



# General Permit Renewal

Stormwater discharges associated with construction activity

## General permit COR030000 is changing to COR400000 effective April 1, 2019.

The general permit for stormwater discharges associated with construction activity (COR400000) has been issued, and is not effective until April 1, 2019. Permittees still need to comply with, and submit applications under the current general permit (COR030000) until April 1, 2019. After April 1, 2019, permittees must comply with the new general permit (COR400000). Permittees that apply before April 1, 2019 will NOT have to reapply under the new general permit. Those permittees, however, will automatically be issued a certification under the new permit, COR400000 prior to the effective date.

## New permit: changes you'll see

There are many changes to the renewal of the general permit for stormwater discharges associated with construction activity. This brochure covers some, but not all of the changes. Please see the permit and fact sheet for more detailed information on all permit changes.

### Co-permittees

The renewal permit adds a requirement for the owner and operator of a construction site to be co-permittees. After April 1, 2019, both the owner and operator must sign the application. The renewal permit includes definitions of owner and operator.

### Terminology—control measures (CM) and best management practices (BMPs)

The renewal permit uses the term “control measure”. The term control measure has a broader definition than best management practice (or BMPs) since it includes both BMPs and other methods. The term control measure better describes the range of pollutant reduction practices a permittee may implement.

### Control measures - on-site

The renewal permit adds several new requirements for control measures at construction sites. For example, the renewal permit adds a requirement for temporary stabilization control measures for portions of the site where ground disturbing activity has ceased for more than 14 calendar days. In addition, the renewal permit also requires the maintenance of pre-existing vegetation within 50 horizontal feet of receiving waters (unless infeasible).

### Stormwater management plans

The renewal permit adds several new requirements for stormwater management plans (SWMPs). For example, the SWMP must list the qualified stormwater manager responsible for implementing the SWMP. The site description in the SWMP must also list additional items, including locations of pre-existing vegetation and stream crossings.

### Inspections

The renewal permit adds several new requirements for site inspections. The renewal permit adds flexibility for permittees to choose between a 7-day or 14-day and post-storm inspection frequencies. The renewal permit also adds additional requirements regarding the scope of an inspection.



# Frequently asked questions

## What if a current permittee and/or a facility applies between Nov. 1, 2018 and April 1, 2019?

Between these dates, current permittees should download the COR400000 permit and fact sheet that becomes effective April 1, 2019 from the webpage listed below. Permittees should also start planning necessary updates to stormwater management plan(s) and construction site field conditions.

## I have a current permit certification, what do I need to do?

No action is required. Permittees must comply with the current general permit (COR030000) until March 31, 2019.

If you have a permit coverage certification under the current general permit (COR030000) as of March 31, 2019 - you will be automatically transferred to the new permit. You will NOT have to reapply under the new general permit. You will receive a new permit certification under the new general permit (COR400000). You will not have to submit the signature of both the owner and operator in order to receive permit coverage under the new general permit (COR400000).

As of April 1, 2019, all permittees must comply with the new general permit (COR400000). All permittees' stormwater management plans and construction sites need to comply with the new general permit by April 1, 2019. In the coming months, please review the new general permit (COR400000) and plan accordingly.

Until March 31, 2019, permittees are able to modify and change permit coverage using standard division forms such as change of contacts form ([www.colorado.gov/cdphe/wq-permit-forms](http://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/wq-permit-forms)). After April 1, 2019, permittees will be required to use the new online electronic portal to modify permit coverage, such as changing the site map or contacts.

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### Visit us online

Please visit our webpage (below) to sign up for email related to this permit including guidance documents, CEOS and other updates.

## I am going to apply for a new permit certification before the new permit becomes effective (April 1, 2019), what do I need to do?

New applicants are required to submit applications under the current general permit (COR030000) until March 31, 2019. New permittees are also required to comply with the current general permit (COR030000) until March 31, 2019.

## I am going to apply for a new permit certification on or after April 1, 2019, what do I need to know?

After April 1, 2019, all applications will be submitted for permit coverage under the new general permit (COR400000) via the Colorado Environmental Online Services electronic platform, more commonly referred to as CEOS. Paper applications will no longer be accepted without a waiver. After April 1, 2019, permittees must use CEOS to modify permit coverage, such as changing the site map or contacts.

## What is CEOS?

CEOS is the Colorado Environmental Online Services electronic platform for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The web based platform allows permittees to interact with department environmental programs via a single and secure web portal. Users can perform a number of activities such as applying and paying for required permits, uploading documents such as site plans and also updating and modifying information on file. In turn, the department is able to process requests from permittees and provide appropriate permits back in the same portal. After April 1, 2019, permittees must use CEOS for permit actions, such as applying for permit coverage, changing the site map or changing contacts.

[www.colorado.gov/cdphe/cor400000-stormwater-discharge](http://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/cor400000-stormwater-discharge)

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