Appendix B.2 Permit #IDS028576 MS4 Permit Annual Report Form

This Annual Report is due no later than May 3 of each year, beginning in Calendar Year 2022, and reflects the relevant reporting period, starting in 2021. See Permit Part 6.4.2

Annual Reports and any attachments must be sent to EPA and IDEQ by U.S. Postal Mail to the following addresses:

U.S. EPA, Region 10 Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division Attn: Surface Water Enforcement Section 1200 6th Avenue, Suite 155 - Mail Code 20-C04 Seattle, Washington 98101-3188 Regional Administrator Lewiston Regional Office Idaho Department of Environmental Quality 1118 F Street Lewiston, Idaho 83501

Complete Sections 1 through IV. Do not leave any questions blank.
MS4 Permittee Name/Organization:
NPDES Permit Number:
Indicate Annual Report Number & Reporting Period:
Year 1 Reporting Period: Mar. 1, 2021 – Feb. 28, 2022 – Annual Report Due Date: May 3, 2022 Year 2 Reporting Period: Mar. 1, 2022 – Feb. 28, 2023 – Annual Report Due Date: May 3, 2023 Year 3 Reporting Period: Mar. 1, 2023 – Feb. 29, 2024 – Annual Report Due Date: May 3, 2024 Year 4 Reporting Period: Mar. 1, 2024 – Feb. 28, 2025 – Annual Report Due Date: May 3, 2025 Year 5 Reporting Period: Mar. 1, 2025 – Feb. 28, 2026 – Annual Report Due Date: Feb. 28, 2026 Other
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 gather and evaluate 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 have no personal knowledge that the information submitted is other than 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."
Signature:
Printed Name:
Title:
Date:

Section I. General Information			
MS4 Facility Site Name:			
MS4 Facility Organization Formal Name:			
MS4 Facility Contact Name:			
Title:			
MS4 Contact Telephone:			
MS4 Contact Email Address:			
MS4 Facility Contact Type (all that apply):	Owner	Operator	Main Contact
MS4 Facility Site Address:			
MS4 Facility Site City, State, Zip Code:			
MS4 Facility Site Mailing Address: if different fro	om above		
Is the MS4 Facility Site Located On Tribal Land?	,	Yes	No
MS4 Facility Jurisdiction Type (check all that ap	ply):		
Federal State College or University State Highway Department Municipal:	County City or Highwa Tribal Other		

List All Receiving Water(s) For the MS4 Discharges:

Section II. Permittee Responsibility:

Please answer all questions. If the answer is "No," or "Not Applicable" and no other direction is provided, use the Comments field at the end of this section to explain the reason and the expected date(s) that the requirement will be met, and/or to explain why the requirement does not apply.

1. This Permittee organization shares implementation responsible compliance with one or more Permittees.			•
	Yes	No	Not Applicable
	_	nt between the Perm rogram (SWMP) Doo	ittees described/cited in the Stormwater cument?
	Yes	No	Not Applicable
2.			es implementation responsibility for Permit side (non-Permittee) entities.
	Is the agreeme	ent with these other e	entity(ies) described/cited in the SWMP Document?
	Yes	No	Not Applicable
3.		control pollutant	tains relevant ordinances or other regulatory discharges into and from the MS4 to meet the
	Yes	No	Not Applicable
	•		o specify on overall progress to adopt adequate regulatory mechanisms.)
4.	This Permittee website.	organization's SW	MP Document is posted on a publicly accessible
	Yes		
	Identify the	URL for the webpage	e where the SWMP Document can be accessed:
	http://		
	No		
	Not Applicat	ble	
5.	updated to des	cribe the implemen	Permittee organization's SWMP Document been nation of the selected Monitoring/Assessment ties cited in Permit Part 4.
	Yes		
	Identify the	webpage address w	where the SWMP Document can be accessed:
	http://		
	No		
	Not Applicat	ble	

	Yes	No	Not Applicable
7.			onsibility for SMWP implementation has changed Operational Authority over a geographic portion
			t has been updated to reflect these changes in sferred areas served by the MS4.
	Yes		
		the Comments field to ip or operational autho	provide a brief statement summarizing the change prity.
	No		
	Not Applica	able	

This Permittee organization regularly tracks certain activities to set priorities and

assess compliance with the Permit requirements.

Section II Comments:

6.

Section III. Status of SWMP Control Measures

Please answer all questions for each SWMP control measure and associated component activity. In the Comments field, cite any relevant information and/or statistics that helps illustrate the Permittee's implementation of the required action/activity.

If the answer is "No," use the Comments field to explain the reason, and outline the expected dates that the requirement will be met.

If the requirement does not apply to the Permittee's organization, mark "NA" and explain why it does not apply in the Comments field.

Public Education, Outreach and Involvement Program (Permit Part 3.1)

8. This Permittee organization conducts an education, outreach, and public involvement program based on stormwater issues of significance in the Permittee's jurisdiction.

Yes, this organization conducts the education, outreach, and involvement activities required by the Permit

Yes, this organization works through contract with other entities to conduct the education, outreach, and involvement activities required by the Permit

No

Not Applicable

9. Target Audience: During the reporting period, this Permittee organization focused its education, outreach, and public involvement messages to the following audience(s):

General Public (including homeowners, homeowner's associations, landscapers, and property managers)

Business/Industrial/Commercial/Institutions (including home based and mobile businesses)

Construction/Development (e.g., Engineers, Contractors, Developers, Landscape Architects, Site Design Professionals)

Elected Officials, Land Use Policy and Planning Staff

Other (describe in Comments section below)

10. Topics: During the reporting period, this Permittee organization focused its education, outreach, and public involvement messages on the following topics (select all that apply):

General impacts of stormwater flows into surface water, and appropriate actions to prevent adverse impacts;

Impacts from impervious surfaces, techniques to avoid adverse impacts:

Yard care techniques protective of water quality, such as composting;

Proper use, application & storage of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers;

Litter & trash control and recycling programs;

BMPs for power washing, carpet cleaning, auto repair &maintenance;

Low Impact Development/green infrastructure techniques, including site design, pervious paving, retention of mature trees/vegetation, landscaping and vegetative buffers;

Maintenance of landscape features providing water quality benefits:

Stormwater treatment and volume control practices;

Technical standards for stormwater site plans; including appropriate selection, installation, and use of required construction site control measures

Source control BMPs and environmental stewardship;

Impacts of illicit discharges and how to report them;

Actions and opportunities for pet waste control/disposal,

Water wise landscaping, water conservation, water efficiency

BMPs for use and storage of automotive chemicals, hazardous cleaning supplies, vehicle wash soaps and other hazardous materials;

11. During the reporting period, this Permittee organization began and/or continued distribution of the selected messages/activities to the intended target audience.

Yes

Please summarize the message/activity conducted during the reporting period in the Comments section below.

No

Note: Permit Part 3.1.3 requires Permittees to conduct at least eight (8) educational messages or activities no later than **February 28, 2026.**

Not Applicable

12. During this reporting period, this Permittee organization assessed, or participated in efforts to assess, the understanding and adoption of intended behaviors by the target audience.

Yes; In the Comments section below, please summarize efforts to assess the selected education, outreach and public involvement activities conducted during the reporting period. If information is available, describe how this information is used to improve the education/outreach efforts.

No

13.	During this reporting period, this Permittee organization offered (or worked with others to offer) training/education regarding construction site runoff control measures to site operators working in the Permittee's jurisdiction.
	Yes
	No
	Note: Permit Part 3.1.7.1 requires Permittees to offer outreach/training on construction site control measures at least twice during the permit term, no later than February 28, 2026.
	Not Applicable
14.	During this reporting period, this Permittee organization offered (or worked with others to offer) training/education regarding permanent stormwater controls to audiences working in the Permittee's jurisdiction.
	Yes
	No
	Note: Permit Part 3.1.7.2 requires Permittees to offer outreach/training on permanent stormwater controls at least twice during the permit term, no later than February 28, 2026.
	Not Applicable
15.	This Permittee organization maintains and promotes a publicly-accessible website that provides current SWMP-related information cited in Permit Part 3.1.8. This website was recently updated prior to submitting this Report.
	Yes
	URL for the Permittee's webpage:
	http://
	No
	Not Applicable

Comments on Public Education, Outreach, and Involvement Program:
Use this Comments field to explain or discuss unique implementation schedules, summarize nature of the education, outreach, and public involvement activities conducted during the reporting period

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program (Permit Part 3.2)

16.	To the extent allowable pursuant to authority granted under Idaho law, this
	Permittee organization conducts and enforces a program to detect and eliminate
	illicit discharges into the MS4.

Yes

No

Note: Permit Part 3.2 requires Permittees to revise and update their existing programs as necessary to comply with Permit Parts 3.2.2 through 3.2.9 no later than **September 1, 2025.**

Not Applicable

17. This Permittee organization maintains a current MS4 Map and Outfall Inventory as described in Permit Part 3.2.2.

Yes

No

Note: Permit Part 3.2 requires Permittees to update their Map(s) and Inventory no later than **September 1, 2025.**

Not Applicable

18. To the extent allowable pursuant to authority granted under Idaho law, this Permittee organization prohibits non-storm water discharges into the MS4 (except those identified in Permit Part 2.4) through an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism.

Yes – if yes, please provide citation/web address to the ordinance/regulatory mechanism:

No

Note: Permit Part 3.2 requires Permittees to revise and update their existing programs as necessary no later than **September 1, 2025.**

Not Applicable

19. This Permittee organization maintains a dedicated telephone number, email address, and/or other means for the public to report illicit discharges,

Yes – if yes, please provide phone number/web address:

No

Note: Permit Part 3.2 requires Permittees to revise and update their existing programs as necessary no later than **September 1, 2025.**

20.		organization respo n two working days	nds and investigates illicit discharge complaints s.
	Yes		
	No		
		•	ermittees to revise and update their no later than September 1, 2025.
	Not Applicab	le	
21.	Number of Pub	ic Complaints/Rep	orts Received During this Reporting Period:
22.		t Discharge Compl ner follow-up action	aints/Reports Investigated through field visits,
23.	Number of Illici	t Discharge Compl	aints/Reports Resolved
24.		_	icts a dry weather analytical and field screening n-stormwater flows from MS4 outfalls.
	Yes	No	Not Applicable
25.	•	U .	ermittee organization used its written protocols alls for dry weather discharge investigation.
	Yes	No	Not Applicable
26.	Total Number o	f MS4 Outfalls in th	ne Permittee's jurisdiction of the Permit Area:
27.	•	orting period, this P ing on at least 50 N	Permittee organization completed visual dry IS4 outfalls.
	Yes		
	No – Total #	of outfalls screened	in this jurisdiction was less than 50
	Not Applicab	le	
28.	Of the 50 outfal	ls screened during	the reporting period:
	How many outf	alls were dischargi	ng during dry weather?
			weather discharges were sampled or otherwise harge source?
			ather discharges resulted in the Permittee e discharge source?

29.	•		nany of the Permittee's MS4 outfalls have been ws caused by irrigation return flow or ground water
		tfalls identified this re	eporting period
			fied to date, as having dry weather flows from
	irrigation or g	roundwater seepage ₋	
	Note: Permit P	art 3.2.6 requires Perm	nittees to provide a complete list of MS4 outfalls locations
	identified as ha	aving dry weather flows	caused by irrigation return flow or ground water seepage
	as part of the P	Permit Renewal Applica	tion no later than September 1 2025.
30.	coordinates a	ppropriate spill preve	ins written spill response procedures and ntion, containment and response activities with rea to ensure maximum water quality protection
	Yes	No	Not Applicable
31.	employees an	d the public of the pro	nates with appropriate local entities to educate oper management and disposal or recycling of ials, and other household hazardous wastes.
	Yes	No	Not Applicable
32.		icit discharges, spills,	responsible for investigating, identifying and , and illicit connections into the MS4 are trained
	Yes	No	Not Applicable

Use this Comments field to explain any unique implementation schedules, highlight investigation results or follow-up actions, discuss subsequent enforcement actions, etc. that were conducted during the relevant reporting period.

Construction Site Runoff Control Program (Permit Part 3.3)

33.	This Permittee organization uses an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism to require erosion, sediment, and waste material management controls at construction project site activity that results in land disturbance of one (1) or more acres and discharges to the MS4.
	Yes

No

Note: Permit Part 3.3 requires Permittees to update their construction site runoff control requirements no later than September 1, 2025.

Not Applicable

34. This Permittee organization requires construction site operators to submit construction site plans for projects disturbing one (1) or more acres for Permittee review.

Yes

No

Note: Permit Part 3.3 requires Permittees to update their construction site runoff control requirements no later than **September 1. 2025**.

Not Applicable

35. This Permittee organization inspects construction sites that disturb one (1) or more acres to ensure compliance with applicable requirements for erosion, sediment and waste material management controls.

Yes

No

Note: Permit Part 3.3 requires Permittees to update their construction site runoff control requirements no later than September 1, 2025.

Not Applicable

36. This Permittee organization inspects construction sites using an inspection prioritization system.

Yes

No

Note: Permit Part 3.3 requires Permittees to update their construction site runoff control requirements no later than September 1, 2025

37. This Permittee organization implements a written escalating enforcement response policy or plan (ERP) for construction site runoff control.

Yes

No

Note: Permit Part 3.3 requires Permittees to update their construction site runoff control requirements no later than **September 1, 2025.**

Not Applicable

38. This Permittee organization ensures that all persons responsible for preconstruction site plan review, site inspections, and enforcement of construction site runoff control requirements are appropriately trained to conduct such activities – specifically, this organization provides orientation and training for new staff working on construction runoff control issues within the first six (6) months of employment.

Yes

No

Note: Permit Part 3.3 requires Permittees to update their construction site runoff control requirements no later than **September 1, 2025.**

Not Applicable

Comments on Construction Site Runoff Control:

Use this Comments field to explain unique implementation schedules, summarize the number of site inspections, follow-up actions, and/or any subsequent enforcement actions, etc that were conducted during the relevant reporting period.

<u>Post Construction Stormwater Management in New Development & Redevelopment</u> (Permit Part 3.4)

39. Through ordinance or other regulatory mechanism, this Permittee organization requires the installation and long-term maintenance of permanent stormwater controls at new development and redevelopment project sites that result from land disturbance greater than or equal to 1 acre and that discharges to the MS4.

The required stormwater controls must be sufficient to retain onsite the runoff volume produced from a 24-hour 95th percentile storm event, and/or require runoff treatment sufficient to attain an equal or greater level of water quality benefit as this onsite retention standard.

Yes

Please cite to the regulatory mechanism containing the permanent stormwater control requirements:

No

Note: Permit Part 3.4 requires Permittees to update their permanent stormwater control requirements no later than **September 1, 2025.**

Not Applicable

40. This Permittee organization requires permanent storm water controls through written specifications.

Yes

Please cite to the document containing the permanent stormwater control requirements:

No

Note: Permit Part 3.4 requires Permittees to update their permanent stormwater control requirements no later than **September 1, 2025.**

Not Applicable

41. This Permittee organization requires preconstruction site plan review and approval for permanent storm water controls at new development and redevelopment sites that result in land disturbance of one or more acres and discharge to the MS4.

Yes

No

Note: Permit Part 3.4 requires Permittees to update their permanent stormwater control requirements no later than **September 1, 2025.**

42. This Permittee organization has identified high priority locations in the jurisdiction where the Permittee regularly inspects the installation, and long-term operation, of permanent stormwater controls.

Yes

No

Note: Permit Part 3.4 requires Permittees to update their permanent stormwater control requirements no later than **September 1, 2025.**

Not Applicable

43. This Permittee organization has an enforcement strategy to ensure and maintain the functional integrity of permanent stormwater controls within this jurisdiction.

Yes

No

Note: Permit Part 3.4 requires Permittees to update their permanent stormwater control requirements no later than **September 1, 2025.**

Not Applicable

44. This Permittee organization uses a database inventory to track and manage the operational condition of permanent stormwater controls within this jurisdiction.

Yes

No

Note: Permit Part 3.4 requires Permittees to update their permanent stormwater control requirements no later than **September 1, 2025.**

Not Applicable

45. This Permittee organization requires enforceable and transferable O&M Agreements, where parties other than this Permittee organization are responsible for operation and maintenance of permanent storm water controls?

Yes

No - Note: Permit Part 3.4 requires Permittees to update their permanent stormwater control requirements no later than **September 1, 2025.**

Not Applicable

46. This Permittee organization ensures that all persons responsible for reviewing site plans for permanent stormwater controls and/or for inspecting the installation and operation of permanent controls are trained to conduct such activities

Yes

No - Note: Permit Part 3.4 requires Permittees to update their permanent stormwater control requirements no later than **September 1, 2025.**

Commen	ts on Post	Construction	Stormwater	Management i	n New I	Development	and
Redevelo	pment						

Use this Comments field as necessary to explain any unique implementation schedules, summarize inspections, actions, etc. that were conducted during the relevant reporting period.

Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for MS4 Operations (Permit Part 3.5)

47 .	This Permittee organization inspects all MS4 catch basins and inlets in the
	jurisdiction at least once every five years and takes appropriate maintenance or
	cleaning action based on those inspections.

Yes

No – Permittee uses an alternate inspection & maintenance schedule as outlined in the SWMP Document.

No

Note: Permit Part 3.5 requires Permittees to update their pollution prevention and good housekeeping as needed to properly operate and maintain their MS4s no later than **September 1**, **2025**.

Not Applicable

Total Number of catch basins and inlets inspected this reporting period ______

48. This Permittee organization operates and maintains Streets, Roads, Highways and/or Parking Lots in its jurisdiction in a manner that protects water quality and reduces the discharge of pollutants through the MS4.

Yes

No

Note: Permit Part 3.5 requires Permittees to update their requirements pollution prevention/good housekeeping for MS4 Operations no later than **September 1, 2025**.

Not Applicable

49. This Permittee organization operates all street/road maintenance material storage locations in a manner that prevents pollutants in stormwater runoff from discharging to the MS4 or into any receiving waterbody. A description of each Material Storage Location is included in the SWMP Document, as required by Permit Part 3.5.4

Yes

No

Note: Permit Part 3.5 requires Permittees to update their requirements pollution prevention/good housekeeping for MS4 Operations no later than **September 1, 2025**.

50. This Permittee organization sweeps all areas of the jurisdiction that discharge to the MS4 at least once annually. A description of the street sweeping program, as required by Permit Part 3.5.5, is included in the SWMP Document.

Yes

No

Note: Permit Part 3.5 requires Permittees to update their requirements pollution prevention/good housekeeping for MS4 Operations no later than **September 1, 2025.**

Not Applicable

51. This Permittee organization has reviewed its operation and maintenance activities for the types of activities listed below and confirms that all such activities are conducted in a manner that protects water quality and reduces the discharge of pollutants through the MS4. Municipal Activities to be addressed include: grounds/park and open space maintenance operations; fleet maintenance and vehicle washing operations; building maintenance; snow disposal site operation and maintenance; solid waste transfer activities; municipal golf course maintenance; materials storage; hazardous materials storage; used oil recycling; and spill control and prevention measures for municipal refueling facilities.

Yes

No

Note: Permit Part 3.5 requires Permittees to update their requirements pollution prevention/good housekeeping for MS4 Operations no later than **September 1, 2025**.

Not Applicable

52. This Permittee organization ensures appropriate practices to reduce the discharge of pollutants to the MS4 associated with the application, storage and disposal of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers. All employees or contractors applying pesticides, etc. are instructed to follow all label requirements, including those regarding application methods, rates, number of applications allowed, and disposal of the pesticide/herbicide/fertilizer and rinsate.

Yes

No

Note: Permit Part 3.5 requires Permittees to update their requirements pollution prevention/good housekeeping for MS4 Operations no later than **September 1, 2025.**

53. This Permittee organization uses site specific Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans for all Permittee-owned material storage facilities, heavy equipment storage areas, and maintenance yards located in the Permit Area.

Yes

No

Note: Permit Part 3.5 requires Permittees to update their requirements pollution prevention/good housekeeping for MS4 Operations no later than **September 1, 2025**.

Not Applicable

54. This Permittee organization ensures that all persons responsible for municipal operations and maintenance activities are trained to conduct such activities

Yes

No

Note: Permit Part 3.5 requires Permittees to update their requirements pollution prevention/good housekeeping for MS4 Operations no later than **September 1, 2025**.

Not Applicable

Comments on Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for MS4 Operations
Use this Comments field as necessary to explain any unique implementation schedules,
summarize inspections, actions, etc. that were conducted during the relevant reporting period

Section IV. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR DISCHARGES TO IMPAIRED WATERS Provide a current status report regarding the development of any required Monitoring/Assessment Plan and implementation of pollutant reduction activities as required by Permit Part 4.

55. Permit Part 4 - Narrative Status Report:

Section V. Response To Excursions Above Idaho Water Quality Standards

56. During this or any prior reporting period, did the Permittee submit written notification to EPA and IDEQ regarding MS4 discharge that are causing or contributing to an excursion above the WQS as directed by Permit Part 5.1?

Yes – if yes, proceed to Q.56 No Not Applicable

57. During this or any prior reporting period, did the Permittee submit an Adaptive Management Report to EPA and IDEQ, as directed by Permit Part 5.2?

Yes – if yes, proceed to Q.57 No Not Applicable

58. Provide a summary of the Permittee's efforts to date that address the MS4 discharges contributing to the original water quality excursion, including the results of any monitoring, assessment, or evaluation efforts conducted during the reporting period.

59.	List any attachments submitted as part of this Annual Report:

APPENDIX A – EDUCATION AND OUTREACH



Figure 1: University of Idaho students gathered for labeling stormwater drains



Figure 2: Two UI students labeling a stormwater drain



Figure 3: Stormwater drain labels read "DUMP NO WASTE; DRAINS TO STREAM"



Figure 4: This outreach effort educated students on the MS4 and will help reduce illicit discharges into the MS4

What Is Stormwater?

Stormwater is runoff from rain and melting snow. It is collected by the stormwater collection system on campus that conveys it directly into local waterways such as Paradise Creek or Hog Creek. Most of the University's stormwater eventually discharges to the South Fork Palouse River.

Why Is Stormwater Important?

When stormwater flows over hard surfaces such as rooftops, streets, and parking lots, it picks up harmful pollutants such as oil, fertilizer, and pet waste that are detrimental to aquatic life and human health.



Stormwater Public Education and Outreach





What Can You Do To Help?



DON'T DUMP ANYTHING DOWN STORM DRAINS

Storm drains are for stormwater only. The storm drains are not for mop water, used motor oil, or even unwanted beverages. These fluids drain directly to the streams.



CLEAN UP YARD TRIMMINGS

Avoid sweeping or blowing grass clippings, leaves, or dirt directly into streets or storm catch basins. While these can be beneficial in small amounts, too much can be harmful to bodies of fresh water and can block the stormwater system, causing floods on campus.



PICK UP AFTER PETS

Pick up after dogs when walking them. Fecal matter contains harmful bacteria which contaminates streams, spoils the outdoors for others, and increases the resources needed to keep campus areas clean.



THROW AWAY TRASH

Litter makes its way into our rivers through the stormwater system. Besides being unsightly, trash can harbor bacteria biofilms that encourages the growth of harmful bacteria.



TAKE CARE OF YOUR CAR

We all like our vehicles to be clean, but most car wash soap contributes to the phosphorus pollution we are seeing in our streams. Take your car to a local car wash that collects and cleans the wash water before discharging it. Oil leaks wash into the stream during the next storm. If you have a puddle underneath your parking spot, it's time to take your car in for a repair. Your car and the fish will thank you!

Report A Stormwater Problem

Stormwater Complaints
Stormwater Hotline: 208-885-6246

Emergency Spill Response Latah County: 911

University Streets and Building University of Idaho Facilities: 208-885-6246

Contact Info

University of Idaho
Facilities Services
875 Perimeter Dr. MS 2281
Moscow, ID 83844
208-885-6246
facilities@uidaho.edu



Clean Water Act The Federal Water Pollution

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) regulates discharges of pollutants into waters of the U.S. and regulates quality standard for surface waters and is the basis for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The Clean Water Act prohibits anybody from discharging pollutants into a water of the U.S. unless they have an NPDES permit. The permit contains limits on what you can discharge, monitoring and reporting requirements, and other provisions to ensure that the discharge does not hurt water quality or people's health. In essence, the permit translates general requirements of the Clean Water Act into specific provisions tailored to the operations of each person discharging pollutants.