

Texas Stormwater General Permit Update



TCEQ is renewing the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP), which authorizes stormwater discharges from industrial facilities. The current MSGP, issued in 2021, expires on **August 14, 2026**. The renewal is intended to align the Texas MSGP with US EPA's MSGP.

*Facilities currently covered under the 2021 MSGP must update their Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs) and submit the new Notice of Intent (NOI) form by November 14, 2026, to maintain coverage. Because the new NOI form has been revised, facilities should confirm that all required updates to their SWPPP are completed and implemented before the **November 14, 2026**, renewal deadline.*

GSI reviewed TCEQ's 2026 MSGP update and identified the following important changes:

Administrative and Reporting Changes:

- > Substantially similar outfalls may no longer be used for Water Quality Monitoring.
- > Facilities are allowed to maintain their SWPPP electronically.
- > NOI, NEC, and NOT applications must be provided to each MS4 that receives facility discharges.
- > Facilities must notify the applicable TCEQ regional office before conducting background sampling.
- > The update clarifies regulated SIC codes and incorporates 2017 NAICS code revisions.

Expanded Monitoring and Testing Requirements:

- > Benchmark testing: Multiple subsectors will transition from report-only monitoring to benchmark monitoring for parameters such as pH, TSS, COD, ammonia, nitrate-nitrite, and selected metals.
- > Monitoring schedule: Benchmark monitoring will increase to quarterly during the first three years of coverage, or for at least 12 quarters, instead of only during years 1 and 4.
- > Impaired waters testing: Facilities discharging into impaired waters must conduct quarterly monitoring for each pollutant causing the impairment.
- > Proposed Benchmark Changes:

POLLUTANT	CURRENT (MG/L)	PROPOSED (MG/L)	SECTORS
Phosphorus	1.25	0.78	C
Cyanide	0.02	0.01	K
Ammonia Nitrogen	1.7	1.0	K, S
Iron	1.3	1.0	C, E, F, G, H, L, M, N, O, Q, AA
Nitrate + Nitrite Nitrogen	0.68	0.6	C, G, J, U, AA
Zinc	0.16	0.12	A, C, F, H, N, Q, Y, AA

GSI can assist with updating your facility's SWPPP and provide technical support to implement the changes proposed in TCEQ's 2026 MSGP.

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