



## REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION (RFA) CHECKLIST

### NJPDES - Discharge to Surface Water Construction Dewatering General Permit (NJ0134511)

This checklist is provided to you as guidance for completing the RFA Certification form for the Construction Dewatering General Permit.

This general permit authorizes short term groundwater discharges, for the purpose of lowering the groundwater table for construction related dewatering, that might contain negligible levels of pollutants.

- This general permit does not cover discharges from sites known or suspected to contain contaminated groundwater, such as remediation or petroleum products clean-up sites, stormwater discharges, and discharges associated with sediment laden waters (authorized under the Standards for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control in New Jersey and the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Act N.J.S.A. 4-24-39 et seq). If the associated groundwater **is** contaminated, please review the General Remediation Clean-up (BGR) Permit or the General Petroleum Product Clean-up (B4B) Permit to determine if either are applicable to your discharge.
- Exclusions also include discharges associated with treated or untreated domestic wastewater, combined or sanitary sewer overflows, filter backwash operations, hydrostatic test water discharges, contaminated groundwater discharges from aquifer or well pump tests, swimming pool discharges, tank and vessel bottom waters, and tank and vessel bottom and cleaning waters. For further information regarding exclusions, see Part II – Section D of the Construction Dewatering General Permit.
- Construction Dewatering discharges exceeding 100,000 gallons per day for 30 days or longer may also require a water diversion permit from the Department's Bureau of Water Allocation. Please contact the Bureau of Water Allocation at (609) 292-2957.
- Qualifying dischargers must submit the Request for Authorization Certification form 14 days prior to the anticipated discharge date.

The following items must be completed and submitted:

- CERTIFICATION FORM** – The applicant must complete the entire RFA Certification form and sign in the designated area. A copy of the certification form shall be kept on the site where the discharge activity will take place during the discharge event. If a copy of the certification form cannot be kept on-site, a copy shall be filed with the Clerk of the municipality in which this activity will take place, and maintained in the business office of the certifying entity.
- The applicant must submit the analytical results of at least **ONE REPRESENTATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE UNTREATED GROUNDWATER** from the proposed construction site. The analysis shall address all of the parameters in Appendix A and must be performed by a NJ certified laboratory.

- Please submit the original “Certification Form” and the Groundwater Data to:

NJDEP  
Mail Code 401 - 02B  
Division of Water Quality  
Bureau of Surface Water Permitting  
PO Box 420  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

- Please submit a copy of the “Certification Form” and the Groundwater Data to the appropriate Water Compliance and Enforcement Office:

**Northern Region** – **Counties Covered:** Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, and Warren

**Phone:** 973-656-4099

**Address:** Northern Bureau of Water Compliance and Enforcement  
7 Ridgedale Avenue  
Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927

**Central Region** – **Counties Covered:** Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Union

**Phone:** 609-292-3010

**Address:** Central Bureau of Water Compliance and Enforcement  
Mail Code 44-03  
4 Station Plaza  
PO Box 420  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

**Southern Region** – **Counties Covered:** Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem

**Phone:** 856-614-3655

**Address:** Southern Bureau of Water Compliance and Enforcement  
One Port Center  
2 Riverside Drive, Suite 201  
Camden, NJ 08102

Should you have any questions pertaining to the eligibility to discharge under this general permit; the effluent requirements; or questions regarding completion of the RFA forms, please contact Surya Shah or Tara Goodreau of the Bureau of Surface Water Permitting at (609) 292-4860.