

Statewide

Ohio EPA Permit No. OHW000003

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Program

**PUBLIC NOTICE
OF
ISSUANCE OF THE DRAFT GENERAL NPDES PERMIT
FOR
AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE WASTEWATER FROM WATER TREATMENT
PLANTS**

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Division of Surface Water, Permits Section
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Public notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA)–Division of Surface Water (DSW) has issued a draft general National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to renew coverage to only those water treatment plants that discharge wastewater from plain purification, lime-soda softening and iron-manganese removal processes in the State of Ohio.

Applicants under this permit include water treatment facilities that discharge similar type wastewater while producing potable water. Water treatment plants that discharge wastewater from ion-exchange and reverse osmosis processes (this includes wastewater from plants using combined treatment of ion-exchange and iron and manganese removal process) are not covered by this general permit. The fact sheet explains why they are not covered. Key parameters monitored in this draft permit are: total suspended solids, chlorine, alkaline pH values and suspended metals.

This general permit will cover only existing permitted facilities. New water treatment plant dischargers will need an individual permit and must go through the antidegradation procedure.

Copies of the draft general NPDES permit and the associated fact sheet and documentation can be obtained on the Ohio EPA-DSW web page at www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/permits/gpfact.aspx or by contacting one of the following Ohio EPA district offices:

Southeast District Office	(740) 385-8501
Southwest District Office	(937) 285-6357
Northwest District Office	(419) 352-8461
Northeast District Office	(330) 963-1200
Central District Office	(614) 728-3778

In accordance with OAC3745-1-05, Ohio EPA will provide an opportunity for public comment concerning this draft general permit. Comments received shall be considered by the Director before the draft permit is issued as final. Persons wishing to be on the Ohio EPA's interested parties mailing list for this project or wishing to submit comments for Ohio EPA's consideration may do so in writing to Ohio EPA's Division of Surface Water, Attention: Eric Nygaard / Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. Comments must be received by November 13, 2011. Comments received after this date may not be considered as part of the official record.