DIVISION OF WATER RE-ISSUES INDUSTRIAL STORMWATER GENERAL PERMIT

The Kentucky Division of Water (DOW) has re-issued the Kentucky Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (KPDES) general permit regulating stormwater runoff associated with industrial activity. The general permit will go into effect June 1, 2013.

Facilities that were covered under the previous version of this permit are required to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to DOW within 90 days. New facilities seeking coverage under this general permit must submit a NOI 15 days prior to discharging. Facilities that had coverage under other industrial general permits that have expired or those facilities that applied for individual KPDES stormwater permits (IPs) between October 1, 2007 and the effective date of this general permit are encouraged to seek coverage under this general permit, if these facilities are not otherwise excluded by this general permit.

KFIA and a number of members submitted comments related to concerns that sawmills with wet decks that sprinkle logs in the summer months would have to get costly individual permits. The association has been in contact with the Division of Water and they have agreed to accept all sawmill operations under the general permit and then review the numbers and see how mills with wet decks will be handled. We are working to prevent certain mills from being charged a fee for an individual permit. KFIA will be sending out information to all manufacturing members along with additional information on the stormwater changes.

The “Industrial Stormwater Permit for Other Facilities” (KYR00) is available for facilities that are required to obtain a KPDES permit for the discharge of stormwater runoff associated with industrial activity. In order to obtain coverage under this general permit, the facility must meet certain eligibility requirements and submit to DOW an electronic Notice of Intent (eNOI).

This general permit will apply to most wood industry facilities in the Commonwealth. The eNOI for this permit can be accessed at https://dep.gateway.ky.gov/eForms/Default.aspx?FormID=30.

The general permit establishes requirements for sampling and monitoring twice a year; all data resulting from this monitoring is required to be submitted electronically via DOW’s electronic reporting method.

The general permit also contains requirements for facilities to develop and implement Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, which includes best management practices to control pollutants associated with stormwater runoff, inspections schedules, and corrective action for any spills, leaks, and failure of best management practices.

The principal difference in the newly issued general permit is the requirement for data to be collected and submitted to the division. Previously the data remained at the facility pending inspection by the division. Additionally, the requirements for best management practices are more specific and are addressed by current plans available through KFIA.

If you have a manufacturing facility that utilizes any type of area for storage or use you would fall under the general permit. Facilities have 90 days to apply online and this also pertains to those who have an existing permit. The other change is that all sampling data will now need to be submitted online. KFIA will be sending out a letter detailing all changes and deadlines to members. For further information, contact KFIA or Jory Becker with the Division of Water at 502-564-3410 or jory.becker@ky.gov