



Final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Discharges from New and Replacement Septic Systems Illinois

This notice announces the decision made by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to issue the final NPDES general permit for point source discharges of pollutants from new or replacement individual wastewater treatment systems to federally protected waters in Illinois. This action is effective on February 10, 2014.

EPA published a draft general permit for public comment on September 17, 2012 and accepted comments on the draft permit through November 15, 2012. 77 FR 57084. Pursuant to federal regulations at 40 CFR 124.17, EPA has responded to all significant comments received during the public comment period and revised the permit where necessary in response to comments. Please refer to the response summary document to review all significant comments, responses, and a summary of revisions made to the NPDES general permit.

People who are eligible for the final general permit will be able to discharge from septic systems under the permit. The permit sets discharge limits and requires periodic inspection, monitoring and reporting. Anyone not eligible for the general permit may apply for an individual permit from the Illinois EPA.

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. Part 23, this permit shall be considered issued for the purpose of judicial review on February 10, 2014. Under section 509(b) of the Clean Water Act, judicial review of this general permit can be had by filing a petition for review in the United States Court of Appeals within 120 days after the permit is considered issued for purposes of judicial review. Under section 509(b)(2) of the Clean Water Act, the requirements in this permit may not be challenged later in civil or criminal proceedings to enforce these requirements. In addition, this permit may not be challenged in other agency proceedings.

To see the final permit, response summary, and related documents, go to www.epa.gov/region5/water/npdestek/surfacedischarge or visit the EPA's Chicago regional office to view the full administrative record. To schedule an appointment at the Chicago office, contact Mark Ackerman at 312-353-4145.

You may call EPA toll-free at 800-621-8431, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., weekdays.