

Stormwater Permit Assistance for Construction and Industrial Activities: Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I am starting a new business, developing property, or constructing a house or other structures in Oklahoma. What types of stormwater permits may be required?

What most people refer to as a stormwater permit is actually an Authorization under the Stormwater General Permit. Two types of stormwater Authorizations may be required:

- A Construction Stormwater Authorization under OKR10 General Permit, if the construction site disturbs greater than one acre or is located in a larger common plan of development (subdivision). Information on Construction Stormwater and the OKR10 General Permit may be found at [OKR10 Construction Stormwater](#).
- An Industrial Stormwater Authorization under OKR05 General Permit if your business's Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code is listed in Table 1-3 of OKR05 General Permit. This may be found at [2022-OKR05_Modified_Permit_11-2023.pdf](#). Information on Industrial Stormwater and the OKR05 permit may be found at [OKR05 Industrial Stormwater](#).

Q: How do I obtain a Stormwater Authorization?

The process starts by filing a Notice of Intent (NOI) Form. All applications must include a map of the project boundaries. You can file a NOI and pay fees online by using the Online Applications button found at [OKR10 Construction Stormwater](#). The NOI form can also be found in the Permit & Forms section at the link above.

If not applying online, email the completed NOI form with the site map to ecls-stormwaterpermitting@deq.ok.gov. The emailed NOI must have real signature and not a typed or digital signature. After processing, an email will be sent with instructions on how to pay the required fees.

Q: How do I determine my receiving water body, or if my site is located within a sensitive area such as an Aquatic Resource of Concern (ARC), an Outstanding Resource Water (ORW), and/or the Lake Thunderbird Watershed?

Determine the direction of water flow off your property and choose the nearest water body it will flow to. This could be an unnamed tributary to a larger stream. More than one water body may be possible.



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For sensitive watersheds: refer to Appendix A and B of OKR10, and Appendix A of OKR05 to determine if your project/facility is within an ARC or ORW. The DEQ Data Viewer, found at <https://gis.deq.ok.gov/maps/>, can also assist with determining if the site is located within an ARC or ORW.

To determine whether the project/facility is within the Lake Thunderbird Watershed, refer to the Final Lake Thunderbird Report, which is posted on the Lake Thunderbird TMDL Project page of the DEQ website, <https://tinyurl.com/35nnsh3h> or the DEQ Data Viewer at <https://gis.deq.ok.gov/maps/>.

Q: What if there is another operator on the project site that has an authorization, and we are going to be on or next to the site. Can I operate under their authorization?

No, you cannot operate under their authorization unless they agree to add your company and the construction or operational activities into their Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3) as a Secondary Operator. Refer to Part 3.1 Responsibilities of Operators and Part 5.3.D Contractor Certification portions of the OKR10 General Permit. Otherwise, you must obtain permit authorization.

Q: Why do some municipalities also require a separate stormwater permit?

If a city has a large enough population or is part of an urbanized area, the city may have their own stormwater program. These municipalities are permitted by DEQ as a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). If you are in a MS4, you will need to obtain their stormwater permit and a DEQ stormwater authorization. The MS4 may also perform compliance inspections separate from DEQ.

If your site discharges to an MS4, please contact the MS4's stormwater program for more information on any permit requirements they may have. A list of MS4s may be found at [Regulated_MS4_Operators.pdf](#).

Q: Are there fees associated with Stormwater Authorizations?

Yes, there are fees for both Construction and Industrial Authorizations. There is an application fee of \$100 and an annual fee of \$347.71, for a total of \$447.71. These fees must be paid prior to receiving your Authorization. You can use the Online Applications button at [Stormwater Permitting](#) to file the NOI and pay using a credit card (only Visa or Mastercard).

If submitting the NOI by email, payment instructions will be emailed after the NOI is processed. You can also pay the fees by mailing a check with a copy of the completed NOI to:

Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
Administrative Services Accounts Receivable
P. O. Box 2036
Oklahoma City, OK, 73101-2036

Q: My project is finished. How do I terminate my Stormwater Authorization?

To terminate your Stormwater Authorization, you must meet termination requirements in OKR10 and submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) form. You can file the NOT using the Online Applications button found at [Stormwater Permitting](#). If not filing online, the NOT can be found at [NOT_OKR10-2022-Fillable.pdf](#). Email the completed NOT form to ecds-stormwaterpermitting@deq.ok.gov. The NOT must have real signature and not a typed or digital signature. Industrial Stormwater Authorizations are terminated using the same NOT form.