



General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity – Public Signage Requirements

When do the Public Sign Requirements become effective?

January 1, 2021

What are the requirements for the Public Sign Requirements?

At a minimum, the sign or other notice must include:

- Large, readable font;
- The MPDES authorization number or a copy of the confirmation letter;
- The statement “Request project information from Montana DEQ Water Protection Bureau at (406) 444-3080”; and
- The statement “File a complaint at: <http://deq.mt.gov/reporting>”

Why is the link above not consistent with the General Permit?

The link was changed when DEQ’s website was updated.

Who is required to post the sign?

All permittees under existing MPDES Permit Authorizations that will remain effective beyond January 1, 2021 **AND** permittees seeking authorization January 1, 2021 and beyond.

Where do I need to place my sign?

Entrance/Exit to the jobsite.

What happens if I don’t have one entrance/exit?

Post the sign at the most visible entrance or with the most traffic accessing the site.

Where do I post the sign if my project is linear – highway, pipeline, etc.?

Post the sign at the entrance to the equipment laydown, material storage, job trailer location. If you don’t have one specific area, please keep the sign with the most active portion of the project. If you prefer, place a sign at all the before-mentioned locations.

How large of a font do I need to use?

If you can’t read the sign clearly from the curb or side of the road, then it’s not large and readable.

What type of paper do I need to use for my sign?

Weather resistant is recommended. Metal is encouraged.

Do I need to keep my sign posted until I reach final stabilization?

Yes. Additional clarification will be provided in the reissued General Permit.

What happens if I do not have a sign posted?

You can be found in violation of the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activities.