

**Multi-Sector General Permit for Stormwater Discharges
Associated with Industrial Activities (GP-0-12-001)
Adverse Climatic Waiver Claim**

Background

The MSGP (Part IV.B.4.a) states that when adverse weather conditions prevent the collection of samples, a sample may be taken during a qualifying storm event in the next monitoring period. Adverse weather conditions are only conditions that are dangerous or create inaccessibility for personnel.

Eligibility

The Adverse Climatic Waiver may be claimed if the **only qualifying event** in a monitoring period (e.g. a calendar year for benchmark monitoring) created dangerous conditions for personnel, created conditions which made the sample location inaccessible or made collection of a sample impossible. Examples of these conditions include but are not limited to local flooding, high winds and electrical storms.

This waiver may **not** be claimed to indicate that samples were not collected due to inconvenient timing of storms or other failures to collect stormwater samples.

Instructions

Complete the entire Adverse Climatic Waiver Form. The waiver form must be signed and certified in accordance with Part V.H of the MSGP and submitted with all Annual Certification Reports (ACR) and Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs).

Complete your Annual Certification Report and mark that you are claiming an Adverse Climatic Waiver. Next complete all your Discharge Monitoring Reports leaving the results sections blank in the outfalls that were not sampled due to dangerous conditions or inaccessibility caused severe weather conditions. For the DMRs that were left blank, enter in the *Comments and Explanations of Any Violation* section at the bottom of the page(s), “Adverse Climatic Waiver claimed, see attached.” Sign and date all ACRs and DMRs in accordance with Part V.H of the MSGP.

A copy of the waiver form must be maintained with the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) stating that there were adverse weather conditions and that performing Benchmark and/or Compliance Monitoring was not feasible.

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