

State of Mississippi Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Office of Pollution Control (OPC)



SMALL CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PERMIT

FOR LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITIES OF ONE (1) TO LESS THAN FIVE (5) ACRES

TO DISCHARGE STORM WATER FROM REGULATED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

FACILITIES OR PROJECTS ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF PERMIT COVERAGE UNDER THIS PERMIT ARE GRANTED PERMISSION TO DISCHARGE STORM WATER FROM REGULATED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES INTO STATE WATERS

in accordance with effluent limitations, inspection requirements and other conditions set forth in herein. This permit is issued in accordance with the provisions of the Mississippi Water Pollution Control Law (Section 49-17-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972), and the regulations and standards adopted and promulgated thereunder, and under authority granted pursuant to Section 402(b) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

Mississippi Environmental Quality Rermit Board

Authorized Signature

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

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Small Construction General Permit Subject Item Inventory

Subject Item Inventory:

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ACT1 (Small Construction) Introduction:

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T-1 INTRODUCTION:

The Small Construction General Permit (SCGP) authorizes storm water discharges from construction activities disturbing one (1) acre to less than five (5) acres, or less than one acre if part of a "larger common plan of development or sale," where the total acreage is based on cumulative planned disturbance (see Definitions). Construction activities that disturb five acres or greater are regulated under the Large Construction General Permit.

Storm water discharges that enter state waters or storm water conveyance systems leading to state waters are subject to regulation and compliance with the conditions set forth in this permit. This permit also authorizes storm water discharges from any other construction activity designated by the Executive Director based on the potential for contribution to an excursion of a water quality standard or for significant contribution of pollutants to state waters. Upon issuance by the Permit Board on Environmental Quality, this permit will replace the previous Small Construction General Permit.

Small construction activity does not include routine maintenance that is performed to maintain the original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, and original purpose of the facility (for example, existing ditches, channels, or other similar storm water conveyances, as well as routine grading of existing dirt roads, asphalt overlays of existing roads, and other similar maintenance activities). [WPC-1]

ACT2 (Small Construction) Permit Applicability and Coverage:

Narrative Requirements:

Condition No.	Condition
T-1	PERMIT AREA:
	The Small Construction General Permit covers all areas of the State of Mississippi. [WPC-1]
T-2	COVERED DISCHARGES:
	(1) Discharges composed entirely of storm water and allowable non-storm water identified in T-4 of this ACT from small construction activities including clearing, grading, excavating and other land disturbing activities equal to or greater than one (1) acre and less than five (5) acres. These discharges are automatically designated as small construction activities under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) storm water program and are automatically covered under this permit. Small construction activities disturbing less than one (1) acre are designated if:
	- The project is part of a larger common plan of development or sale with a cumulative planned disturbance of equal to or greater than one (1) acre and less than five (5) acres (for example, individual or commercial lots that are part of a subdivision or a commercial development that initially impacts less than one (1) acre but will ultimately exceed the one (1) acre threshold, or
	- The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) designates the construction activity based on the potential for contribution to a violation of a water quality standard or for significant contribution of pollutants to waters of the State. [WPC-1]

T-3 (2) A project is eligible for coverage under this general permit for discharges of pollutants of concern to water bodies for which there is a total maximum daily load (TMDL) established or approved by EPA if measures and controls are incorporated that are consistent with the assumptions and requirements of such TMDL. To be eligible for coverage under this general permit, the facility must incorporate any conditions applicable to any discharge(s) necessary for consistency with the assumptions and requirements of such TMDL. If, after coverage issuance, a specific wasteload allocation is established that would apply to the facility's discharge, the facility must implement steps necessary to meet that allocation. [WPC-1]

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T-4 ALLOWABLE NON-STORM WATER DISCHARGES:

Owner or operators are authorized for the following non-storm water discharges. Except for flows from fire fighting activities, sources of non-storm water below that are combined with storm water discharges associated with construction activity must be identified in the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). The SWPPP must identify and ensure the implementation of appropriate pollution prevention measures for the non-storm water component(s) of the discharge.

Discharges from fire-fighting activities

Fire hydrant flushings

Waters used to wash vehicles where detergents are not used

Water used to control dust

Potable water sources including water line flushings

Routine external building wash down that does not use detergents

Pavement wash waters where spills or leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have not occurred (unless totally removed) and where detergents are not used

Uncontaminated air conditioning or compressor condensate

Uncontaminated ground water or spring water

Foundation or footing drains where flows are not contaminated with process materials such as solvents

Uncontaminated excavation dewatering

Landscape irrigation. [WPC-1]

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T-5 THIS PERMIT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE:

- (1) Discharges of hazardous substances or oil resulting from an on-site spill.
- (2) Discharges that originate from the site after construction activities have been completed and the site has undergone final stabilization.
- (3) Discharges associated with construction activity that disturb five (5) or more acres or that have been covered under an individual permit in accordance with ACT3, S-2 of this permit.
- (4) Discharges from construction sites that the Executive Director determines will cause, or have reasonable potential to cause or contribute to, violations of water quality standards. Where such determinations have been made, the Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board (Permit Board) may notify the owner or operator that an individual permit application is necessary in accordance with ACT3, S-2 of this permit. However, the Permit Board may authorize coverage under this permit after appropriate controls and implementation procedures, designed to bring the discharges into compliance with water quality standards, have been included in the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.
- (5) Discharges to impaired receiving waters, unless the SWPPP specifically identifies Best Management Practices (BMPs) which ensure storm water will not cause or contribute to non-attainment of a water quality standard. In cases where the Permit Board becomes aware of potential impairment due to small construction activities, the Permit Board may require the submittal of the SWPPP in order to ascertain whether the selected BMPs are sufficient to comply with requirements of this permit or any other requirements of the Permit Board. The list of impaired receiving waters may be found on the MDEQ web site at www.deq.state.ms.us or by calling 601-961-5171. [WPC-1]
- (6) Discharges that are likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any species that is listed as endangered or threatened under the Environmental Species Act (ESA) or result in the adverse modification or destruction of habitat that is designated under ESA
 - (7) Construction activities that will affect state waters, including wetlands, without obtaining the necessary U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (COE) individual Section 404 permit or coverage under a COE nationwide or general permit. If a Small Construction Notice of Intent (SCNOI) is requested by the Permit Board, appropriate COE documentation must be included. [WPC-1]

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ACT3 (Small Construction) Obtaining Coverage:

Submittal/Action Requirements:

Condition No.	Condition
S-1	HOW TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION:
	(1) If a Small Construction Notice of Intent (SCNOI) has not been requested by the Permit Board (SCNOI not submitted to MDEQ).
	Owners or operators are authorized to discharge storm water or allowable non-storm water associated with small construction activity under the terms and conditions of this permit upon commencement of small construction land disturbing activities (i.e., Construction may begin after the completion of the SCNOI and the development and implementation of the required Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)).

(2) If a Small Construction Notice of Intent (SCNOI) has been requested by the Permit Board (SCNOI submitted to MDEQ).

Owners or operators are authorized to discharge storm water or allowable non-storm water only after staff review and receipt of written notification of approval of coverage by the Permit Board Staff. [WPC-1]

S-2 REQUIRING AN INDIVIDUAL PERMIT:

Upon receipt of a SCNOI, the Permit Board may require an alternate permit. The Permit Board may require any owner or operator of land disturbing activities of equal to or greater than one (1) acre and less than five (5) acres to apply for and obtain an individual NPDES permit. Any interested person may petition the Permit Board to take action under this paragraph. The Permit Board may require any small construction owner or operator to apply for an individual NPDES permit only if the owner or operator has been notified in writing. This notice shall include reasons for this decision, an application form and a filing deadline. The Permit Board may grant additional time upon request. [WPC-1]

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ACT4 (Small Construction) Small Construction Notice of Intent:

Submittal/Action Requirements:

Condition No.	Condition
S 1	SMALL CONSTRUCTION NOTICE OF INTENT (SCNOI):

Prior to the commencement of small construction activity, the owner or operator must complete a Small Construction Notice of Intent (SCNOI) provided at the end of this permit. The SCNOI and SWPPP described in ACT5 shall be submitted to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) only upon request from MDEQ. However, the SCNOI and SWPPP must be maintained at the permitted site or locally available in case inspector review is necessary. Failure to complete a SCNOI prior to the commencement of construction activity or to submit a SCNOI when requested is a violation of State regulations. The SCNOI shall be retained by the owner or operator as required by ACT8, R-1 of this permit. Attachments to the SCNOI must include: a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and a U.S. Geological Survey quadrangle map or copy (only if required to be submitted to MDEQ) showing site location.

The owner(s) of the property and the operator(s) associated with the regulated construction activity on the property have joint and severable responsibility for compliance with the permit. Not withstanding any permit condition to the contrary, the coverage recipient and any person who causes pollution of waters of the state or places waste in a location where they are likely to cause pollution, shall remain responsible under applicable federal and state laws and regulations, and applicable permits.

The SCNOI shall be signed in accordance with the provisions of ACT10, T-4 of this permit. [WPC-1]

Condition No.	Condition						
T-1	WHERE TO SUBMIT THE SMALL CONSTRUCTION NOTICE OF INTENT (SCNOI), IF REQUESTED:						
	If requested, complete and appropriately signed SCNOI forms must be submitted to:						
	Chief, Environmental Permits Division MS Dept of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control P.O. Box 10385 Jackson, Mississippi 39289-0385. [WPC-1]						

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ACT5 (Small Construction) Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Development and Content:

Submittal/Action Requirements:

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S-1 SWPPP DEVELOPMENT:

A SWPPP shall be developed and implemented by the owner or operator of a small construction project. Failure to develop a SWPPP prior to commencement of construction activity or to submit a SWPPP when requested is a violation of State regulations. The SWPPP must include a description of appropriate control measures (i.e., BMPs) that will be implemented as part of the construction activity to control pollutants in storm water discharges.

- (1) The SWPPP shall be retained at the permitted site or locally available. A copy of the SWPPP must be made available to the MDEQ inspectors for review at the time of an on-site inspection.
- (2) BMPs shall be in place upon commencement of construction.
- (3) The Executive Director of MDEQ may notify the owner or operator at any time that the SWPPP does not meet the minimum requirements of this permit. After notification, the owner or operator shall amend the SWPPP, implement the changes and certify in writing to the Executive Director that the requested changes have been made. Unless otherwise provided by the Executive Director, the requested changes shall be made within 15 days.
- (4) The owner or operator shall amend the SWPPP and implement the changes before there is a change in construction, operation, or maintenance, which may potentially effect the discharge of pollutants to State waters.
- (5) The owner or operator shall amend the SWPPP and implement the changes if the SWPPP proves to be ineffective in controlling storm water pollutants including, but not limited to, significant sediment leaving the site and non-functioning BMPs. [WPC-1]

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ACT5 (continued):

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Condition No.	Condition
T-1	SWPPP CONTENT:
	Owner or Operator:

The SWPPP shall identify the "owner or operator" as defined in ACT11 of this permit. The operator's name, complete mailing address and telephone number(s) shall be identified on the plan. [WPC-1]

T-2 Erosion and Sediment Controls:

The owner or operator shall list and describe controls appropriate for the construction activities and the procedures for implementing such controls. Controls shall be designed to retain sediment onsite and should:

- (1) Divert upslope water around disturbed areas
- (2) Limit exposure of disturbed areas to the shortest time possible
- (3) Disturb the smallest area possible
- (4) Preserve existing vegetation where possible, especially trees
- (5) Preserve vegetated buffer zones around any creek, drain, lake, pond or wetland
- (6) Slow rainfall runoff velocities to prevent erosive flows
- (7) Avoid disturbing sensitive areas such as:
 - Steep and/or unstable slopes
 - Land upslope of surface waters
 - Areas with erodible soils
 - Existing drainage channels
- (8) Transport runoff down steep slopes through lined channels or piping
- (9) Minimize the amount of cut and fill
- (10) Re-vegetate disturbed areas as soon as possible
- (11) Implement best management practices to mitigate adverse impacts from storm water runoff
- (12) Remove sediment from storm water before it leaves the site by allowing runoff to pond in controlled areas to drop out sediment
- (13) Filter runoff by using natural vegetation, brush barriers, silt fences, hay bales, etc. [WPC-1]

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T-3	At a minimum, the controls must be in accordance with the standards set forth in "Planning and Design Manual for the Control of Erosion, Sediment & Stormwater," or other recognized manual of design as appropriate for Mississippi. The planning and design manual can be obtained by calling 601/961-5171 or may be found electronically at Mississippi State's educational web site at http://abe.msstate.edu/csd/p-dm/. In addition, Mississippi's "Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Guidance Manual for Construction Activities" is available by calling 601/961-5171 or on the MDEQ website at www.deq.state.ms.us. The erosion and sediment controls shall address the following minimum components.
	(1) Vegetative practices shall be designed to preserve existing vegetation where possible and re-vegetate disturbed areas as soon as practicable after grading or construction. Such practices may include surface roughening, temporary seeding, permanent seeding, mulching, sod stabilization, vegetative buffer strips, and protection of trees. When a disturbed area will be left undisturbed for 30 days or more, the appropriate temporary or permanent vegetative practices shall be implemented within 7 calendar days.
	(2) Structural practices shall divert flows from exposed soils, store flows or otherwise limit runoff from exposed areas. Such practices may include, but are not limited to, construction entrance/exit, silt fences, earth dikes, brush barriers, drainage swales, check dams, subsurface drains, pipe slope drains, level spreaders, drain inlet protection, drain outlet protection, detention/retention basins, sediment traps, temporary sediment basins or equivalent sediment controls. [WPC-1]
T-4	(3) Post-construction control measures should be installed to control pollutants in storm water after construction is complete. These controls include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: on-site infiltration of runoff, flow attenuation using open vegetated swales, exfiltration trenches and natural depressions, constructed wetlands and retention/detention structures. Where needed, velocity dissipation devices shall be placed at detention or retention pond outfalls and along the outfall channel to provide for a non-erosive flow. [WPC-1]
T-5	Non-Storm Water Discharge Management:
	Except for flows from fire fighting activities, sources of non-storm water listed in ACT2, T-4 of this permit that are combined with storm water discharges associated with construction activity must be identified in the SWPPP. Non-storm water discharges should be eliminated or reduced to the extent feasible. The SWPPP must identify and ensure the implementation of appropriate pollution prevention measures for the non-storm water component(s) of the discharge. [WPC-1]

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ACT5 (continued):

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T-6	Housekeeping Practices:
	The owner or operator shall describe and list practices appropriate to prevent pollutants from entering storm water from construction sites due to poor housekeeping. The owner or operator shall:
	(1) Designate areas for equipment maintenance and repair and concrete chute wash off;(2) Provide waste receptacles at convenient locations;(3) Provide regular collection of waste;
	(4) Provide protected storage areas for chemicals, paints, solvents, fertilizers, and other potentially toxic materials;(5) Provide adequately maintained sanitary facilities; and(6) Provide secondary containment around on-site fuel tanks. [WPC-1]
T-7	Prepare Scaled Site Map(s):
	The owner or operator shall prepare a scaled site map showing original and proposed contours (if practicable), drainage patterns, adjacent receiving water bodies, north arrow, all erosion & sediment controls (vegetative and structural), any post-construction control measures, and location of housekeeping practices. If the construction project is linear (see Definitions in ACT11), a scaled site map is not required. However, standard diagrams (e.g., cross sections showing dimensions and labeled components) of erosion and sediment controls to be used must be included in the SWPPP. [WPC-1]
T-8	Implementation Sequence:
	The owner or operator shall prepare an orderly listing, which coordinates the timing of all major land-disturbing activities together with the necessary erosion and sedimentation control measures planned for the project. [WPC-1]
T-9	Implementation of Controls:
	The SWPPP shall require the owner or operator, in disturbing an area, to implement controls as needed to prevent erosion and adverse impacts to State waters. [WPC-1]

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ACT5 (continued):

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T-10	Maintenance and Weekly Inspections:					
	The SWPPP shall describe procedures to maintain vegetation, erosion and sediment controls and other protective measures. Procedures shall provide that all erosion controls are inspected weekly for a minimum of four inspections per month (see ACT 6, S-4). [WPC-1]					
T-11	EXAMPLE STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLANS (SWPPPs):					
	Example SWPPs are included in the Mississippi Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan Guidance Manual for Construction Activities. [WPC-1]					

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ACT6 (Small Construction) Implementation, Inspection and Reporting Requirements:

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S-1 SWPPP IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:

The coverage recipient shall:

- (1) Implement the SWPPP and retain a copy of the SWPPP at the permitted site or locally available. Failure to implement the SWPPP is a violation of permit requirements. A copy of the SWPPP must be made available to the MDEQ inspectors for review at the time of an on-site inspection.
- (2) Ensure that appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) are in place upon commencement of construction.
- (3) Amend the SWPPP if notified at any time by the Executive Director of the MDEQ that the SWPPP does not meet the minimum requirements. Owner or operator shall certify in writing to the Executive Director that the requested changes have been made. Unless otherwise provided, the requested changes shall be made within 15 days.
- (4) Amend the SWPPP whenever there is a change in design, construction, operation, or maintenance which may potentially affect the discharge of pollutants to State waters; or the SWPPP proves to be ineffective in controlling storm water pollutants. If the SCNOI was required to be submitted to MDEQ, the amended SWPPP shall be submitted within 30 days of amendment. Proposed expansion to five (5) acres or greater requires the submittal of a Large Construction Notice of Intent (LCNOI).
- (5) Install needed erosion controls even if they may be located in the way of subsequent activities, such as utility installation, grading or construction. It shall not be an acceptable defense that controls were not installed because subsequent activities would require their replacement or cause their destruction.
- (6) Install additional and/or alternative erosion and sediment controls when existing controls prove to be ineffective in preventing sediment from leaving the site.
- (7) Minimize off-site vehicle tracking of sediments. [WPC-1]

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before anticipated storm events. [WPC-1]

Condition No.	Condition
S-2	SWPPP IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS (continued):
	(8) Comply with applicable State or local waste disposal, sanitary sewer or septic system regulations.
	(9) Maintain all erosion controls. Except for sediment basins, all accumulated sediment shall be removed from structural controls when sediment deposits reach one-third to one-half the height of the control. For sediment basins, accumulated sediment shall be removed when the capacity has been reduced by 50%. All removed sediment deposits shall be properly disposed. Non-functioning controls shall be repaired, replaced or supplemented with functional controls within 24 hours of discovery or as soon as field conditions allow.
	(10) Implement steps necessary to meet a specific wasteload allocation established subsequent to the beginning of construction. [WPC-1]
S-3	SWPPP COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL STORM WATER ORDINANCES:
	(1) In addition to the requirements of this permit, the SWPPP shall be in compliance with all local storm water ordinances.
	(2) When storm water discharges into a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4), the owner or operator must make the SWPPP available to the municipal authority upon request. [WPC-1]
S-4	INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS:
	Inspection of all erosion controls and other SWPPP requirements shall be performed during permit coverage using a copy of the form provided at the back of this permit. Inspections shall be performed as follows:
	(1) At least weekly for a minimum of four inspections per month;
	(2) As often as is necessary to ensure that appropriate erosion and sediment controls have been properly constructed and maintained and to determine if additional or alternative control measures are required. The MDEQ strongly recommends that coverage recipients perform a "walk through" inspection of the construction site

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Submittal/Action Requirements:

Condition No.	Condition
S-5	RELEASE REPORTING:
	Releases into the environment of hazardous substances, oil, and pollutants or contaminants, which pose a threat to applicable water quality standards or causes a film, sheen or discoloration of State waters, shall be reported to the:
	- Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (601) 933-6362 or (800) 222-6362; or - National Response Center (800) 424-8802. [WPC-1]
S-6	NONCOMPLIANCE REPORTING:

- NONCOMI LIANCE REI ORTING.
 - (1) Anticipated Noncompliance. The owner or operator shall give at least 10 days advance notice, if possible, before any planned noncompliance with permit requirements. Giving notice of planned or anticipated noncompliance does not immunize the owner or operator from enforcement for that noncompliance.
 - (2) Unanticipated Noncompliance. The owner or operator shall notify the MDEQ orally within 24 hours from the time he or she becomes aware of unanticipated noncompliance. A written report shall be provided to the MDEQ within 5 working days of the time he or she becomes aware of the circumstances. The report shall describe the cause, the exact dates and times, steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, or prevent reoccurrence and, if the noncompliance has not ceased, the anticipated time for correction. [WPC-1]

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ACT7 (Small Construction) Limitation Requirements:

Limitation Requirements:

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L-1		NON-NUMERIC LIMITATIONS:
		Storm water discharges shall be free from:
		(1) Debris, oil, scum, and other floating materials other than in trace amounts
		(2) Eroded soils and other materials that will settle to form objectionable deposits in receiving waters
		(3) Suspended solids, turbidity and color at levels inconsistent with the receiving waters
		(4) Chemicals in concentrations that would cause violation of State Water Quality Criteria in the receiving waters. [WPC-1]

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ACT8 (Small Construction) Record Keeping:

Record-Keeping Requirements:

Condition No.	Condition
R-1	RETENTION OF RECORDS:
	All records, reports and information resulting from activities required by this permit shall be retained by the owner or operator, on-site if practicable, for a period of at least three years from the date construction was completed. [WPC-1]

R-2 DOCUMENTATION OF INSPECTIONS:

All inspections required by ACT6, S-4 of this permit must be documented on the Inspection and Certification Form provided at end of this permit. The form must be certified according to the signatory requirements outlined in ACT10, T-4 and T-5 of this permit. Documentation must include the day and time the inspection was performed, who performed the inspection, any deficiencies noted, and corrective action needed. Documentation of all inspections must be kept with the SWPPP. Inspections must continue until such time that planned construction activities have been completed, land disturbing activities have ceased and disturbed areas have been stabilized with no significant erosion occurring. To satisfy this requirement for linear projects, inspections may be conducted at representative locations for portions of the project that have been completed and stabilized. [WPC-1]

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ACT9 (Small Construction) Termination of Permit Coverage:

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S-1 TERMINATION OF PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:

- (1) If a SCNOI has not been requested by the Permit Board (SCNOI not submitted to MDEQ). Upon successful completion of all permanent erosion and sediment controls, inspections and reporting requirements are no longer required. The owner or operator must record the date of completion of all permanent erosion and sediment controls on the final inspection report.
- (2) If a SCNOI has been requested by the Permit Board (SCNOI submitted to MDEQ). Upon successful completion of all permanent erosion and sediment controls for a small construction project a written notification of such shall be submitted to the MDEQ. Permit requirements remain in effect until such time the coverage recipient receives written notice of coverage termination from MDEQ. [WPC-1]

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ACT10 (Small Construction) Standard Requirements Applicable to All Water Permits:

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T-1	DUTY TO COMPLY:
	The coverage recipient must comply with all conditions of this permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation and is grounds for enforcement action; for coverage termination, revocation and reissuance, or modifications; or denial of a renewal application. [WPC-1]
T-2	DUTY TO MITIGATE:
	The owner or operator shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge in violation of this permit which is likely to adversely affect human health or the environment. [WPC-1]
T-3	DUTY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION:
	The owner or operator shall furnish to the Permit Board, within a reasonable time, any relevant information which the Permit Board may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit, or to determine compliance with this permit. The owner or operator shall also furnish to the Permit Board, upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit. [WPC-1]

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T-4 SIGNATORY REQUIREMENTS:

All SCNOIs and Requests for Recoverage shall be signed as follows:

- (1) For a corporation by a responsible corporate officer. For this permit, a responsible corporate officer means:
- a) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy or decision-making functions for the corporation; or
- b) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production or operating facilities employing more than 250 persons or having gross annual sales or expenditures exceeding \$25 million (in second-quarter 1980 dollars) if authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures;
- (2) For a partnership or sole proprietorship by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or
- (3) For a municipal, State, Federal, or other public agency by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For purposes of this section, a principal executive officer of a Federal agency includes: a) the chief executive officer of the agency, or b) a senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency. [WPC-1]

T-5 DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

All reports required by this permit, and other information requested by the Permit Board shall be signed by a person described in ACT 10, T-4 above, or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative when:

- (1) The authorization is made in writing and submitted to the Permit Board by a person described in ACT 10, T-4 above.
- (2) The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated activity, such as: manager, operator of a well or well field, superintendent, person of equivalent responsibility, or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company. (A duly authorized representative may be either a specified individual or position). [WPC-1]

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T-6	CHANGES IN AUTHORIZATION:
	If an authorization is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has permit responsibility, a new authorization satisfying the requirements of ACT 10, T-4 and T-5 must be submitted to the Permit Board prior to or together with any reports, information or applications signed by the representative. [WPC-1]
T-7	CERTIFICATION:
	Any person signing documents under this section shall make the following certification:
	"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations." [WPC-1]
T-8	OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE LIABILITY:
	Nothing in this permit shall relieve the owner or operator from responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties under Section 311 of the CWA. [WPC-1]
T-9	PROPERTY RIGHTS:
	The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, nor any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to private property nor any invasion of personal rights, nor any infringement of Federal, State or local laws or regulations. [WPC-1]
T-10	SEVERABILITY:
	The provisions of this permit are severable, and if any provision of this permit, or the application of any provision of this permit to any circumstance, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances, and the remainder of this permit shall not be affected thereby. [WPC-1]

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Narrative Requirements:

Condition No.	Condition
T-11	TRANSFERS:
	Coverage under this permit is not transferable to any person except after notice to and approval by the Permit Board. The Permit Board may require the coverage recipient to obtain another NPDES permit. Transfer of coverage requests shall be submitted to the Permit Board using the form provided at the end of this permit. [WPC-1]
T-12	PROPER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:

The owner or operator shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the owner or operator to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit, including the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. Proper operation and maintenance includes adequate laboratory controls with appropriate quality assurance procedures and requires the operation of backup or auxiliary facilities when necessary to achieve compliance with permit conditions. [WPC-1]

BYPASS PROHIBITION: T-13

Bypass (see 40 CFR 122.41(m)) is prohibited and enforcement action may be taken against an owner or operator for a bypass, unless: a) The bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage; b) There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if the owner or operator should, in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment, have installed adequate backup equipment to prevent a bypass which occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance; and c) The owner or operator submitted notices per ACT 10, T-17 and/or T-18. [WPC-1]

UPSET CONDITIONS: T-14

An upset (see 40 CFR 122.41(n)) constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with technology-based permit limitations if a coverage recipient shall demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence, that: 1) An upset occurred and the coverage recipient can identify the specific cause(s) of the upset, 2) The permitted facility was at the time being properly operated, 3) The coverage recipient submitted notices per ACT 10, T-17 and/or T-18 and 4) The coverage recipient took remedial measures as required under ACT 10, T-2. In any enforcement proceeding, the coverage recipient has the burden of proof that an upset occurred. No determination made during administrative review of claims that noncompliance was caused by upset, and before an action for noncompliance, is final administrative action subject to judicial review. [WPC-1]

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T-15	INSPECTION AND ENTRY:
	The owner or operator shall allow the Permit Board staff or an authorized representative, upon the presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:
	(1) enter upon the owner's or operator's premises where a regulated activity is located or conducted or where records must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
	(2) have access to and copy at reasonable times any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit; and
	(3) inspect at reasonable times any facilities or equipment. [WPC-1]
T-16	PERMIT ACTIONS:
	This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause. A request by the owner or operator for permit or coverage modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a certification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any permit condition. [WPC-1]
T-17	ANTICIPATED NONCOMPLIANCE:
	The owner or operator shall give at least 10 days advance notice, if possible, before any planned noncompliance with permit requirements. [WPC-1]
T-18	UNANTICIPATED NONCOMPLIANCE:
	The owner or operator shall notify the MDEQ orally within 24 hours from the time he or she becomes aware of unanticipated noncompliance. A written report shall be provided to the MDEQ within 5 working days of the time he or she becomes aware of the circumstances. The report shall describe the cause, the exact dates and times, steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, or prevent reoccurrence and, if the noncompliance has not ceased, the anticipated time for correction. [WPC-1]

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T-19	REOPENER CLAUSE:
	If there is evidence indicating potential or realized impacts on water quality due to discharges covered by this permit, the owner or operator may be required to obtain individual permit or an alternative general permit in accordance with ACT 3, S-2 or the permit may be modified to include different limitations and/or requirements. [WPC-1]
T-20	PERMIT MODIFICATION:
	Permit modification or revocation will be conducted according to 40 CFR 122.62, 122.63, 122.64 and 124.5. [WPC-1]
T-21	CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY:
	(1) Any person who violates a term, condition or schedule of compliance contained within this permit or the Mississippi Air and Water Pollution Control Law is subject to the actions defined by the Mississippi Air and Water Pollution Control Law.
	(2) Except as provided in permit conditions on "Bypassing" and "Upsets", nothing in this permit shall be construed to relieve the coverage recipient from civil or criminal penalties for noncompliance.
	(3) It shall not be the defense of the coverage recipient in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit. [WPC-1]

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ACT11 (Small Construction) Definitions:

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Condition No.	Condition
T-1	BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs) means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States. BMPs also include treatment requirements, operating procedures, and practice to control plant site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw material storage. [WPC-1]
T-2	CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY as used in this permit, includes construction activity as defined in 40 CFR part 122.26(b)(14)(x). This includes a disturbance to the land that results in the change in topography, existing soil cover (both vegetative and non-vegetative), or the existing topography that may result in accelerated storm water runoff, leading to soil erosion and movement of sediment into surface waters or drainage systems. Examples of construction activity may include clearing, grading, filling and excavating. Construction activity does not include routine maintenance that is performed to maintain the original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, or original purpose of the site. [WPC-1]
T-3	CONTROL MEASURE as used in this permit, refers to any Best Management Practice or other method used to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to waters of the State. [WPC-1]
T-4	COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES means the initial disturbance of soils associated with clearing, grading, or excavating activities or other construction-related activities. [WPC-1]
T-5	CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA) refers to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. section 1251 et seq. [WPC-1]
T-6	DISCHARGE OF STORM WATER ASSOCIATED WITH SMALL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY as used in this permit, refers to a discharge of pollutants in storm water runoff from areas where soil disturbing activities (e.g., clearing, grading, or excavation), construction materials or equipment storage or maintenance (e.g., fill piles, borrow area, concrete truck washout, fueling), or other industrial storm water directly related to the construction process (e.g., concrete) are located. [WPC-1]
T-7	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR means the Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality. [WPC-1]
T-8	FACILITY OR ACTIVITY means any NPDES "point source" or any other facility or activity (including land or appurtenances thereto) that is subject to regulation under the NPDES program. [WPC-1]
T-9	FINAL STABILIZATION means all soil disturbing activities at the site have been completed, and that a uniform perennial vegetative cover with a density of at least 70% for the area has been established or equivalent measures have been employed. [WPC-1]

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Condition No.	Condition
T-10	LARGE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY includes clearing, grading, and excavating resulting in a land disturbance that will disturb equal to or greater than five (5) acres of land or will disturb less than five (5) acres of total land area but is part of a larger common plan of development or sale that will ultimately disturb equal to or greater than five (5) acres. Large construction activity is covered by the Large Construction General Permit. [WPC-1]
T-11	LARGER COMMON PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT OR SALE means a contiguous area where multiple separate and distinct construction activities are occurring under one plan. The plan in a common plan of development or sale is broadly defined as any announcement or piece of documentation (including a sign, public notice or hearing, sales pitch, advertisement, drawing, permit application, zoning request, computer design, etc.) or physical demarcation (including boundary signs, lot stakes, surveyor markings, etc.) indicating that construction activities may occur on a specific plot. [WPC-1]
T-12	LINEAR PROJECT means a land disturbing activity as conducted by an underground/overhead utility or highway department, including but not limited to any cable line or wire for the transmission of electrical energy; any conveyance pipeline for transportation of gaseous or liquid substance; any cable line or wire for communications; or any other energy resource transmission ROW or utility infrastructure, e.g., roads and highways. Activities include the construction and installation of these utilities within a corridor. Linear project activities also include the construction of access roads, staging areas, and borrow/spoil sites associated with the linear project. [WPC-1]
T-13	NPDES means the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, which is a program administered under the authority of the Clean Water Act that prohibits the discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States unless a special permit is issued. [WPC-1]
T-14	OWNER OR OPERATOR for the purpose of this permit and in the context of storm water associated with construction activity, means any party associated with a construction project that meets either of the following two criteria:
	(1) The party has operational control over construction plans and specifications, including the ability to make modifications to those plans and specifications; or
	(2) The party has day to day operational control of those activities at a project which are necessary to ensure compliance with a storm water pollution prevention plan for the site or other permit conditions (e.g., they are authorized to direct workers at a site to carry out activities required by the SWPPP or comply with other permit conditions). This definition is provided to inform permittees of MDEQ's interpretation of how the regulatory definitions of "owner or operator" and "facility or activity" are applied to discharges of storm water associated with construction activity. [WPC-1]
T-15	PERMIT BOARD means the Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board established pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. 49-17-28. [WPC-1]
T-16	POLLUTANT is defined at 40 CFR 122.2. A partial listing from this definition includes: dredged spoil, solid waste, sewage, garbage, sewage sludge, chemical wastes, biological materials, heat, wrecked or discarded equipment, rock, sand, sediment, silt, cellar dirt, and industrial or municipal waste. [WPC-1]

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ACT11 (continued):

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T-17	SMALL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY is defined at 40 CFR 122.26(b)(15) and incorporated here by reference. A small construction activity includes clearing, grading, and excavating resulting in a land disturbance that will disturb equal to or greater than one (1) acre and less than five (5) acres of land or will disturb less than one (1) acre of total land area but is part of a larger common plan of development or sale that will ultimately disturb equal to or greater than one (1) acre and less than five (5) acres. Small construction activity does not include routine maintenance that is performed to maintain the original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, or original purpose of the facility. [WPC-1]
T-18	STATE WATERS means all waters within the jurisdiction of this State, including all streams, lakes, ponds, wetlands, impounding reservoirs, marshes, watercourses, waterways, wells, springs, irrigation systems, drainage systems, and all other bodies or accumulations of water, surface and underground, natural or artificial, situated wholly or partly within or bordering upon the State, and such coastal waters as are within the jurisdiction of the State, except lakes, ponds, or other surface waters which are wholly landlocked and privately owned, and which are not regulated under the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C.1251 et seq.). [WPC-1]
T-19	STORM WATER means rainfall runoff, snowmelt runoff, and surface runoff. [WPC-1]
T-20	STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SWPPP) means a plan that includes site map(s), an identification of construction/contractor activities that could cause pollutants in the storm water, and a description of measures or practices to control these pollutants. [WPC-1]
T-21	SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF ALL PERMANENT EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROLS means when land disturbing construction activities have been completed and disturbed areas have been stabilized with no significant erosion occurring. [WPC-1]
T-22	WPC-1 means the State of Mississippi's Wastewater Regulations for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits, Underground Injection Control (UIC) Permits, State Permits, Water Quality Based Effluent Limitations and Water Quality Certification. [WPC-1]

Submit only upon request from MDEQ



SMALL CONSTRUCTION NOTICE OF INTENT (SCNOI)

GENERAL NPDES PERMIT MSR15 __ _ _ _ _ (Number to be assigned by MDEQ if submitted)

Prior to the commencement of small construction activity (see Small Construction General Permit ACT11, T-17), the owner or operator of a small construction project must complete this form and develop a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) as required by ACT5 of Mississippi's Small Construction General Permit. **This SCNOI and SWPPP shall be submitted to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)** <u>only upon request from MDEQ</u>; however, the SCNOI and SWPPP must be maintained at the permitted site or locally available in case inspector review is necessary. Attachments with this SCNOI must include: a USGS quad map or copy showing site location (only if required to be submitted to MDEQ) and a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). All questions must be answered – answer "NA" if the question is not applicable.

PROJECT INFORMATION

OWNER CONTACT PERSON:	OPERATOR (if different from owner) CONTACT PERSON:
OWNER COMPANY NAME:	OPERATOR COMPANY:
OWNER STREET (P.O. BOX):	OPERATOR STREET (P.O. BOX):
OWNER CITY:	OPERATOR CITY:
STATE:ZIP:	STATE: ZIP:
OWNER PHONE # (INCLUDE AREA CODE):	OPERATOR PHONE # (INCLUDE AREA CODE):
PROJECT NAME:	
DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVIT	Y:
ACREAGE DISTURBED (to be covered by this pe	ermit, area must be less than five (5) acres):
PHYSICAL SITE ADDRESS (If not available, ind of the project and identify all counties the project t	licate the nearest named road. For linear projects, indicate the beginning traverses.):
STREET:	
CITY:	COUNTY: ZIP:
NEAREST NAMED RECEIVING STREAM:	
I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments we that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the informations of irectly responsible for gathering the information, the information of the control	were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure ion submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those ation submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am ion, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.
Signature ¹	Date Signed
Printed Name	Title
¹ This application shall be signed according to the Small Construct	tion General Permit, ACT10, T-4.

If requested, please submit this form to:

Chief, Environmental Permits Division MDEQ, Office of Pollution Control P.O. Box 10385 Jackson, Mississippi 39289-0385

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INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION FORM SMALL CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PERMIT



COVERAGE NUMBER, if SCNOI was submitted to MDEQ (MSR15 __ __ __ __)

Results of the inspections required by ACT6, S-4 of this permit shall be recorded on this report form and kept with the SWPPP in accordance with the inspection documentation provisions of ACT8, R-2 of the this permit. Inspections shall be performed at least weekly for a minimum of four inspections per month.

The coverage number must be listed at the top of all Inspection and Certification Forms, if the Small Construction Notice of Intent (SCNOI) was submitted to MDEQ (no coverage number is issued if SCNOI was not submitted to MDEQ).

COVERAGE RECIPIENT INFORMATION OPERATOR COMPANY NAME: PROJECT NAME: _ STARTUP DATE: ___ PROJECT STREET ADDRESS: PROJECT CITY: _ PROJECT COUNTY: OPERATOR MAILING ADDRESS: ___ _____ ZIP: ____ MAILING CITY: ____ _____ STATE: ____ CONTACT PERSON: ___ CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: ___ INSPECTION DOCUMENTATION DATE TIME ANY DEFICIENCIES? (mo/day/yr) (hr:min AM/PM) (CHECK IF YES) INSPECTOR(S) Deficiencies Noted During any Inspection (give date(s); attach additional sheets if necessary): Corrective Action Taken or Planned (give date(s); attach additional sheets if necessary): ____ Based upon this inspection which I or personnel under my direct supervision conducted, I certify that all erosion and sediment controls have been implemented and maintained, except for those deficiencies noted above, in accordance with the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan and sound engineering practices as required by the above referenced permit. I further certify that the MNOI and SWPPP information is up to date. I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations. Authorized Signature Date Title Printed Name

Chief, Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Division

MDEQ, Office of Pollution Control

Jackson, Mississippi 39289-0385

P.O. Box 10385

If requested, please submit this form to:

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Transfer of Small Construction General Permit Coverage and/or Name Change

Instructions: For Ownership Change-Complete all Items on this page (except Item VIII) and reverse side. For Name Change Only-Complete Items I, II, V, VI, VII, VIII, and reverse side.

Item I. Facility Name: Location: (Do Not Use P.O. Box) Street: City: State: MS Zip: County: Telephone: ()	Item II. Responsible official after transfer or name change: Name:		
Item III. Previous Permittee¹: Mailing Address: Street/P.O. Box: City: State: Zip:	Item IV. New Permittee ¹ :		
Telephone: () Item V. Industrial Activity SIC Code: Brief Description:	Telephone: () Item VI. Will Facility Operations Change? Yes No If yes, the appropriate applications and permits may required modification prior to change.		
Item VII. Will Facility Name Change? Yes No If Yes, Provide New Name for Permit Coverage. New Name:	Item VIII. Signature for Name Change Print Name: Authorized Signature ² : Title: Date:		
Item IX. We the undersigned transfer permit coverage MSR15 (complete if known) From:			
Print New Permittee ¹ Name	Print Previous Permittee ¹ Name		
New Authorized Signature ² Title Date	Previous Authorized Signature ² Title Date		
¹ A Permittee is a company or individual that is covered under the general permit. ² Authorized Signature must be owner or operator.	29 of 30 January 2003		

Item X. Storm Water	
(Check One)	
The recipient certifies that they have received a copy of the SWPPP from the original owner.	
The recipient is developing a new SWPPP.	
If other environmental permits are involved please contact MDEQ at 601/961-5171 the appropriate MDEQ transfer form or see MDEQ's web site at www.deq.state.ms.us	
Submit to MDEQ only if an SCNOI has been submitted. If not submitted, you muskeep this form with your records.	St
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