

Stormwater Permit Assistance for Construction and Industrial Activities: Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I am starting or constructing a new business or home in Oklahoma. What types of stormwater permits may be required?

What most people refer to as a stormwater permit is actually an Authorization under the Stormwater General Permit. Two types of stormwater Authorizations may be required:

- A Construction Stormwater Authorization under OKR10 General Permit, if the new building or site preparation disturbs greater than one acre or is located in a larger common plan of development (subdivision). Information on Construction Stormwater and the OKR10 General Permit may be found at <https://tinyurl.com/3hb6ycm9>.
- An Industrial Stormwater Authorization under OKR05 General Permit if your business's Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code is listed in Table 1-3 of OKR05 General Permit. This may be found at <https://tinyurl.com/bden5763>. Information on Industrial Stormwater may be found at <https://tinyurl.com/yjh3m8js>.

Q: How do I obtain a Stormwater Authorization?

The process is started by filing a Notice of Intent (NOI) Form. These forms can be found in the Stormwater Permitting/Past Events & Documents section of the DEQ website at <https://tinyurl.com/5t3mkx9m>. You can also file a NOI and pay fees online by using the Online Application button found at the same link. If not applying online, email completed NOI forms to ecsl-stormwaterpermitting@deq.ok.gov.

Q: How do I determine my receiving water body, or if my site is located within a sensitive area such as an Aquatic Resource of Concern (ARC), an Outstanding Resource Water (ORW), and/or the Lake Thunderbird Watershed?

Determine the direction of water flow off your property and choose the nearest water body it will flow to. This could be an unnamed tributary to a larger stream. More than one water body may be possible.

For sensitive watersheds: refer to Addendums A and E of OKR10, and Appendix A of OKR05 to determine if your project/facility is within an ARC or ORW. The DEQ Data Viewer, found at <https://gis.deq.ok.gov/maps/>, can also assist with determining if the site is located within an ARC or ORW.



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To determine whether the project/facility is within the Lake Thunderbird Watershed, refer to the Final Lake Thunderbird Report, which is posted on the Lake Thunderbird TMDL Project page of the DEQ website, <https://tinyurl.com/fkkdjcu8>.

Q: What if there is another operator on the project site that has an authorization, and we are going to be on or next to the site. Can I operate under their authorization?

No, you cannot operate under their authorization unless they agree to add your company, construction activities, etc. into their Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3) as a Secondary Operator. Refer to Part 3.6 Responsibilities of Operators and Part 4.4 Contractor Certification portions of the OKR10 General Permit. Otherwise, you must obtain permit authorization.

Q: Why do some municipalities also require a separate stormwater permit?

If a city has a large enough population or is part of an urbanized area, the city may have their own stormwater program. These municipalities are permitted by DEQ as a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). If you are in a MS4, you will need to obtain their stormwater permit and a DEQ stormwater authorization. The MS4 may also perform compliance inspections separate from DEQ.

If your site discharges to an MS4, please contact the MS4's stormwater program for more information on any permit requirements they may have. A list of MS4s may be found at <https://tinyurl.com/4nskujt9>.

Q: Are there fees associated with Stormwater Authorizations?

Yes, there are fees for both Construction and Industrial Authorizations. There is an application fee of \$100 and an annual fee of \$347.71, for a total of \$447.71. These fees must be paid prior to receiving your Authorization. You can file the NOI and pay with a credit card (only Visa or Master Card) online by using the Online Application button at <https://tinyurl.com/5t3mkx9m>. You can also pay the fees by using a credit card by calling DEQ Finance at 405-702-1130 (have your OKR10 or OKR05 # ready) or by mailing a check with a copy of the completed NOI to:

ECLS Stormwater Unit

Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
707 N Robinson Ave
P. O. Box 1677
Oklahoma City, OK, 73101-1677

Q: My project is finished. How do I terminate my Stormwater Authorization?

To terminate your Stormwater Authorization, you must meet termination requirements in OKR10 and submit a Notice of Termination (NOT), Form # 605-003. This form is found in the Water Quality/Forms section of the DEQ website, <https://tinyurl.com/2ffvt6ce>. The completed NOT can be emailed to ecls-stormwaterpermitting@deq.ok.gov. Industrial Stormwater Authorizations are terminated using the same NOT form.