



State of Vermont  
**PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION**

**STORMWATER PERMITS FOR  
NEW DEVELOPMENT & REDEVELOPMENT**

**SUMMARY  
DESCRIPTION  
OF PERMIT**

**General Permit 3-9015**

General Permit 3-9015 was issued March 20, 2013 and is effective for ten years from the date of signing.

The Stormwater Management Program provides regulatory oversight and technical assistance to ensure proper design and construction of stormwater treatment and control practices as well as construction-related erosion prevention and sediment control practices, necessary to minimize the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff to surface waters throughout Vermont.

Coverage under GP 3-9015 is required for discharges of regulated stormwater runoff from the construction, expansion, and redevelopment of impervious surfaces.

The most current information about new development or redevelopment stormwater permits is located on the Watershed Management Division web site. Please consult this resource:

<http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater/permit-information-applications-fees/general-permit-3-9015>

**EXAMPLE OF  
REGULATED  
ACTIVITY**

Stormwater runoff from new development which creates 1 or more acres of impervious surfaces, or expansions to existing development when the total resulting surface, including existing and new expanded surfaces is equal to or greater than 1 acre. Impervious surfaces include roofs, driveways, parking lots, and new roads, whether paved or gravel surfaces. This can include a residential subdivision or other common plans of development.

**CRITERIA FOR  
JURISDICTION**

Coverage under General Permit 3-9015 is required for the following new stormwater discharges to all Waters of the State of Vermont that are not principally impaired by stormwater runoff, including:

- Discharges of stormwater runoff from new development in which the area of all impervious surfaces generating regulated stormwater runoff is equal to or greater than 1 acre;
- Discharges of stormwater runoff from the expansion of existing impervious surfaces by 5,000 square feet, at an existing development, if total resulting impervious surface is greater than 1 acre;
- Discharges of stormwater runoff from the redevelopment of 1 acre or more of existing impervious surfaces at an existing development;
- The jurisdictional thresholds for stormwater discharge permits are established in the Stormwater Management Rules (Ch. 18 and Ch. 22);
- Projects that do not qualify for coverage under GP 3-9015 may be

required to obtain an Individual Stormwater Discharge Permit, examples may include discharges to stormwater-impaired waters;

- Exemptions from the need to obtain coverage under a stormwater discharge permit are described in section 18-304 and 22-304 of the Stormwater Management Rules.

**APPLICATION & RELATED FORMS**

<http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater/permit-information-applications-fees/operational-stormwater-discharge-permit-application-materials>

**PUBLIC NOTICE & COMMENT**

As of January 1, 2018, applications for GP 3-9015 coverage are required to be noticed publicly on the new [Environmental Notice Bulletin \(ENB\)](#) and must follow new procedural rules under Act 150 ([10 V.S.A. Chapter 170](#)), a law that standardized and consolidated DEC public notice and comment processes.

The GP 3-9015 permit applications are required to adhere to a 14-day comment period.

**FEES**

The complete and most current fee summary is available here: [http://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/wsm/stormwater/docs/Permitinformation/sw\\_fee\\_table.pdf](http://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/wsm/stormwater/docs/Permitinformation/sw_fee_table.pdf)

**REFUND POLICY**

Refunds of application processing fees will not be issued following initiation of administrative review. Refunds of application review fees will not be refunded following initiation of technical review.

**ADMINISTERING AGENCY**

<b>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT DIVISION</b>	
CONTACT:	The Operational Permit Reviewer for your region: <a href="http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater/contacts">http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater/contacts</a>
ADDRESS:	One National Life Drive Davis Building – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Montpelier, VT 05620 802-828-1115

**AUTHORITY**

10 VSA Chapter 47

**APPLICABLE RULES**

[2017 Vermont Stormwater Management Manual \(VSMM\) Rule and Guidance](#)  
[Stormwater Management Rule for Non-Stormwater Impaired Waters: Ch 18](#)  
[Stormwater Management Rule for Stormwater Impaired Waters: Ch 22](#)

**APPEAL PROCESS**

Any person aggrieved by an act or decision of the Secretary may appeal within 30 days of the date of the act or decision in accordance with 10 VSA Chapter 220 and the Vermont Rules of Environmental Court Proceedings.