



Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation

Multi-Sector General Permit for Stormwater Discharges  
Associated with Industrial Activities (GP-0-17-004)  
**Representative Outfall Waiver Claim**

### Background

The MSGP (Part IV.G.3) states that if a facility has two or more outfalls that have substantially identical discharges, based on similarities of the industrial activities, significant materials or stormwater management practices occurring within the drainage areas of each of the outfalls, the owner or operator may test the effluent of just one of the outfalls and report that the analytical data also applies to the substantially identical outfall(s).

### Eligibility

The Representative Outfall Waiver can only be used for quarterly visual monitoring and benchmark monitoring and does **not** apply to compliance monitoring for discharges subject to numerical effluent limitation guidelines or discharges to impaired waterbodies where quarterly monitoring of those discharges is required. In addition, the outfalls for which the Representative Outfall Waiver is being claimed must be subject to the same benchmark monitoring requirements. A Representative Outfall Waiver may not be claimed at outfalls with discharges associated with different industrial activities.

### Instructions for completing this Form

A sample must be collected and analyzed from the anticipated “worst case” outfall as indicated by the drainage area, impervious area within the drainage area and/or level of industrial activity. If the drainage areas are similar, or if all past monitoring has been below the benchmark monitoring cut-off concentrations, the owner or operator may vary which outfall is sampled as part of the monitoring program.

Complete your Notice of Intent (NOI) and mark that you are claiming a Representative Outfall Waiver in Question 12.

Complete the entire Representative Outfall Waiver Form. The waiver form must be signed and certified in accordance with Appendix H.8 of the MSGP and submitted with the NOI.

**Note:** Representative Outfalls cannot be claimed for facilities that are required to perform quarterly benchmark monitoring for discharges to impaired waterbodies or compliance monitoring. (See GP-0-17-004, Part IV.G.3).

## Instructions for reporting the use of the Representative Outfall Waiver on the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs)

All DMRs for a facility must be submitted to the Department. When the Representative Outfall Waiver is being claimed, the facility must still submit the DMR(s) for the outfall(s) that are not sampled due to the Waiver being claimed. Enter the results of the laboratory analysis for the sample collected at the Representative Outfall on the DMR for that outfall. For the DMRs of the outfalls for which the waiver is being claimed (the outfalls which were not sampled), leave the results sections blank. In the *Comments and Explanations of Any Violation* section on the bottom of the DMRs for the outfalls that have not been sampled, write a note that says, "Representative Outfall claimed at 00X" ("00X" identifies the representative outfall ID).

For example, where a facility has three outfalls and Outfall 001 is chosen as the representative outfall, the DMR for Outfall 001 must be submitted with the sample's analytical results. Leave the results sections on the DMRs for Outfalls 002 and 003 blank, and include a note in the explanations section that reads "Representative Outfall claimed at Outfall 001".

Sign and date all ACRs and DMRs in accordance with Appendix H.8 of the MSGP. A copy of the waiver form must be maintained with the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).