

**567—60.4(455B) Issuance of NPDES permits.**

**60.4(1)** *Individual permit.* An individual NPDES permit is required when there is a discharge of a pollutant from any point source into navigable waters. An NPDES permit is not required for the discharges listed in 40 CFR §122.3.

**60.4(2)** *General permits (GPs).*

*a.* The director may issue GPs consistent with this chapter to regulate one or more categories or subcategories of discharges, if the sources within each category or subcategory meet the criteria in 40 CFR §122.28(a)(2).

*b.* Each GP issued by the department must be adopted as an administrative rule in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 17A. Each proposed permit will:

(1) Be accompanied by a rationale setting forth the principal facts and methodologies considered during permit development,

(2) Correspond to existing geographic or political boundaries, and

(3) Be identified in rule 567—60.13(455B).

*c.* If an NPDES permit is required for an activity covered by a GP, the applicant may seek either GP coverage or an individual permit as provided in this chapter.

**60.4(3)** *Effect of a permit.* 40 CFR §122.5 is adopted by reference. Compliance with a permit during its term constitutes compliance, for purposes of enforcement, with equivalent limitations and standards set out in 567—Chapters 61 and 62.

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