

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

**Background**

The MSGP (Part IV.G.1) 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 Conditions Waiver may be claimed if the **only qualifying event** in a monitoring period 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 Appendix H.8 of the MSGP and submitted with all Annual Certification Reports (ACR) and Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs).

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 Appendix H.8 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.



5) Provide a description of the conditions that made sampling during the storm events listed in Question 2 dangerous or created inaccessibility for personnel.

**Certification**

I certify under penalty of law that I have read and understand the eligibility requirements for claiming a condition of "Adverse Climatic Weather." Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

O/O Signature First Name (please print or type)

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O/O Signature Last Name (please print or type)

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Date

Signature

Please submit this form and all supporting documentation to:

Stormwater Compliance Coordinator  
NYSDEC, Bureau of Water Compliance  
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Albany, New York, 12233-3506