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To Interested Parties: Hydrostatic Test Water General Permit

The Ohio EPA issued a new general permit OHH000001 for discharges of hydrostatic test water on October 12, 2007. The general permit becomes effective on November 1, 2007 and will expire on October 31, 2012.

You will recall Ohio EPA public noticed in January 12, 2007, a draft general permit for authorization to discharge hydrostatic test water and/or water supply system water.

Based on the concerns expressed by the public water supply community, the Division of Surface Water (DSW) has deleted the water supply portion from the draft general permit. This final general permit now addresses only hydrostatic test water discharges.

Based on the comments received from the regulated communities and inside the agency, some minor revisions have been made in the final general permit for hydrostatic test water discharges. The minor revisions made in the final general permit are explained in the responsiveness summary. The final general permit, the fact sheet and the responsiveness summary are posted on Division of Surface Water's website at www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/permits/GP_HydrostaticTestWater.html

It is strongly suggested you read the general permit on the website and make sure that you meet all of the applicability requirements before submitting the NOI (Notice of Intent) form. While completing the NOI form, it is important for you to choose from the **general permit**, the correct final effluent limitations and monitoring requirements depending upon the type of wastewater discharge (Pick from Table -Final Outfall 001 and 002) and **enter the final outfall number in the outfall column of the NOI.**

A \$200.00 application fee must be sent in with the NOI. Please mail the completed NOI forms to:

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If you have any question, please contact me (raj.chakrabarti@epa.state.oh.us or 614-644-2027) for more information.

Sincerely,

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