How to Determine if AZPDES Permit Coverage is Needed

- Does the construction project disturb 1 or more acres of land, through clearing, grading, excavating, or stockpiling of fill material?
- Does the construction project disturb less than 1 acre but is part of a larger common plan of development that disturbs 1 or more acres through clearing, grading, excavating or stockpiling of fill material?
- Is there any possibility that stormwater could run off your site?

If the answer is “yes” to any of these questions, you need permit coverage.

Information about the AZPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges is located on the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality website: www.azdq.gov/environ/water/permits/stormwater.html.

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2. Review “How to Obtain Coverage” under the AZPDES Permit. The Operator of a construction site is responsible for obtaining coverage.

3. Develop a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to comply with the conditions of the AZPDES permit. The AZPDES Construction SWPPP Checklist is available at: www.azdeq.gov/environ/water/permits/cgp.html.

- Direct stormwater away from disturbed areas of the construction site.
- Install stormwater BMPs (Best Management Practices) to minimize erosion and sedimentation and prevent stormwater pollution.
- Inspect the site regularly.
- Reviser the SWPPP as site conditions change during construction.
- Minimize exposure of bare soils to precipitation.
- Keep the construction site clean.

4. Submit an NOI to ADEQ. The NOI serves as a notice that the Operator will comply with the AZPDES General Permit conditions. To use ADEQ’s online “Smart NOI” system, file online at: az.gov/app/smartnoi/.

5. The Operator’s ADEQ Authorization Certificate and signed SWPPP are to be furnished to CPMG Construction Support Services. A copy of both documents must be available at the construction site at all times.

6. Implement all Stormwater Control Measures outlined in the SWPPP. Stormwater construction site inspections are required either once every 7 days or 14 days and within 24 hours of the end of a rain event of ½ inch or more or inspected a minimum of once per month. The SWPPP must be updated as site conditions, control measures, pollution prevention measures or site operators change. Records of SWPPP changes and maintenance activities must be made available to the Inspector during inspections.

Construction Phasing BMP's

⇒ Sequence construction activities so that soil is not exposed for long periods of time.
⇒ Schedule or limit grading to small areas.
⇒ Install key sediment control practices before site grading begins.
⇒ Schedule site stabilization activities, such as landscaping, to be completed immediately after the land has been graded to its final contour.

7. When the construction project is complete and the project area is stabilized, a Notice of Termination is filed with ADEQ by the Operator within 30 days of activity cessation.