The General NPDES Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Industrial Activities is set to expire on May 31, 2008. While that may seem a long way off, the permit actually requires the permit holders to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Illinois EPA not less than 180 days prior to the expiration date.

- If your facility is presently covered under this permit you should submit an NOI prior to December 1, 2007 to meet the deadline specified in the permit.

The NOI is a one-page form that requires general information for the facility and the receiving water. This is a good format to update facility information since the initial NOI was submitted (i.e. name changes, phone numbers, etc.). After the NOI has been submitted, your facility's permit will automatically be renewed by the IEPA. The IEPA is not planning on sending out renewal letters.

- Industrial facilities that are exempt because they have no storm water exposure to industrial activity, should resubmit the No Exposure Certification (NEC) every five years. The Illinois EPA reports that many regulated facilities have never submitted an NEC.

- If your facility never submitted an NEC or NOI, this should be reviewed now.

Facilities that are covered by an NPDES Storm Water Permit are also required to have a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). If your plan is not current or if you haven't developed a plan, we can help prepare this for you.

At Admiral Environmental Services, we have 38 years of experience meeting the needs of industry. If you have any questions regarding these or other Storm Water issues, please give us a call. You can also contact me directly at Todd@Admiralenv.com.

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P.S. These storm water permitting rules do not apply to facilities that are serviced by a combined sewer system (e.g., most of the City of Chicago).