

A. **Storm Water Discharges Associated With Industrial Activity From Timber Products Facilities and Ornamental Shrub and Tree Services**

1. Coverage of This Section.

- a. Discharges Covered Under This Section. The requirements listed under this section shall apply to storm water discharges from the following activities: establishments [generally classified under Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Major Group 24] and SIC Code 0783 (Ornamental Shrub and Tree Services) establishments primarily engaged in performing a variety of ornamental shrub and tree services and establishments that are engaged in cutting timber and pulpwood, merchant sawmills, lath mills, shingle mills, cooperage stock mills, planing mills, and plywood and veneer mills engaged in producing lumber and wood basic materials; and establishments engaged in wood preserving or in manufacturing finished articles made entirely of wood or related materials, except for wood kitchen cabinet manufacturers (SIC Code 2434), which are addressed under *Appendix I. W.* of this permit.
- b. Limitations on Coverage. The following storm water discharges associated with industrial activity are not authorized by this permit:
  - 1) Discharges from areas where there may be contact with the chemical formulations sprayed to provide surface protection. These discharges must be covered by a separate UPDES permit.
  - 2) Storm water discharges associated with an industrial activity that the *Director* has determined to be, or may reasonably be expected to be, contributing to a violation of a water quality standard.
  - 3) Storm water discharges from earth-disturbing activities. These are considered construction activities and must be covered under the Construction General Permit.
- c. Co-Located Industrial Activity. When an industrial facility, described by the above coverage provisions of this section, has industrial activities being conducted onsite that meet the description(s) of industrial activities in another section(s), that industrial facility shall comply with any and all applicable monitoring and pollution prevention plan requirements of the other section(s) in addition to all applicable requirements in this section. The monitoring and pollution prevention plan terms and conditions of this multi-sector permit are additive for industrial activities being conducted at the same industrial facility. The operator of the facility shall determine which other monitoring and pollution prevention plan section(s) of this permit (if any) are applicable to the facility.

2. Prohibition of Non-storm Water Discharges.

- a. In addition to those non-storm water discharges prohibited under *Part II.A.2.*, this permit does not authorize the discharge of:
  - 1) Discharges of boiler blowdown and water treatment wastewaters, noncontact and contact cooling waters, wash down waters from treatment equipment, and storm water that has come in contact with areas where spraying of chemical formulations designed to provide surface protection, to waters of the State, or through municipal separate storm sewer systems. The operators of such discharges must obtain coverage under a separate UPDES discharge permit.

- 2) In addition to the discharges described in *Part II.A.2.*, the following non-storm water discharges may be authorized by this permit provided the non-storm water component of the discharge is in compliance with paragraph *3.a.3)* (Measures and Controls for Non-storm Water Discharges) and the effluent limitations described in paragraph *4.a.* discharges from the spray down of lumber and wood product storage yards where no chemical additives are used in the spray down waters and no chemicals are applied to the wood during storage.
3. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan Requirements.
    - a. Contents of Plan. The plan shall include, at a minimum, the following items:
      - 1) Pollution Prevention Team. Each plan shall identify a specific individual or individuals within the facility organization as members of a storm water Pollution Prevention Team that are responsible for developing the storm water pollution prevention plan and assisting the facility or plant manager in its implementation, maintenance, and revision. The plan shall clearly identify the responsibilities of each team member. The activities and responsibilities of the team shall address all aspects of the facility's storm water pollution prevention plan.
      - 2) Description of Potential Pollutant Sources. Each plan shall provide a description of potential sources that may reasonably be expected to add significant amounts of pollutants to storm water discharges or that may result in the discharge of pollutants during dry weather from separate storm sewers draining the facility. Each plan shall identify all activities and significant materials that may potentially be significant pollutant sources. Each plan shall include, at a minimum:
        - a) Drainage. A site map indicating the location of outfalls covered by the permit, the types of discharges contained in the drainage areas of the outfalls, an outline of the portions of the drainage area of each storm water outfall that are within the facility boundaries, each existing structural control measure to reduce pollutants in storm water runoff, surface water bodies, locations where significant materials are exposed to precipitation, locations where major spills or leaks identified under paragraph *3.a.2)c)* (Spills and Leaks) of this section have occurred since 3 years prior to the date of the submission of a *Notice of Intent (NOI)* to be covered under this permit. The map must also indicate the locations of all industrial activities that are exposed to precipitation, including, but not limited to: loading/unloading areas; vehicle fueling; vehicle and equipment maintenance and/or cleaning areas; waste treatment, storage, and disposal locations; material handling areas; liquid storage tanks; processing and storage areas; treatment chemical storage areas; treated wood and residue storage areas; wet decking areas; dry decking areas; untreated wood and residue storage areas; and treatment equipment storage areas. Flows with a significant potential for causing erosion shall also be identified. In addition, the site map must identify monitoring locations, outfall locations, and the types of discharges contained in the drainage

areas of the outfalls.

- b) Inventory of Exposed Materials. An inventory of the types of materials handled at the site that potentially may be exposed to precipitation for each storm water outfall covered under this permit (see paragraph 1.). Such inventory shall include a narrative description of: significant materials that have been handled, treated, stored or disposed in a manner to allow exposure to storm water between the time of 3 years prior to the date of submission of a *Notice of Intent (NOI)* to be covered under this permit and the present; method and location of onsite storage or disposal; materials management practices employed to minimize contact of materials with storm water runoff between the time of 3 years prior to the date of the submission of a *Notice of Intent (NOI)* to be covered under this permit and the present; the location and a description of existing structural and nonstructural control measures to reduce pollutants in storm water runoff; and a description of any treatment the storm water receives. The inventory of exposed materials shall include, but shall not be limited to the significant materials stored exposed to storm water and material management practices that affect storm water. Where information is available, facilities that have used chlorophenolic, creosote, or chromium-copper-arsenic formulations for wood surface protection or wood preserving activities onsite in the past should identify in the inventory the following: areas where contaminated soils, treatment equipment, and stored materials still remain and management practices employed to minimize the contact of these materials with storm water runoff.
  - c) Spills and Leaks. A list of significant spills and significant leaks of toxic or hazardous pollutants that occurred at areas that are exposed to precipitation or that otherwise drain to a storm water conveyance at the facility after the date of 3 years prior to the date of submission of a *Notice of Intent (NOI)* to be covered under this permit. Such list shall be updated as appropriate during the term of the permit.
  - d) Sampling Data. A summary of existing discharge sampling data describing pollutants in storm water discharges from the facility, including a summary of sampling data collected during the term of this permit.
  - e) Summary of Potential Pollutant Sources. A narrative assessment of the risk potential that the industrial activities, materials, and physical features of the site, as identified in 3.a.2)a) (Drainage) pose to storm water quality. The description shall specifically list any significant potential sources of pollutants at the site and identify what the pollutant or pollutant parameter (e.g., total suspended solids, biochemical oxygen demand, chemical oxygen demand, oil and grease, arsenic, copper, chromium, pentachlorophenol, other specific metals, toxicity, etc.) of concern is.
- 3) Measures and Controls. Each facility covered by this permit shall develop a description of storm water management controls appropriate for the facility, and implement such controls. The appropriateness and priorities of controls in a plan shall

reflect identified potential sources of pollutants at the facility. The description of storm water management controls shall address the following minimum components, including a schedule for implementing such controls for the following areas of the site: log, lumber and other wood product storage areas; residue storage areas, loading and unloading areas; material handling areas; chemical storage areas; and equipment/vehicle maintenance, storage and repair areas. Facilities that surface protect and/or preserve wood products should address specific *BMPs* for wood surface protection and preserving activities. The description of storm water management controls shall address the following minimum components, including a schedule for implementing such controls:

- a) Good Housekeeping. Good housekeeping requires that areas which may contribute pollutants to storm water discharges be maintained in a clean, orderly manner. Good housekeeping measures in storage areas, loading and unloading areas, and material handling areas should be designed to:
  - (1) limit the discharge of wood debris;
  - (2) minimize the leachate generated from decaying wood materials; and
  - (3) minimize the generation of dust.
  
- b) Preventive Maintenance. A preventive maintenance program shall involve timely inspection and maintenance of storm water management devices (e.g., cleaning oil/water separators, catch basins) as well as inspecting and testing facility equipment and systems to uncover conditions that could cause breakdowns or failures resulting in discharges of pollutants to surface waters, and ensuring appropriate maintenance of such equipment and systems. Periodic removal of debris from ditches, swales, diversions, containment basins, sediment ponds and infiltration measures should be performed to limit discharges of solids and to maintain the effectiveness of the controls.
  
- c) Spill Prevention and Response Procedures. Areas where potential spills that can contribute pollutants to storm water discharges can occur, and their accompanying drainage points shall be identified clearly in the storm water pollution prevention plan. Where appropriate, consider specifying material handling procedures, storage requirements, and use of equipment such as diversion valves in the plan. Procedures for cleaning up spills shall be identified in the plan and made available to the appropriate personnel. The necessary equipment to implement a clean-up should be available to personnel. Response schedules should be developed to limit tracking of spilled materials to other areas of the site. Leaks or spills of wood surface protection or preservation chemicals shall be cleaned up immediately in accordance with applicable *RCRA* regulations at *40 CFR Part 264* and *40 CFR Part 265*.
  
- d) Inspections. In addition to or as part of the comprehensive site evaluation required under paragraph 3.a.4) of this section, qualified facility personnel shall be identified to inspect designated equipment and areas of the facility at least every quarter. At a minimum, the following areas, where the potential for

exposure to storm water exists, must be inspected on a regularly scheduled basis: material handling, and unloading and loading areas should be inspected daily whenever industrial activities occur in those areas. If no activities are occurring, no inspection is required; processing areas, transport areas, and treated wood storage areas of facilities performing wood surface protection and preservation activities should be performed monthly to assess the usefulness of practices in minimizing drippage of treatment chemicals on unprotected soils and in areas that will come in contact with storm water discharges. A set of tracking or follow-up procedures shall be used to ensure that appropriate actions are taken in response to the inspections. Records of inspections shall be maintained. Based on the results of the inspection, the description of potential pollutant sources and pollution prevention measures and controls identified in the plan shall be revised as appropriate within 2 weeks of such inspection and shall provide for implementation of any changes to the plan in a timely manner, but in no case more than 12 weeks after the inspection.

- e) Employee Training. Employee training programs shall inform personnel responsible for implementing activities identified in the storm water pollution prevention plan or otherwise responsible for storm water management at all levels of responsibility of the components and goals of the storm water pollution prevention plan. Training should address topics such as spill response, good housekeeping and material management practices. At a minimum, this training must be provided annually. The pollution prevention plan shall identify frequencies and approximate dates for such training.
  
- f) Recordkeeping and Internal Reporting Procedures. A description of incidents (such as spills or other discharges), along with other information describing the quality and quantity of storm water discharges shall be included in the storm water pollution prevention plan. Inspections and maintenance activities shall be documented and records of such activities shall be incorporated into the plan. Ineffective BMPs must be recorded and the date of their corrective actions noted in the plan.
  
- g) Non-storm Water Discharges.
  - (1) Certification. The plan shall include a certification that the discharge has been tested or evaluated for the presence of non-storm water discharges. The certification shall include the identification of potential significant sources of non-storm water at the site, a description of the results of any test and/or evaluation for the presence of non-storm water discharges, the evaluation criteria or testing method used, the date of any testing and/or evaluation, and the onsite drainage points that were directly observed during the test. Certifications shall be signed in accordance with *Part VI.G.* of this permit. Such certification may not be feasible if the facility operator does not have access to an outfall, manhole, or other point of access to the ultimate conduit that receives the discharge. In such cases, the source identification section of the storm water pollution prevention

plan shall indicate why the certification required by this part was not feasible, along with the identification of potential significant sources of non-storm water at the site. A discharger that is unable to provide the certification required by this paragraph must notify the *Director* in accordance with paragraph 3.a.3)g)(4) below.

- (2) Exceptions. Except for flows from emergency firefighting activities, sources of non-storm water listed in *Part II.A.2. (Non-Storm Water Discharges)* of this permit that are combined with storm water discharges associated with industrial activity must be identified in the plan. The plan shall identify and ensure the implementation of appropriate pollution prevention measures for the non-storm water component(s) of the discharge.
  - (3) Copy of Other Permits. If the facility discharges wastewater, other than storm water via an existing *UPDES* permit, a copy of the *UPDES* permit authorizing the discharge must be attached to the plan. Similarly, if the facility submitted an application for a *UPDES* permit for non-storm water discharges, but has not yet received that permit, a copy of the permit application must be attached. Upon issuance or reissuance of a *UPDES* permit, the facility must modify its plan to include a copy of that permit.
  - (4) Failure to Certify. Any facility that is unable to provide the certification required (testing for non-storm water discharges), must notify the *Director* within 180 days after submitting an *NOI* to be covered by this permit. If the failure to certify is caused by the inability to perform adequate tests or evaluations, such notification shall describe: the procedure of any test conducted for the presence of non-storm water discharges; the results of such test or other relevant observations; potential sources of non-storm water discharges to the storm sewer; and why adequate tests for such storm sewers were not feasible. Non-storm water discharges to waters of the State which are not authorized by a *UPDES* permit are unlawful, and must be terminated
- h) Sediment and Erosion Control. The plan shall identify areas that, due to topography, activities, or other factors, have a high potential for significant soil erosion, and identify structural, vegetative, and/or stabilization measures to be used to limit erosion. When developing the plan, the following areas of the site should be considered: loading and unloading areas, access roads, material handling areas, storage areas, and any other areas where heavy equipment and vehicle use is prevalent. The following erosion and sediment controls shall be considered to minimize the discharge of sediments from the site: stabilization measures such as seeding, mulching, geotextiles, contouring, gravel paving, rip-rap, paving and sodding or its equivalent and structural measures such as sediment traps, silt fences, and storm water basins or other equivalent measures.
- i) Management of Runoff. The plan shall contain a narrative consideration of the

appropriateness of traditional storm water management practices (practices other than those that control the generation or source(s) of pollutants) used to divert, infiltrate, reuse, or otherwise manage storm water runoff in a manner that reduces pollutants in storm water discharges from the site. The plan shall provide that measures that the permittee determines to be reasonable and appropriate shall be implemented and maintained. The potential of various sources at the facility to contribute pollutants to storm water discharges associated with industrial activity [see paragraph 3.a.2) (Description of Potential Pollutant Sources) of this permit] shall be considered when determining reasonable and appropriate measures. Appropriate measures or equivalent measures may include: vegetative swales and other vegetative filtration practices, reuse of collected storm water (such as for a process or as an irrigation source), inlet controls (such as oil/water separators), snow management activities, infiltration devices, and wet detention/retention devices or other equivalent measures.

- 4) Comprehensive Site Compliance Evaluation. Qualified personnel shall conduct site compliance evaluations at appropriate intervals specified in the plan, but in no case less than once a year. Where compliance evaluation schedules overlap with inspections required under 3.a.3)d) of this section, the compliance evaluation may be conducted in place of one such inspection. Such evaluations shall provide:
  - a) Areas contributing to a storm water discharge associated with industrial activity such as loading/unloading areas, material handling areas, locations used for the treatment, storage or disposal of wastes, liquid storage tanks, processing areas, treatment chemical storage areas, treated wood and residue storage areas, wet decking areas, dry decking areas, untreated wood and residue storage areas, and treatment equipment storage areas shall be visually inspected for evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants entering the drainage system. Measures to reduce pollutant loadings shall be evaluated to determine whether they are adequate and properly implemented in accordance with the terms of the permit or whether additional control measures are needed. Structural storm water management measures, sediment and erosion control measures, and other structural pollution prevention measures identified in the plan shall be observed to ensure that they are operating correctly. A visual inspection of equipment needed to implement the plan, such as spill response equipment, shall be made.
  - b) Based on the results of the evaluation, the description of potential pollutant sources identified in the plan in accordance with paragraph 3.a.2) (Description of Potential Pollutant Sources) of this section and pollution prevention measures and controls identified in the plan in accordance with paragraph 3.a.3) (Measures and Controls) of this section shall be revised as appropriate within 2 weeks of such inspection and shall provide for implementation of any changes to the plan in a timely manner, but in no case more than 12 weeks after the inspection.
  - c) A report summarizing the scope of the evaluation, personnel making the evaluation, the date(s) of the evaluation, major observations relating to the implementation of the storm water pollution prevention plan, and actions taken

in accordance with paragraph 3.a.4)b) (above) of this section shall be made and retained as part of the storm water pollution prevention plan for at least 3 years from the date of the evaluation. The report shall identify any incidents of noncompliance. Where a report does not identify any incidents of noncompliance, the report shall contain a certification that the facility is in compliance with the storm water pollution prevention plan and this permit. The report shall be signed in accordance with *Part VI.G.* (Signatory Requirements) of this permit.

- d) The individual or individuals who will conduct the evaluations must be identified in the plan and should be members of the pollution prevention team, as identified in paragraph 3.a.1) (Pollution Prevention Team).

4. Numeric Effluent Limitations. In addition to the numeric effluent limitations described in *Part IV.B.*, of this permit the following limitations shall be met by existing and new dischargers.

- a. Wet Deck Storage Area Runoff. Non-storm water discharges from areas used for the storage of logs where water, without chemical additives, is intentionally sprayed or deposited on logs to deter decay or infestation by insects are required to meet the following effluent limitations (Dischargers subject to these numeric limitations must be in compliance with these limitations through the duration of permit coverage):

- 1) pH shall be within the range of 6.5 - 9.0,
- 2) there will be no discharge of debris (“debris” is defined as woody material such as bark, twigs, branches, heartwood or sapwood that will not pass through a 2.54 cm (1 in.) diameter round opening and is present in the discharge from a wet deck storage area).
- 3) Chemicals are not allowed to be applied to the stored logs.

5. Monitoring and Reporting Requirements.

- a. Analytical Monitoring Requirements. During the first (2022) year of the permit, permittees with timber product facilities must monitor their storm water discharges associated with industrial activity at least quarterly (4 times per year) except as provided in paragraphs 5.a.3) (Sampling Waiver), 5.4) (Representative Discharge), and 5.a.5) (Alternative Certification). Timber product facilities are required to monitor their storm water discharges for the pollutants of concern listed in the appropriate table (Tables A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4 or A-5). Facilities must report in accordance with 5.b. (Reporting). In addition to the parameters listed in Tables A-1 through A-5 below, the permittee shall provide the date and duration (in hours) of the storm event(s) sampled; rainfall measurements or estimates (in inches) of the storm event that generated the sampled runoff; the duration between the storm event sampled and the end of the previous measurable (greater than 0.1 inch rainfall) storm event; and an estimate of the total volume (in gallons) of the discharge sampled.



**Table A-1.**  
**Monitoring Requirements for General Sawmills and Planning Mills (SIC 2421)**

<b>Pollutants of Concern</b>	<b>Benchmark Monitoring Cut-Off Concentration</b>
Chemical Oxygen Demand	120.0 mg/L
Total Suspended Solids <sup>1</sup>	100 mg/L
Total Recoverable Zinc (freshwater) <sup>2</sup> Total Recoverable Zinc (saltwater) <sup>3</sup>	Hardness Dependent 0.09 mg/L

2. The freshwater benchmark values of some metals are dependent on water hardness. For these parameters, permittees must determine the hardness of the receiving water (see DWQ's Guidance Document for UPDES Multi-Sector General Permit Monitoring and Reporting Requirements section on "Calculating Hardness in Receiving Waters for Hardness Dependent Metals," for methodology), to identify the applicable 'hardness range' for determining their benchmark value applicable to their facility. Hardness Dependent Benchmarks follow in the table below. If hardness cannot be determined (groundwater or inaccessible waterbodies), use the most conservative values (0-24.99 mg/L range).

3. Saltwater benchmark values apply to storm water discharges into saline waters where indicated.

**Table A-2.**  
**Monitoring Requirements for Wood Preserving Facilities (SIC 2491)**

<b>Pollutant of Concern</b>	<b>Benchmark Monitoring Cut-Off Concentration</b>
Total Recoverable Arsenic (freshwater) Total Recoverable Arsenic (saltwater) <sup>3</sup>	0.150 mg/L 0.069 mg/L
Total Recoverable Copper (freshwater) Total Recoverable Copper (saltwater) <sup>3</sup>	0.00519 mg/L 0.0048 mg/L

3. Saltwater benchmark values apply to storm water discharges into saline waters where indicated.

**Table A-3.**  
**Monitoring Requirements for Log Storage and Handling Facilities (SIC 2411)**

<b>Pollutants of Concern</b>	<b>Benchmark Monitoring Cut-Off Concentration</b>
Total Suspended Solids <sup>1</sup>	100 mg/L

1. Sampling for TSS is not required for storm water discharges that are infiltrating to groundwater.

**Table A-4.**  
**Monitoring Requirements for Wet Decking Discharges at Log Storage and Handling Areas (SIC 2411)**

<b>Pollutants of Concern</b>	<b>Benchmark Monitoring Cut-Off Concentration</b>	<b>Numeric Limitation (Monitor once/yr for ea monitoring yr)</b>
pH		6.5-9.0 su
Debris (Woody Material such as bark, twigs, branches, heartwood, or sapwood.)		No Discharge of debris that will not pass through a 2.54cm (1") diameter round opening.

**Table A-5.**

**Monitoring Requirements for Hardwood Dimension and Flooring Mills; Special Products Sawmills, not elsewhere classified; Millwork, Veneer, Plywood and Structural Wood; Wood Containers; Wood Buildings and Mobile Homes; Reconstituted Wood Products; and Wood Products Facilities not elsewhere classified (SIC 2426, 2429, 2431-2439 (except 2434), 2441, 2448, 2449, 2451, 2452, 2493, and 2499)**

Pollutants of Concern	Benchmark Monitoring Cut-Off Concentration
Chemical Oxygen Demand	120 mg/L
Total Suspended Solids <sup>1</sup>	100 mg/L

1. Sampling for TSS is not required for storm water discharges that are infiltrating to groundwater.

Freshwater Hardness Range	Zinc (mg/L)
0-24.99 mg/L	0.04
25-49.99 mg/L	0.05
50-74.99 mg/L	0.08
75-99.99 mg/L	0.11
100-124.99 mg/L	0.13
125-149.99 mg/L	0.16
150-174.99 mg/L	0.18
175-199.99 mg/L	0.20
200-224.99 mg/L	0.23
225-249.99 mg/L	0.25
250+ mg/L	0.26

- 1) Monitoring Periods. Facilities required to perform monitoring shall monitor samples collected during the sampling periods of: January through March, April through June, July through September, and October through December for the year specified in paragraph 5.a. (above).
  
- 2) Sample Type. A minimum of one grab sample shall be taken. All such samples shall be collected from the discharge resulting from a storm event that is greater than 0.1 inches in magnitude and that occurs at least 72 hours from the previously measurable (greater than 0.1 inch rainfall) storm event. The required 72-hour storm event interval is waived where the preceding measurable storm event did not result in a measurable discharge from the facility. The required 72-hour storm event interval may also be waived where the permittee documents that less than a 72-hour interval is representative for local storm events during the season when sampling is being conducted. The grab sample shall be taken during the first 30 minutes of the discharge. If the collection of a grab sample during the first 30 minutes is impracticable, a grab sample can be taken during the first hour of the discharge, and the discharger shall submit with the monitoring report a description of why a grab sample during the first 30 minutes was impracticable. If storm water discharges associated with industrial activity commingle with process or non-processed water, then where practicable permittees must attempt to sample the storm water discharge before it mixes with the non-storm water discharge.

- 3) Sampling Waiver.
- a) Adverse Conditions. When a discharger is unable to collect samples within a specified sampling period due to adverse climatic conditions, the discharger shall collect a substitute sample from a separate qualifying event in the next monitoring period and submit the data along with the data for the routine sample in that period. Adverse weather conditions that may prohibit the collection of samples include weather conditions that create dangerous or inaccessible conditions for personnel (such as local flooding, high winds, hurricane, tornadoes, electrical storms, etc.) or otherwise make the collection of a sample impracticable (drought, extended frozen conditions, etc.).
  - b) Inactive and Unstaffed Site. When a discharger is unable to conduct quarterly chemical storm water sampling at an inactive and unstaffed site, the operator of the facility may exercise a waiver of the monitoring requirements as long as the facility remains inactive and unstaffed. The facility must state on their NOI that it is inactive and unstaffed and submit a change NOI if this status changes.
- 4) Representative Discharge. When a facility has two or more outfalls that, based on a consideration of industrial activity, significant materials, and management practices and activities within the area drained by the outfall, the permittee reasonably believes discharge substantially identical effluents, the permittee may test the effluent of one of such outfalls and report that the quantitative data also applies to the substantially identical outfall(s) provided that the permittee includes in the storm water pollution prevention plan a description of the location of the outfalls and explains in detail why the outfalls are expected to discharge substantially identical effluents. In addition, for each outfall that the permittee believes is representative, an estimate of the size of the drainage area (in square feet) and an estimate of the runoff coefficient of the drainage area [e.g., low (under 40 percent), medium (40 to 65 percent), or high (above 65 percent)] shall be provided in the plan. The permittee shall include the description of the location of the outfalls, explanation of why outfalls are expected to discharge substantially identical effluents, and estimate of the size of the drainage area and runoff coefficient with the *Storm Water Discharge Monitoring Report (SWDMR)*.
- 5) Alternative Certification. A discharger is not subject to the monitoring requirements of this section provided the discharger makes a certification for a given outfall, on a pollutant-by-pollutant basis in lieu of monitoring reports required under paragraph *b.* below, under penalty of law, signed in accordance with *Part VI.G.* (Signatory Requirements), that material handling equipment or activities, raw materials, intermediate products, final products, waste materials, by-products, industrial machinery or operations, or significant materials from past industrial activity that are located in areas of the facility within the drainage area of the outfall are not presently exposed to storm water and are not expected to be exposed to storm water for the certification period. Such certification must be retained in the storm water pollution prevention plan, and submitted to the *DWQ* in accordance with *Part V.B.* of this permit. In the case of certifying that a pollutant is not present, the permittee must submit the certification along with the monitoring reports required under paragraph *b.*

below. If the permittee cannot certify for an entire period, they must submit the date exposure was eliminated and any monitoring required up until that date. This certification option is not applicable to compliance monitoring requirements associated with effluent limitations.

- b. Reporting. Permittees shall submit monitoring results for each outfall associated with industrial activity [or a certification in accordance with paragraphs 3), 4), or 5) above] obtained during the first (2022) year monitoring period on *Storm Water Discharge Monitoring Report (SWDMR)* form(s) postmarked no later than the 31st day of March on the following year. For each outfall, one signed *SWDMR* form must be submitted to the *Director* per storm event sampled. Signed copies of the *SWDMR*, or said certifications, shall be submitted to the *Director* at the address listed in *Part V.B* of this permit.
  - 1) Additional Notification. In addition to filing copies of *SWDMRs* in accordance with paragraph *b.* (above), facilities engaged in wood preservation and/or surface protection with at least one storm water discharge associated with industrial activity through a large or medium municipal separate storm sewer system (systems serving a population of 100,000 or more) must submit signed copies of *SWDMRs* to the operator of the municipal separate storm sewer system in accordance with the dates provided in paragraph *b* (above).
- c. Benchmark Level Exceedance Actions. Benchmarks are used to help gauge the overall effectiveness of control measures at a facility. If there is an exceedance of these levels you must review the selection, design, installation, and implementation of your control measures to determine if modifications are necessary. This review must be completed within a month of receiving sample results. Actions taken as a result of the review must be documented in the pollution prevention plan and completed in a timely manner, but in no case more than 12 weeks after the evaluation. If no action is taken then you must document the rationale for this decision (e.g. natural background pollutant levels, further pollutant reduction is not technologically or economically feasible, etc.).
- d. Quarterly Visual Examination of Storm Water Quality. All timber products facilities shall perform and document a visual examination of a storm water discharge associated with industrial activity from each outfall, except discharges exempted below. The examination(s) must be made at least once in each of the following 3-month periods: January through March, April through June, July through September, and October through December. The examination shall be made during daylight hours unless there is insufficient rainfall or snow melt to produce a runoff event.
  - 1) Sample and Data Collection. Examinations shall be made of a grab sample collected within the first 30 minutes (or as soon thereafter as practical, but not to exceed 1 hour) of when the runoff or snowmelt begins discharging. The examination shall document observations of color, odor, clarity, floating solids, settled solids, suspended solids, foam, oil sheen, and other obvious indicators of storm water pollution. The examination must be conducted in a well-lit area. No analytical tests are required to be performed on the samples. All such samples shall be collected from the discharge resulting from a storm event that is greater than 0.1 inches in magnitude and that occurs at least 72 hours from the previously

- measurable (greater than 0.1 inch rainfall) storm event. Where practicable, the same individual should carry out the collection and examination of discharges for the entire permit term.
- 2) Visual Storm Water Discharge Examination Reports. Visual examination reports must be maintained onsite in the pollution prevention plan. The report shall include the examination date and time, examination personnel, the nature of the discharge (i.e., runoff or snow melt), visual quality of the storm water discharge (including observations of color, odor, clarity, floating solids, settled solids, suspended solids, foam, oil sheen, and other obvious indicators of storm water pollution), and probable sources of any observed storm water contamination.
  - 3) Representative Discharge. When a facility has two or more outfalls that, based on a consideration of industrial activity, significant materials, and management practices and activities within the area drained by the outfall, the permittee reasonably believes discharge substantially identical effluents, the permittee may collect a sample of effluent of one of such outfalls and report that the examination data also applies to the substantially identical outfall(s) provided that the permittee includes in the storm water pollution prevention plan a description of the location of the outfalls and explains in detail why the outfalls are expected to discharge substantially identical effluents. In addition, for each outfall that the permittee believes is representative, an estimate of the size of the drainage area (in square feet) and an estimate of the runoff coefficient of the drainage area [e.g., low (under 40 percent), medium (40 to 65 percent), or high (above 65 percent)] shall be provided in the plan.
  - 4) Adverse Conditions. When a discharger is unable to collect samples over the course of the visual examination period as a result of adverse climatic conditions, the discharger must document the reason for not performing the visual examination and retain this documentation onsite with the records of the visual examinations. Adverse weather conditions that may prohibit the collection of samples include weather conditions that create dangerous conditions for personnel (such as local flooding, high winds, hurricane, tornadoes, electrical storms, etc.) or otherwise make the collection of a sample impracticable (drought, extended frozen conditions, etc.).
  - 5) Inactive and Unstaffed Site. When a discharger is unable to conduct visual storm water examinations at an inactive and unstaffed site, the operator of the facility may exercise a waiver of the monitoring requirement as long as the facility remains inactive and unstaffed. The facility must state on their NOI that it is inactive and unstaffed and submit a change NOI if this status changes.
- e. Compliance Monitoring Requirements. Permittees with log storage area spray water discharges which are covered by this permit must monitor the discharge for the presence of debris and pH at least annually. Facilities must report in accordance with 5.d.2) below (reporting). In addition to the parameters listed above, the permittee shall provide an estimate of the total volume (in gallons) of the discharge sampled.

- 1) Sample Type. A minimum of one grab sample shall be taken. All samples shall be collected from the discharge point of the wet deck storage area and will not be taken during a storm water event. The grab sample shall be taken during the first 30 minutes of the discharge. If the collection of a grab sample during the first 30 minutes is impracticable, a grab sample can be taken during the first hour of the discharge, and the discharger shall submit with the monitoring report a description of why a grab sample during the first 30 minutes was impracticable.
- 2) Reporting. Permittees with log storage area spray water discharges shall submit the annual monitoring results on *SWDMR* form(s) postmarked no later than the last day of March on the following year. Signed copies of *SWDMRs* shall be submitted to the *Director* at the address indicated in *Part V.B.* of this permit. For each outfall, one signed *SWDMR* form shall be submitted for each sampling event.
- 3) Additional Notification. In addition to filing copies of *SWDMRs* in accordance with paragraph 2) (above), permittees with discharges of log storage area spray water through a large or medium municipal separate storm sewer system (systems serving a population of 100,000 or more) must submit signed copies of *SWDMRs* to the operator of the municipal separate storm sewer system in accordance with the dates provided in paragraph 5.e.2) (above).

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