



STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLANS AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT INFORMATION BULLETIN FOR MARINAS OPERATING ON THE SHORES OF LAKE ERIE, OHIO

Marinas operating in the State of Ohio that engage in certain industrial activities are now required to apply for and obtain coverage under an Ohio EPA General Storm Water Permit (Ohio EPA Permit No. OHRM00001). Marinas are required to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) application to the Ohio EPA (along with a \$350.00 application filing fee) and develop a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), within 12 months, as required by the storm water permit.

The Ohio EPA has issued a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit that authorizes storm water discharges associated with industrial activity from marinas. This permit covers the entire State of Ohio. Marinas (standard industrial classification (SIC) code 4493) involved in boat maintenance activities (*including boat rehabilitation, mechanical repairs, painting, fueling and lubrication*) or *equipment cleaning operations* are defined in the federal storm water regulations ([40 CFR 122.26\(b\)\(14\)](#)) as engaged in “industrial activity” and are subject to this permit.

Facilities classified as 4493 that are not involved in equipment cleaning or boat maintenance activities are not intended to be covered under federal storm water regulations. The retail sale of fuel alone at marinas, without any other boat maintenance or equipment cleaning operations, is not considered to be grounds for coverage under OHRM00001.



MARINAS AND FACILITIES NOT SUBJECT TO FEDERAL STORM WATER REGULATIONS AND NOT REQUIRED TO SUBMIT FOR PERMIT COVERAGE

Marine facilities that are “primarily engaged” in the retail sale of fuel and lubricating oils are best classified as SIC code 5541 - marine service stations - and are not covered under federal storm water regulations. These facilities may also sell other merchandise or perform minor repair work.

Facilities “primarily engaged” in the operation of sports and recreation services such as boat rental, canoe rental, and party fishing, are best classified under SIC code 7999 - miscellaneous recreational facilities - and are not covered under federal storm water regulations.

Facilities “primarily engaged” in the retail sale of new and used motor boats and other watercraft, marine supplies, and outboard motors, are best classified under SIC code 5551 - boat dealers - and are not covered under the federal storm water regulations.

Marinas owned and operated by a State Park or Metro Park may not be “primarily engaged” in operating a marina; therefore, may not have a SIC code of 4493. Ohio EPA feels that these marinas if involved in boat maintenance activities should be subject to the general permit. The permit is applicable to all operators who conduct activities described by Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code 4493 (Marinas) and conduct boat maintenance activities.

Certified Environmental, Inc., (CEI) located in Mansfield, Ohio, has developed and implemented storm water management programs for a wide variety of industrial and commercial clients. If you have any questions, need assistance in submitting the NOI application, development of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, or implementing the necessary storm water management procedures, please contact our office at (419) 884-2123. *Marinas that are found to be out of compliance are subject to administrative fines and penalties from the Ohio EPA as well as possible temporary suspension of facility operations.*