

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES - DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

GENERAL PERMIT NO. NCG020000

TO DISCHARGE STORMWATER, MINE DEWATERING, AND PROCESS WASTEWATER UNDER THE
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

In compliance with the provision of North Carolina General Statute 143-215.1, other lawful standards and regulations promulgated and adopted by the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, this permit is hereby issued to all owners or operators, hereafter permittees, which are covered by this permit as evidenced by receipt of a Certificate of Coverage by the Environmental Management Commission to allow the **discharge of stormwater, mine dewatering wastewater, and process wastewater to the surface waters of North Carolina** or to a separate storm sewer system conveying discharges to surface waters, **from active and inactive mining sites**, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein.

IMPORTANT CHANGES & GUIDANCE

In response to Section 9 of **Session Law 2011-394**, NC DWQ will **not implement** some of the **Authorization to Construct** requirements in the current version of the permit. DWQ will revise the printed text of the General Permit to be consistent at the next scheduled renewal period. Specifically:

- a. Note that permit requirements in Part II, Section A, numbers 1-5, and Part II, Section B, number 1 are no longer valid per NC Session Law 2011-394. Additionally Part III, Section E, sentences that refer to ATC Requirements are no longer valid.
- b. However, note that Part II, Section A, number 6, and Part II, Section B, numbers 2-8 are unaffected by this Session Law. Part III, Section E paragraphs that do not refer to ATC requirements are also unaffected by this Session Law.
- c. Your facility must notify the appropriate DWQ Regional Office at least 72 hours in advance of operation of your wastewater treatment facility.
- d. Other DWQ supporting documentation will be amended to reflect these changes.