

Permit Requirements and Fees

- ALLEGHENY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT –412-241-7645

NPDES Requirements

State law requires that an erosion and sediment pollution control (E&SPC) plan be developed for all projects involving earth disturbance, regardless of size (PA Clean Streams Law, Chapter 102). Projects which impact high quality or exceptional value streams as defined by regulations promulgated under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) requirements need special care and have enhanced permit conditions.

The District reviews E&SPC plans under the terms of delegation agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. In most cases, a General NPDES Permit – issued by the District – is required before the start of construction. When a high quality or exceptional value stream is located within the project area, an Individual NPDES Permit is required. Individual Permits are issued by DEP.

In either situation, E&SPC plan preparers should allow at least 90 days for review of project plans and associated documents. Although requirements vary depending on the nature and scope of the earth disturbance, a complete application consists of:

- An erosion and sediment pollution control plan containing all checklist items
- A project narrative describing in detail how the proposed controls will reduce stream pollution and runoff of sediment-laden water from the project site
- A post-construction stormwater management plan prepared in accordance with Act 167 of 1978 (the Stormwater Management and Control Act)
- A check in the amount required for the total project acreage, payable to Allegheny County Conservation District
- A check payable to ACCD – Clean Water Fund in the amount of \$500.00 for a General NPDES Permit or \$1500.00 for an Individual NPDES Permit
- A check payable to Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Clean Water Fund in the amount of a \$100.00 fee per each disturbed acre (rounded to the nearest whole acre) is required for both Individual and General NPDES Permits.

Please submit applications and plans collated and folded! Submitting the application in binders will result in a processing delay and possible rejection of application.

NPDES Fees

Total Project Acreage	Regular Fees	Expedited Fees (regular fee +)
00.0 – 02.0	\$700.00	\$1,400.00
02.1 – 04.0	\$1,300.00	\$2,600.00
04.1 – 10.0	\$2,400.00	\$4,800.00
10.1 – 25.0	\$4,300.00	\$8,600.00
25.1 – 40.0	\$5,400.00	\$10,800.00
40.1 – 55.0	\$6,800.00	\$13,600.00
55.1 – 70.0	\$7,400.00	\$14,800.00
70.1 & Over	\$7,400.00 (+ \$100.00 per acre over 70.0)	\$14,800.00 (+ \$200.00 per acre over 70.0)

Clean Water Fund Payments

Each NPDES plan review application **must** include the following Clean Water Fund payments:

- ACCD – Clean Water Fund
 - \$500.00 per General NPDES Permit
 - \$1500.00 per Individual NPDES Permit
- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Clean Water Fund

- \$100.00 fee per each disturbed acre (**rounded to the nearest acre**) is also required for both General and Individual NPDES Permits

Review of Plan Revisions:

- 1st Revision – included in the initial fee
- 2nd Revision – 30% of initial fee or included with expedited fees
- 3rd Revision – 100% of initial fee