

Georgia Department of Transportation ESPCP General Notes  
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**MONITORING SAMPLING METHODS & PROCEDURES**  
**OUTFALL SAMPLING:**

**MANUAL SAMPLING:**  
SAMPLES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME AS STATED IN PART IV.D.5.D.OF THE PERMIT. SAMPLING WILL OCCUR AT THE DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OUTFALL. THE SAMPLE WILL BE TAKEN IN THE CENTER OF THE OUTFALL CHANNEL, A LARGE MOUTH, CLEAN, GLASS OR PLASTIC JAR/BOTTLE, LABELED WITH PROJECT NUMBER AND LOCATION WILL BE USED TO COLLECT SAMPLE. THE SAMPLE CONTAINER WILL BE HELD SUCH THAT THE OPENING FACES UPSTREAM. ONCE THE SAMPLE JAR/BOTTLE IS FULL AND CAPPED, IT WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO THE LOCATION WHERE THE TURBIDITY TESTING WILL BE CONDUCTED. SAMPLES MAY BE ANALYZED AT THE SITE WITH PROPERLY CALIBRATED PORTABLE TURBIDIMETERS. ALL TURBIDITY TESTS WILL BE CONDUCTED IMMEDIATELY BUT IN NO CASE, LATER THAN 48 HOURS AFTER THE TIME THE SAMPLE WAS OBTAINED.

**AUTOMATIC SAMPLING:**

SAMPLES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE APPROPRIATE TIMES AS SPECIFIED IN PART IV.D.5.D.OF THE PERMIT. AUTOMATIC SAMPLING CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY USING A SAMPLING DEVICE SIMILAR TO THE ISCO MODEL 3700 OR 6700. THESE DEVICES CAN BE TRIGGERED BY FLOW METERS OR RAIN GAUGES TO COLLECT THE REQUIRED SAMPLES. THIS DETERMINATION WILL BE MADE ON A PROJECT BY PROJECT BASIS. THE PROBE FOR THE AUTOMATIC SAMPLER WILL BE PLACED IN THE CENTER OF THE OUTFALL CHANNEL. SAMPLES WILL REMAIN IN THE AUTOMATIC SAMPLER UNTIL THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY, WHEN THEY WILL BE COLLECTED AND TESTED.

**TESTING:**  
ALL TURBIDITY TESTS SHALL BE DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH 40 CFR PART 136 (UNLESS OTHER TEST PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN APPROVED); THE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT TITLED "NPDES STORM WATER SAMPLING GUIDANCE DOCUMENT, EPA 833-B-92-001" AND GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE PREPARED BY THE EPD. TURBIDITY RESULTS WILL BE RECORDED AND REPORTED TO EPD IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART V.E OF THE PERMIT.

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**4. Inspections.**

**a. Permittee requirements.**

- (1). Each day when any type of construction activity has taken place at a primary permittee's site, certified personnel provided by the primary permittee shall inspect: (a) all areas at the primary permittee's site where petroleum products are stored, used, or handled for spills and leaks from vehicles and equipment; (b) all locations at the primary permittee's site where vehicles enter or exit the site for evidence of off-site sediment tracking; and (c) measure rainfall once each 24 hour period at the site. These inspections must be conducted until a Notice of Termination is submitted.
- (2). Certified personnel (provided by the primary permittee) shall inspect the following at least once every fourteen (14) calendar days and within 24 hours of the end of a storm that is 0.5 inches rainfall or greater (unless such storm ends after 5:00 PM on any Friday or on any nonworking Saturday, non-working Sunday or any non-working Federal holiday in which case the inspection shall be completed by the end of the next business day and/or working day, whichever occurs first): (a) disturbed areas of the primary permittee's construction site that have not undergone final stabilization; (b) areas used by the primary permittee for storage of materials that are exposed to precipitation that have not undergone final stabilization; and (c) structural control measures. Erosion and sediment control measures identified in the Plan applicable to the primary permittee's site shall be observed to ensure that they are operating correctly. Where discharge locations or points are accessible, they shall be inspected to ascertain whether erosion control measures are effective in preventing significant impacts to receiving water(s). For areas of a site that have undergone final stabilization, the permittee must comply with Part IV.D.4.a.(3). These inspections must be conducted until a Notice of Termination is submitted.
- (3). Certified personnel (provided by the primary permittee) shall inspect at least once per month during the term of this permit (i.e., until a Notice of Termination is received by EPD) the areas of the site that have undergone final stabilization. These areas shall be inspected for evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants entering the drainage system and the receiving water(s). Erosion and sediment control measures identified in the Plan shall be observed to ensure that they are operating correctly. Where discharge locations or points are accessible, they shall be inspected to ascertain whether erosion control measures are effective in preventing significant impacts to receiving water(s).
- (4). Based on the results of each inspection, the site description and the pollution prevention and control measures identified in the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan, the Plan shall be revised as appropriate not later than seven (7) calendar days following each inspection. Implementation of such changes shall be made as soon as practical but in no case later than seven (7) calendar days following each inspection.
- (5). A report of each inspection that includes the name(s) of personnel making each inspection, the date(s) of each inspection, major observations relating to the implementation of the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan, and actions taken in accordance with Part IV.D.4.a.(4) of the permit shall be made and retained at the site or be readily available at a designated alternate location until the entire site or that portion of a construction project that has been phased has undergone final stabilization and a Notice of Termination is submitted to EPD. Such reports shall identify any incidents of non-compliance. Where the report does not identify any incidents of non-compliance, the report shall contain a certification that the construction site is in compliance with the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan and this permit. The report shall be signed in accordance with Part V.G. of this permit.

**E. Reporting.**

- 1. The applicable permittees are required to submit a summary of the monitoring results to the EPD at the address shown in Part II.C. by the fifteenth day of the month following the reporting period. Reporting periods are months during which samples are taken in accordance with this permit. Sampling results shall be in a clearly legible format. Upon written notification, EPD may require the applicable permittee to submit the sampling results on a more frequent basis. Sampling and analysis of any storm water discharge(s) or the receiving water(s) beyond the minimum frequency stated in this permit must be reported in a similar manner to the EPD. The sampling reports must be signed in accordance with Part V.G. Sampling reports must be submitted to EPD until such time as a NOT is submitted in accordance with Part VI.
- 2. All written correspondence required by this permit shall be submitted by return receipt certified mail (or similar service) to the appropriate District Office of the EPD according to the schedule in Appendix A of this permit. The permittee shall retain a copy of the proof of submittal at the construction site or the proof of submittal shall be readily available at a designated location from commencement of construction until such time as a NOT is submitted in accordance with Part VI.
- 3. All monitoring results shall include the following information:
  - a. The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
  - b. The name(s) of the individual(s) who performed the sampling and measurements;
  - c. The date(s) analyses were performed;
  - d. The time(s) analyses were initiated;
  - e. The name(s) of the individual(s) who performed the analyses;
  - f. References and written procedures, when available, for the analytical techniques or methods used;
  - g. The results of such analyses, including the bench sheets, instrument readouts, computer disks or tapes, etc., used to determine these results; and
  - h. Results which exceed 1000 NTU shall be reported as "exceeds 1000 NTU."

**F. Retention of Records**

- 1. The primary permittee shall retain the following records at the construction site or the records shall be readily available at a designated alternate location from commencement of construction until such time as a NOT is submitted in accordance with Part VI:
  - a. A copy of all Notices of Intent submitted to EPD;
  - b. A copy of the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan required by this permit;
  - c. The design professional's report of the results of the inspection conducted in accordance with Part IV.A.5. of this permit;
  - d. A copy of all monitoring information, results, and reports required by this permit;
  - e. A copy of all inspection reports generated in accordance with Part IV.D.4.a. of this permit;
  - f. A copy of all violation summaries and violation summary reports generated in accordance with Part III.D.2. of this permit; and
  - g. Daily rainfall information collected in accordance with Part IV.D.4.a.(1)(c) of this permit.
- 2. Copies of all Notices of Intent, Notices of Termination, reports, plans, monitoring reports, monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plans, records of all data used to complete the Notice of Intent to be covered by this permit and all other records required by this permit shall be retained by the permittee who either produced or used it for a period of at least three years from the date that the NOT is submitted in accordance with Part VI of this permit. These records must be maintained at the permittee's primary place of business or at a designated alternative location once the construction activity has ceased at the permitted site. This period may be extended by request of the EPD at any time upon written notification to the permittee.

**RETENTION OF RECORDS:**

The Department will retain records in accordance with Part IV.F of the General Permit GAR 100002

**d. Sampling Frequency.**

- (1). The primary permittee must sample in accordance with the Plan at least once for each rainfall event described below. For a qualifying event, samples must be taken within forty-five (45) minutes of:
  - (a) the accumulation of the minimum amount of rainfall for the qualifying event, if the storm water discharge to a monitored receiving water or from a monitored outfall has begun at or prior to the accumulation, or
  - (b) the beginning of any storm water discharge to a monitored receiving water or from a monitored outfall, if the discharge begins after the accumulation of the minimum amount of rainfall for the qualifying event.
- (2). However, where manual and automatic sampling are impossible (as defined in this permit), or are beyond the permittee's control, the permittee shall take samples as soon as possible, but in no case more than twelve (12) hours after the beginning of the storm water discharge.
- (3). Sampling by the permittee shall occur for the following events:
  - (a). For each area of the site that discharges to a receiving stream, the first rain event that reaches or exceeds 0.5 inch and allows for monitoring during normal business hours\* (Monday thru Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, excluding all non-working Federal holidays, when construction activity is being conducted by the primary permittee) that occurs after all clearing and grubbing operations have been completed in the drainage area of the location selected as the representative sampling location;
  - (b). In addition to (a) above, for each area of the site that discharges to a receiving stream, the first rain event that reaches or exceeds 0.5 inch and allows for monitoring during normal business hours\* that occurs either 90 days after the first sampling event or after all mass grading operations have been completed in the drainage area of the location selected as the representative sampling location, whichever comes first;
  - (c). At the time of sampling performed pursuant to (a) and (b) above, if BMPs are found to be properly designed, installed and maintained, no further action is required. If BMPs in any area of the site that discharges to a receiving stream are not properly designed, installed and maintained, corrective action shall be defined and implemented within two (2) business days, and turbidity samples shall be taken from discharges from that area of the site for each subsequent rain event that reaches or exceeds 0.5 inch during normal business hours\* until the selected turbidity standard is attained, or until post-storm event inspections determine that BMPs are properly designed, installed and maintained; and
  - (d). Existing construction activities, i.e., those that are occurring on or before the effective date of this permit, that have met the sampling required by (a) above shall sample in accordance with (b). Those existing construction activities that have met the sampling required by (b) above shall not be required to conduct additional sampling other than as required by (c) above.

\*Note that the Permittee may choose to meet the requirements of (a) and (b) above by collecting turbidity samples from any rain event that reaches or exceeds 0.5 inch and allows for monitoring at any time of the day or week.



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