

2.24 INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER/STORMWATER GENERAL DISCHARGE PERMITS FROM MINING OPERATIONS

- ❑ *Question: Will I discharge any stormwater from my mine site or support areas such as haul roads and stockpiles?*

Why do I need this approval?

The general permits for industrial wastewater discharge increase the efficiency of the Department’s permitting process through the issuance of generic permits to categories of business activities which are generally very similar in their wastewater characteristics.

General permits with standardized permit conditions have been established for surface and ground water discharges from:

- Surface coal mines
- Mineral mines, quarries, borrow pits, ready-mix concrete and asphalt plants

What laws or regulations give MDE the legal authority to issue this approval?

FEDERAL: Federal Clean Water Act
 STATE: Environment Article, Title 9, Subtitle 3;
 COMAR 26.08.01 through 26.08.04.

What is the process to get this approval?

1) Complete a Notice of Intent (NOI) form and include a facility map, if required. To request a form, call (410) 537-3323 or download the form from our Web site:

<http://www/mde.state.md.us/waterpermits>.

2) Mail the completed form and payment to:

MDE
 Water and Science Administration
 P.O. Box 2057
 Baltimore MD 21203-2057

3) The Department reviews the submitted NOI to ensure that the proposed discharge can be covered by a general permit.

4) The Department will notify the applicant in writing of coverage under the general permit.

Are there any other requirements?

To obtain coverage under a general permit, all requirements listed in the general permit package must be met.

How long should I expect it to take to get this approval once I submit a complete application?

Type of Approval	Turnaround Time
Coal Mines	30 days
Mineral Mines	90 days

Once I get this approval, how long will it last?

The approval coverage lasts until the established expiration date of the general permit or as specified in the general permit, a maximum of five years.

How much will this approval cost?

Type of Fee	Fee
Application fee	\$0 to \$5,000 depending on the volume of discharge, the type of industry, and how the water is used.
Annual permit fee	\$0 to \$5,000 depending on the volume of discharge.

Who do I contact with additional questions?

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