The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has prepared a combined Kansas/NPDES Water Pollution Control General Permit for stormwater runoff from industrial activity. This permit, when finalized, will replace the existing general permit.

A general wastewater permit is provided for those entities engaged in similar activities and discharging the same types of wastewater. The wastewater from these types of activities has a low public health and environmental risk. A general permit is placed on public notice once during the life of the permit and then is made available, without further public notice, to all persons for industrial activities which meet the requirements of the permit. The permittees are also required to meet all other federal, state and local requirements including local zoning ordinances.

Stormwater runoff from industrial activity means the discharge from any conveyance which is used for collecting and conveying stormwater and which is directly related to manufacturing, processing or raw materials storage areas at an industrial facility. The term does not include discharges from facilities or activities excluded or exempted from the Kansas/Federal Water Pollution Control program requirements. These activities exclude areas located on the plant site that are separate from the plants industrial activities. Areas such as office buildings and accompanying parking lots are excluded as long as the drainage from excluded areas is not mixed with stormwater drainage from areas with industrial activities subject to permit coverage.

New permittees are required to complete and submit the Notice of Intent along with the first years permit fee of $60.00 and receive a signed and dated authorization from KDHE. To maintain the permit, the permittee is required to achieve and maintain compliance with the permit requirements, pay the annual permit fee and periodically review and update the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.

Supporting documents include an Executive Summary, Notice of Intent form and instruction, No Exposure Certification form and instructions, a Notice of Termination form, a Notice of Transfer of Ownership form, and Definitions and Acronyms. Copies of these documents may be viewed at the KDHE website at www.kdheks.gov/stormwater or requested in hard copy by writing: Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Water - Technical Services Section, 1000 SW Jackson St. - Suite 420, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1367.

Persons wishing to comment on the draft permit must submit written comments to the above address by September 17, 2016.

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