

567—60.14(455B) Fees.**60.14(1) Fee types.***a. Application and NOI fees.*

(1) For individual nonstormwater NPDES and operation permits, an application fee must be submitted with the application as specified in this rule.

(2) For authorization under GPs Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5, an applicant has the option of paying an annual permit fee or a multiyear permit fee when the NOI is submitted as specified in this rule.

(3) For MS4 permits and individual stormwater permits, a one-time, multiyear permit fee must be submitted at the time of application as specified in this rule.

(4) If a facility needs coverage under more than one NPDES or operation permit, fees for each permit must be submitted appropriately.

b. Annual fees. Certain individual nonstormwater facilities covered by NPDES and operation permits must submit annual fees on a yearly basis as specified in this rule.

c. Fees are nontransferable. Failure to submit the appropriate fee at the time of application renders the application incomplete, and the department shall suspend application processing until the fee is received. Failure to submit the appropriate annual fee may result in permit revocation or suspension as noted in 60.3(6).

60.14(2) Fee payment. Fees shall be paid by check, credit card, electronic payment, or money order made payable to the “Iowa Department of Natural Resources.” For facilities needing coverage under more than one permit (e.g., general, individual stormwater, individual nonstormwater), separate payments shall be made according to the fee schedule in this rule.

60.14(3) Fee schedule. The following fees have been adopted:

a. GP fees. No fees shall be assessed for coverage under GPs not listed in this paragraph. The following fees are applicable to the described GPs:

(1) Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity, NPDES General Permit No. 1; Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities, NPDES General Permit No. 2; and Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity from Asphalt Plants, Concrete Batch Plants, Rock Crushing Plants, and Construction Sand and Gravel Facilities, NPDES General Permit No. 3.

Annual permit fee		\$175 (per year)
	or	
Five-year permit fee		\$700
Four-year permit fee		\$525
Three-year permit fee		\$350

All fees are to be submitted with the NOI.

(2) Discharge from Mining and Processing Facilities, NPDES General Permit No. 5.

Annual permit fee		\$125 (per year)
	or	
Five-year permit fee		\$500
Four-year permit fee		\$400
Three-year permit fee		\$300

New facilities seeking GP No. 5 coverage shall submit fees with the NOI. Maximum coverage is for five years. Coverage may also be obtained for four years, three years, or one year as shown in the fee schedule above. Existing facilities shall submit annual fees by August 30 of every year unless a multiyear fee payment was received in an earlier year. In the event a facility is no longer eligible to be covered under GP No. 5, the remainder of the fees previously paid by the facility shall be applied toward its individual permit fees.

b. Individual NPDES and operation permit fees. The following fees are applicable for the described individual permits:

(1) For individual stormwater permits, the following fees are due at the time of application, in accordance with whether or not the discharge will reach an OIW identified in the “Iowa Antidegradation Implementation Procedure” (incorporated by reference in 60.7(2)“d”(4)), as follows:

1. Where the discharge will not reach an OIW: a five-year permit fee of \$1,250.
2. Where the discharge will reach an OIW: a two-year permit fee of \$500.

(2) For permits that authorize the discharge of only stormwater from MS4s and any allowable nonstormwater, a five-year permit fee of \$1,250 must accompany the application.

(3) For individual nonstormwater NPDES and operation permits, a single application fee of \$85 as established in Iowa Code section 455B.197 is due at the time of a new application, renewal application, or amendment application.

1. The \$1,250 fee in 60.14(3)“b”(1) and (2) is not required for individual nonstormwater permits that authorize stormwater discharges along with other wastewater discharges.

2. Before an approved amendment request submitted by a facility holding a nonstormwater NPDES or operation permit can be processed by the department, the \$85 fee must be submitted, except when an amendment is initiated by the director, when the requested amendment will correct an error in the permit, when the amendment is for a DC compliance schedule or the Iowa nutrient reduction strategy, or when there is a transfer of title or change in the address of the owner as noted in rule 567—60.12(455B).

(4) For individual nonstormwater NPDES and operation permits, the following annual fees as established in Iowa Code section 455B.197(3) are due by August 30 of each year:

1. Major municipal facility: \$1,275.
2. Minor municipal facility: \$210. For a city with a population of 250 or less, the maximum fee shall be \$210 regardless of how many individual nonstormwater NPDES permits the city holds.
3. Semipublic facility: \$340.
4. Major industrial facility: \$3,400.
5. Minor industrial facility: \$300.
6. Facilities that hold an operation permit: \$170.
7. Animal feeding operations covered by a nonstormwater NPDES permit: \$340.

(5) For a municipal water treatment facility with an individual nonstormwater NPDES permit, no fees shall be assessed.

(6) For a new facility covered by an individual nonstormwater NPDES or operating permit, a prorated annual fee, calculated by taking the annual fee amount multiplied by the number of months remaining before the next annual fee due date divided by 12, is due 30 days after the new permit is issued.

60.14(4) Fee refunds.

a. Individual and general permit application, permit, and annual fees may be refunded, completely or in part, at the director’s discretion. Permittees who wish to receive fee refunds should notify the department electronically or in writing. Fees may be refunded under various circumstances, including but not limited to:

- (1) Submission of a duplicate fee;
- (2) Overpayment of a fee;
- (3) A fee was submitted but is not required; or
- (4) The department returns an application to the applicant without decision.

b. Fees shall not be refunded under any of the following conditions:

(1) If a permit or permit coverage is suspended, revoked, or modified, or if an activity is discontinued or ceased;

(2) If a permit is amended; or

(3) If a permit application is withdrawn by the applicant or denied by the department pursuant to 60.5(1).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 455B.197.

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