the Department understands that it is not reasonable to expect that all Operators will know that far in advance whether or not they will need permit coverage; therefore, The Department will make every effort to issue Certificates of Coverage **within 30 days** of receipt of a complete application.

Reissuances:

- State statute requires applications for reissuance be received no less than 180 days before expiration of the applicable General Permit.

Declared Pest Emergency

- When the application of pesticides occurs as a result of a Declared Pest Emergency (Part II.A of the applicable General Permit) such that an application for coverage under one of the General Permits is required, said application is due within 30 days of the noted activity.

If you have questions about whether you need to submit an application or questions about completing the application form please visit the Pesticide Control Website at the following address: http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3313_3682_3713-241279--,00.html to access an interactive "permitting decision tool" that will guide you through the process, or contact the permits section at 517-241-1346.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

1. PERMIT ACTION:

- Indicate whether the application is for a new use, reissuance, or modification
- Indicate whether the application is for General or Individual permit coverage

2. PERMITTEE INFORMATION

- Provide the Permittee's mailing address, telephone number, fax number (optional), name and e-mail address. Correspondence will be sent to this address.
- Indicate the type of Permittee: federal government, state government, local government, mosquito control district (or similar), irrigation control district (or similar), weed control district (or similar), or other. If other, provide brief description of type of Operator in the space provided.
- Indicate whether or not you are a "large entity". Simply, a large entity is any entity that is not a small entity as defined in Part II.A.1. of the applicable general permit.

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3. PESTICIDE USE PATTERN:

- Indicate the pesticide use pattern to be covered.

4. APPLICATOR INFORMATION:

- Provide the mailing address, telephone number, fax number (optional), name and e-mail address for all applicators contracted to perform work under the applicable certificate of coverage.

5. PEST MANAGEMENT AREA:

- A pest management area is the area of land, including any water, for which you have responsibility and are authorized to conduct pest management activities as covered by this permit (e.g., **If you are a governmental entity your pest management area is the area of responsibility (state, county, local), if you are a mosquito control district or similar entity, your pest management area is the total area of the district**). The Pest Management Area(s) may be as large as the entire state or as small as a single waterbody and could include contiguous and non-contiguous sites. You must complete a item 5 for each pest management area. If you are submitting an application for only one area, enter "1" of "1." If you are submitting applications for multiple pest management areas, enter the number for the application for which you are requesting coverage. Enter the name of the pest management area. Attach a map of the pest management area or describe the location of the pest management area in the space provided.
- Indicate whether pesticide application will occur on Indian County Lands, and if so, provide the name of the reservation, if applicable.
- Indicate if the permit coverage is being requested for all Waters of the State of Michigan within the pest management area or if the permit coverage is being requested to specific Waters of the State of Michigan within the pest management area. If specific waters are being requested, write the names of the waterbodies. If permit coverage is being requested for all waters of the State of Michigan within the pest management area except for specific waterbodies, name those specific waterbodies in the space provided. EPA's Water Locator Tool can help you identify the closest receiving water to your facility (<http://cfpub.epa.gov/surf/locate/index.cfm>)
- Indicate if permit coverage is being requested to discharge to a Tier 3 (Outstanding State Resource Water) Water of the United States. If yes, write the name(s) of the Tier 3 water(s) in the space provided. Describe and demonstrate why it is necessary to apply the pesticide discharge to protect the water quality, environment, and/or public health and that any such discharge will not degrade water quality or will degrade water quality only on a short-term or temporary basis. The Department may require any Operator to apply for and obtain an individual NPDES permit.
- Verify that waters within the pest management area are either not impaired by substances which are either active ingredients in the pesticide planned for use or degradates of such active ingredients, OR that evidence shows that the target waters in question are no longer impaired.

6. ADDITION INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS:

- If your pesticide application is for Nuisance Animal Pest Control or Fish Reclamation, you must also provide the information required under item 6. of the application.
- This category of application has an application submittal deadline of December 15th for pesticide applications to be performed the following calendar year.

7. APPLICATION CERTIFICATION:

- The application must be signed by the permittee or a duly authorized representative of the permittee
- If the signatory is a person other than those persons listed in the application, but is authorized to sign the application, documentation of that authorization must be provided with the application.