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Sector U - Stormwater Discharges Associated With Industrial Activity From Food and Kindred Products Facilities

1. Discharges Covered Under This Section

This section covers all stormwater discharges from food and kindred products processing facilities, manufacturing the following products and generally described by the SIC codes shown below, except for stormwater discharges identified under paragraph I.B.3. where industrial plant yards; material handling sites; refuse sites; sites used for application or disposal of process wastewaters; sites used for storage and maintenance of material handling equipment; sites used for residential treatment, storage, or disposal; shipping and receiving areas; manufacturing buildings; and storage areas for raw material and intermediate and finished products are exposed to stormwater and areas where industrial activity has taken place in the past and significant materials remain. For the purposes of this paragraph, material handling activities include the storage, loading, and unloading, transportation, or conveyance of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, by-product, or waste product.

SIC Code	Sector U: Food and Kindred Products Facilities	Sampling Required?	Table Number
2011	Meat Packing Plants	Yes	U-1
2013	Sausages and Other Prepared Meats	Yes	U-1
2015	Poultry Slaughtering and Processing	Yes	U-1
2021	Creamery Butter	Yes	U-1
2022	Natural, Processed, and Imitation Cheese	Yes	U-1
2023	Dry, Condensed, and Evaporated Dairy Products	Yes	U-1
2024	Ice Cream and Frozen Desserts	Yes	U-1
2026	Fluid Milk	Yes	U-1
2032	Canned Specialties	Yes	U-1
2033	Canned Fruits, Vegetables, Preserves, Jams, and Jellies	Yes	U-1
2034	Dried and Dehydrated Fruits, Vegetables, and Soup Mixes	Yes	U-1
2035	Pickled Fruits and Vegetables, Vegetables Sauces and Seasonings, and Salad Dressings	Yes	U-1
2037	Frozen Fruits, Fruit Juices, and Vegetables	Yes	U-1
2038	Frozen Specialties, NEC	Yes	U-1
2041	Flour and Other Grain Mill Products	Yes	U-1
2043	Cereal Breakfast Foods	Yes	U-1
2044	Rice Milling	Yes	U-1
2045	Prepared Flour Mixes and Doughs	Yes	U-1
2046	Wet Corn Milling	Yes	U-1
2047	Dog and Cat Food	Yes	U-1
2048	Prepared Feed and Feed Ingredients for Animals and Fowls, Except Dogs and Cats	Yes	U-1
2051	Bread and Other Bakery Products, Except Cookies and Crackers	Yes	U-1
2052	Cookies and Crackers	Yes	U-1
2053	Frozen Bakery Products, Except Bread	Yes	U-1
2061	Cane Sugar, Except Refining	Yes	U-1
2062	Cane Sugar Refining	Yes	U-1
2063	Beet Sugar	Yes	U-1
2064	Candy and Other Confectionery Products	Yes	U-1
2066	Chocolate and Cocoa Products	Yes	U-1
2067	Chewing Gum	Yes	U-1
2068	Salted and Roasted Nuts and Seeds	Yes	U-1
2074	Cottonseed Oil Mills	Yes	U-2
2075	Soybean Oil Mills	Yes	U-2

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2076	Vegetable Oil Mills, Except Corn, Cottonseed, and Soybeans	Yes	U-2
2077	Animal and Marine Fats and Oils	Yes	U-2
2079	Shortening, Table Oils, Margarine, and Other Edible Fats and Oils, NEC	Yes	U-2
2082	Malt Beverages	Yes	U-1
2083	Malt	Yes	U-1
2084	Wines, Brandy, and Brandy Spirits	Yes	U-1
2085	Distilled and Blended Liquors	Yes	U-1
2086	Bottled and Canned Soft Drinks and Carbonated Waters	Yes	U-1
2087	Flavoring Extracts and Flavoring Syrups NEC	Yes	U-1
2091	Canned and Cured Fish and Seafood	Yes	U-1
2092	Prepared Fresh or Frozen Fish and Seafoods	Yes	U-1
2095	Roasted Coffee	Yes	U-1
2096	Potato Chips, Corn Chips, and Similar Snacks	Yes	U-1
2097	Manufactured Ice	Yes	U-1
2098	Macaroni, Spaghetti, Vermicelli, and Noodles	Yes	U-1
2099	Food Preparations, NEC	Yes	U-1
2111	Cigarettes	Yes	U-1
2121	Cigars	Yes	U-1
2131	Chewing and Smoking Tobacco and Snuff	Yes	U-1
2141	Tobacco Stemming and Redrying	Yes	U-1

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 (co-located industrial activities). 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. Special Conditions

Prohibition of Non-stormwater Discharges. Except for those allowable non-stormwater discharges included in Part 3.1.2 (Allowable Non-Stormwater Discharges) of this permit, there are no other non-stormwater discharges authorized in this Sector.

3. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan Requirements

3.1 Deadlines for Plan Preparation and Compliance. There are no additional deadlines for plan preparation and compliance, other than those stated in subpart 4.1.

3.2 Contents of Plan. The plan shall include, at a minimum, the following items:

3.2.1 Pollution Prevention Team. Each plan shall identify a specific individual or individuals within the facility organization as members of a stormwater Pollution Prevention Team that are responsible for developing the stormwater 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 stormwater pollution prevention plan.

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- 3.2.2 Description of Potential Pollutant Sources. Each plan shall provide a description of potential sources which may reasonably be expected to add significant amounts of pollutants to stormwater discharges or which 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 which may potentially be significant pollutant sources. Each plan shall include, at a minimum:
- 3.2.2.1 Drainage - A site map indicating the pattern of stormwater drainage, existing structural control measures to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff, surface water bodies, locations where significant materials are exposed to precipitation, and locations where major spills or leaks identified under Part 11.U.3.2.2.3 (Spills and Leaks) of this permit have occurred since 3 years prior to the date of the submission of an 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; liquid storage tanks; vents and stacks from cooking, drying, and similar operations, dry product vacuum transfer lines; animal holding pens; spoiled product and broken product container storage areas; significant dust or particulate generating areas; and any other processing and storage areas exposed to stormwater. Flows with a significant potential for causing erosion shall also be identified. In addition, the site map must identify monitoring locations. In addition, the map must indicate the outfall locations and the types of discharges contained in the drainage areas of the outfalls.
- 3.2.2.2 Inventory of Exposed Materials - An inventory of the types of materials handled at the site that potentially may be exposed to precipitation. 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 stormwater between the time of 3 years prior to the date of the submission of an 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 stormwater runoff between the time of 3 years prior to the date of the submission of an 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 stormwater runoff; and a description of any treatment the stormwater receives.
- 3.2.2.3 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 stormwater conveyance at the facility after the date of 3 years prior to the date of the submission of an NOI to be covered under this permit. Such list shall be updated as appropriate during the term of the permit.
- 3.2.2.4 Sampling Data - A summary of existing discharge sampling data describing pollutants in stormwater discharges from the facility, including a summary of sampling data collected during the term of this permit.
- 3.2.2.5 Summary of Potential Pollutant Sources - The description of potential pollutant sources culminates in a narrative assessment of the risk potential that the industrial activities, materials, and physical features of the site, as identified in XI.U.3.a.(2)(a) (drainage), pose to

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stormwater quality. The description shall specifically list any significant potential source of pollutants at the site and for each potential source, any pollutant or pollutant parameter (e.g., biochemical oxygen demand, oil and grease, etc.) of concern shall be identified.

In addition to food and kindred products processing-related industrial activities, the plan must also describe application/storage of pest control chemicals (e.g., rodenticides, insecticides, fungicides, and others) used on plant grounds, including a description of pest control application and chemical storage practices.

- 3.2.3 Measures and Controls. Each facility covered by this permit shall develop a description of stormwater 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 stormwater management controls shall address the following minimum components, including a schedule for implementing such controls:
- 3.2.3.1 Good Housekeeping - Good housekeeping requires the maintenance of areas which may contribute pollutants to stormwater discharges in a clean, orderly manner.
- 3.2.3.2 Preventive Maintenance - A preventive maintenance program shall involve timely inspection and maintenance of stormwater 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.
- 3.2.3.3 Spill Prevention and Response Procedures - Areas where potential spills which can contribute pollutants to stormwater discharges can occur, and their accompanying drainage points shall be identified clearly in the stormwater pollution prevention plan. Areas that must be identified should include loading/unloading stations, outdoor storage areas, and waste management areas exposed to stormwater. The plan should be considered where appropriate, specifying material handling procedures, storage requirements, and use of equipment such as diversion valves. 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.
- 3.2.3.4 Inspections - In addition to the comprehensive site evaluation required under this section, qualified facility personnel shall be identified to inspect designated equipment and areas of the facility. At a minimum, the following areas, where the potential for exposure to stormwater exists, must be inspected on a regularly scheduled basis: loading and unloading areas for all significant materials; storage areas, including associated containment areas; waste management units; vents and stacks emanating from industrial activities; spoiled product and broken product container holding areas; animal holding pens; staging areas; and air pollution control equipment. 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

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implementation of any changes to the plan in a timely manner, but in no case more than 12 weeks after the inspection.

Note that additional Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) requirements for discharges into waters with unavailable parameters or Exceptional Tennessee waters, as described in the subpart 4.6 of this permit may be applicable to your facility.

- 3.2.3.5 Employee Training - Employee training programs shall inform personnel responsible for implementing activities identified in the stormwater pollution prevention plan or otherwise responsible for stormwater management at all levels of responsibility of the components and goals of the stormwater pollution prevention plan. Training should address topics such as spill response, good housekeeping, material management practices, unloading/loading practices, outdoor storage areas, waste management practices, pest control, and improper connections to the storm sewer. At a minimum, this training must be provided annually. The pollution prevention plan shall identify frequencies and approximate dates for such training.
- 3.2.3.6 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 stormwater discharges shall be included in the plan required under this part. 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.
- 3.2.3.7 Non-stormwater Discharges
- 3.2.3.7.1 The plan shall include a certification that the discharge has been tested or evaluated for the presence of non-stormwater discharges. The certification shall include the identification of potential significant sources of non-stormwater at the site, a description of the results of any test and/or evaluation for the presence of non-stormwater 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 subpart 7.7 of this permit. Such certification may not be feasible if the facility operating the stormwater discharge associated with industrial activity does not have access to an outfall, manhole, or other point of access to the ultimate conduit which receives the discharge. In such cases, the source identification section of the stormwater 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-stormwater at the site. A discharger that is unable to provide the certification required by this paragraph must notify the Division of Water Resources in accordance with section Failure to Certify, below, of this permit.
- 3.2.3.7.2 Sources of non-stormwater that are combined with stormwater 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-stormwater component(s) of the discharge. Any non-stormwater discharges that are not authorized under this permit or another NPDES permit should be brought to the attention of the division's local Environmental Field Office (see list of EFOs on page 14).

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If the facility discharges wastewater, other than stormwater via an existing NPDES permit, a copy of the NPDES permit authorizing the discharge must be attached to the plan. Similarly, if the facility submitted an application for an NPDES permit for non-stormwater discharges, but has not yet received that permit, a copy of the permit application must be attached. Upon issuance or reissuance of an NPDES permit, the facility must modify its plan to include a copy of that permit.

- 3.2.3.7.3 Failure to Certify - Any facility that is unable to provide the certification required (testing for non-stormwater discharges), must notify the Division of Water Resources by not later than 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-stormwater discharges; the results of such test or other relevant observations; potential sources of non-stormwater discharges to the storm sewer; and why adequate tests for such storm sewers were not feasible. Non-stormwater discharges to waters of the state which are not authorized by an NPDES permit are unlawful and must be terminated.
- 3.2.3.7.4 Sediment and Erosion Control - The plan shall identify areas which, 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.
- 3.2.3.7.5 Management of Runoff - The plan shall contain a narrative consideration of the appropriateness of traditional stormwater management practices (practices other than those which control the generation or source(s) of pollutants) used to divert, infiltrate, reuse, or otherwise manage stormwater runoff in a manner that reduces pollutants in stormwater 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 stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity [see Part 11.U.3.2.2 (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 practices, reuse of collected stormwater (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.
- 3.2.4 Comprehensive Site Compliance Evaluation. Qualified personnel shall conduct site compliance evaluations at appropriate intervals specified in the SWPPP, but in no case less than once a year. Where compliance evaluation schedules overlap with inspections required under this section, the compliance evaluation may be conducted in place of one such inspection. Such evaluations shall provide:
- 3.2.4.1 Areas contributing to a stormwater discharge associated with industrial activity shall be visually inspected for evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants entering the drainage system (and potentially waters of the state). 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 stormwater 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

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correctly. A visual inspection of equipment needed to implement the plan, such as spill response equipment, shall be made.

3.2.4.2 Based on the results of the evaluation, the description of potential pollutant sources identified in the plan in accordance with Part 11.U.3.2.2(Description of Potential Pollutant Sources) of this permit and pollution prevention measures and controls identified in the plan in accordance with paragraph 11.U.3.2.3 (Measures and Controls) of this permit 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.

3.2.4.3 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 stormwater pollution prevention plan, and actions taken in accordance with the permit shall be made and retained as part of the stormwater 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 stormwater pollution prevention plan and this permit. The report shall be signed in accordance with subpart 7.7 (Signatory Requirements) of this permit.

3.2.4.4 The stormwater pollution prevention plan must describe the scope and content of the comprehensive site evaluations that qualified personnel will conduct to 1) confirm the accuracy of the description of potential sources contained in the plan, 2) determine the effectiveness of the plan, and 3) assess compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit. 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 the Pollution Prevention Team section.

4. Numeric Effluent Limitations

There are no additional numeric effluent limitations beyond those described in subpart 5.2 (Coal Pile Runoff) of the TMSP.

5. Monitoring and Reporting Requirements

Permittees subject to Numeric Effluent Limitations described in subpart 5.2 above (Coal Pile Runoff) must submit to the division monitoring results annually on a signed copy of the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR, see Addendum E).

Permittees subject to Analytical Monitoring Requirements as described in subpart 5.1 of this sector (see below) must submit the benchmark results using an Annual Stormwater Monitoring Report (see Addendum D) to the division.

5.1 Analytical Monitoring Requirements

During the term of this permit, permittees covered under this sector must monitor their stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity at least once per calendar year

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(annually), except as provided in paragraphs 5.1.3 (Sampling Waiver), 5.1.4 (Representative Discharge), and 5.1.5 (Alternative Certification). For SIC-specific breakdown of monitoring requirements and applicable Monitoring Requirements (listed below), see Table in Part 1 of this industrial sector (1. Discharges Covered Under This Section). Facilities must report in accordance with 5.2 (Reporting). In addition to the parameters listed in Table U-1 or U-2 below, the permittee shall maintain a record of 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 U-1. Benchmark Monitoring Requirements for SIC 2011-2015, 2021-2026, 2032-2038, 2041-2048, 2051-2053, 2061-2068, 2082-2087, 2091-2099, 2111-2141 Facilities

Pollutants of Concern	Benchmark [mg/L]
Total Suspended Solids	150

Table U-2. Benchmark Monitoring Requirements for SIC 2074-2079 Facilities

Pollutants of Concern	Benchmark [mg/L]
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD ₅)	30
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	120
Nitrate Plus Nitrite Nitrogen	0.68
Total Suspended Solids	150

- 5.1.1 **Monitoring Periods.** Grain mill and fats and oils products facilities shall monitor samples collected during any period of a calendar year, as long as the samples are representative of the quantity and quality of the stormwater runoff being discharged from the facility.
- 5.1.2 **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 stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity commingle with process or non-process water, then where practicable permittees must attempt to sample the stormwater discharge before it mixes with the non-stormwater discharge.

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In addition, the permittee shall evaluate the results obtained from sampling and monitoring following the required annual sampling events to determine whether the facility is below, meets, or exceeds the monitoring benchmarks as shown in the table above. If the results of annual stormwater runoff monitoring demonstrate that the facility has exceeded the benchmark(s), the permittee must inform the division's local Environmental Field Office in writing within 30 days from the time stormwater monitoring results were received, describing the likely cause of the exceedance(s). Furthermore, within 60 days from the time stormwater monitoring results were received, the facility must review its stormwater pollution prevention plan, make any modifications or additions to the plan which would assist in reducing effluent concentrations to less than the monitoring benchmarks for that facility, and submit to the division's local Environmental Field Office a brief summary of the proposed SWPPP modifications (including a timetable for implementation). The modification or additions to the SWPPP should be implemented as soon as practicable.

In the event of a repeated benchmark exceedance, the permittee can, in consultation with the division, make a determination that no further pollutant reduction is technologically available, economically practicable and achievable in light of best industry practices. The permittee must document the rationale for concluding that no further pollutant reductions are achievable, and retain all records related to this documentation with the SWPPP.

5.1.3 Sampling Waiver

5.1.3.2 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 period and submit the data along with data for the routine sample in that period. 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.).

5.1.3.2 Low Concentration Waiver - When the average concentration for a pollutant calculated from monitoring data collected from first 4 calendar years of monitoring is less than the corresponding reporting value for that pollutant (Monitoring Benchmark), a facility may waive monitoring and reporting requirements in the last annual monitoring period. The facility must submit to the Division of Water Resources, in lieu of the monitoring data, a certification that there has not been a significant change in industrial activity or the pollution prevention measures in area of the facility which drains to the outfall for which sampling was waived.

5.1.3.3 When a discharger is unable to conduct annual chemical stormwater 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 submit to the Division of Water Resources, in lieu of monitoring data, a certification statement on the TMSP Stormwater Monitoring Report stating that the site is inactive and unstaffed so that collecting a sample during a qualifying event is not possible.

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- 5.1.4 **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 stormwater 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 TMSP Stormwater Monitoring Report.
- 5.1.5 **Alternative Certification.** A discharger is not subject to the monitoring requirements of this section provided the discharger makes a certification for a given outfall, or on a pollutant-by-pollutant basis in lieu of monitoring reports required under paragraph b below, under penalty of law, signed in accordance with subpart 7.7 (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 stormwater and are not expected to be exposed to stormwater for the certification period. Such certification must be retained in the stormwater pollution prevention plan, and submitted to the Division of Water Resources in accordance with subpart 6.2 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.
- 5.2 **Reporting**
- Permittees with analytical monitoring requirements shall submit monitoring results for each outfall associated with industrial activity [or a certification in accordance with Sections (3), (4), or (5) above] obtained during the annual reporting period on TMSP Stormwater Monitoring Report Form(s)). **The form(s) shall be submitted 30 days after the sampling results are obtained, but no later than the March 31st of the following calendar year, whichever comes first.** For each outfall, one signed TMSP Stormwater Monitoring Report form must be submitted to the Division of Water Resources. Signed copies of TMSP Stormwater Monitoring Reports, or said certifications, shall be submitted to the division at the appropriate EFO for the county where the facility is located. A list of EFOs and their addresses are available in subpart 3.3 above.
- 5.3 **Quarterly Visual Examination of Stormwater Quality.** Facilities shall perform and document a visual examination of a stormwater discharge associated with industrial activity from each outfall, except discharges exempted below. The examination(s) must be made at least once in

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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.

- 5.3.1 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 examinations shall document observations of color, odor, clarity, floating solids, settled solids, suspended solids, foam, oil sheen, and other obvious indicators of stormwater 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 entire permit term.
- 5.3.2 Visual examination reports must be maintained onsite in the pollution prevention plan or with other compliance records. 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 stormwater discharge (including observations of color, odor, clarity, floating solids, settled solids, suspended solids, foam, oil sheen, and other obvious indicators of stormwater pollution), and probable sources of any observed stormwater contamination.
- 5.3.3 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 stormwater 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.
- 5.3.4 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 which 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.).
- 5.3.5 When a discharger is unable to conduct visual stormwater 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 maintain a certification with the pollution prevention plan stating that the site is inactive and unstaffed so that performing visual examinations during a qualifying event is not feasible.