

Chapter 4: Storm Water

Storm water is rain, snow, or snowmelt. Printers are required to prevent pollution of storm water on their properties by eliminating contact between pollutants and storm water. Regulations require printers to document these efforts by obtaining an Industrial Storm Water Permit or filing a No Exposure Certification form.

Construction, including new buildings or additions, may require a Construction Site Storm Water Discharge Permit.

When do I need a Storm Water Permit?

The Industrial Storm Water Permit covers the *contamination* of rain, snow, or snowmelt runoff from outside storage of industrial materials or activities.

Printers who own or lease space must:

- obtain an industrial storm water permit from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) or
- submit a No Exposure Certification verifying that no materials are exposed to storm water

The Construction Site Storm Water Discharge Permit covers storm water discharge from a construction site where one or more acres of land are disturbed.

A permit from the Department of Commerce is needed when the land disturbance is associated with construction of a public building or place of employment (commonly referred to as commercial buildings). Contact the Department of Commerce, Small Business Clean Air Assistance Program (SBCAAP) for permit information.

Landowners must obtain a Storm Water Discharge Permit from the DNR if construction does not include commercial buildings (i.e., parking lot expansion). When construction occurs on a leased site, the Leasee is responsible to obtain required permits.

Section A: Industrial Storm Water Requirements

Printers are required to apply for an Industrial Storm Water Discharge Permit coverage or file a "No Exposure Certification" Form.

	<p>Question SW.1: Have you previously filed for a permit or filed a No Exposure Certification?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No - Submit RTCP</p>
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Stormwater Discharge is rainfall, snow, or snowmelt runoff from land and impervious areas such as paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops. Stormwater discharge often contains pollutants in quantities that could adversely affect water quality.

Contamination means contact between stormwater and any pollutant resulting in pollution of storm water.

Industrial materials or activities include, but are not limited to, material handling equipment or activities, industrial machinery, raw materials, intermediate products, by-products, final products, or waste products.

Material handling activities include storage, loading and unloading, transportation, or conveyance of any raw material, intermediate product, by-product, final product or waste product.

Landowner means any person holding fee title, an easement or other interest in property that allows the person to undertake land disturbing construction activity on the property.

No exposure means all industrial materials and activities are protected by a storm-resistant shelter to prevent exposure to rain, snow, snowmelt, and/or runoff.