DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
State of Washington

Construction Stormwater General Permit 2026 Reissuance

NEBC March 03, 2026

CSWGP Reissuance Schedule

Milestone	Anticipated Timeframe
Official Draft Release	Wednesday, March 19, 2025
Public Comment Period	March 19, 25 through May 9, 25 (51 days)
Public Meetings & Hearings	In person: afternoon, April 21, 2025 (ECY Auditorium) Online: evening, April 24, 2025
Duty to Reapply Deadline	July 3, 2025
Approximately 2000 of 2600 permits renewed	October 7, 2025
2026 Revised Permit Issuance	November 19, 2025
2026 Issuance Appeal Deadline	December 18, 2025
2021 Permit Expiration	December 31, 2025
2026 Revised Permit Effective	January 1, 2026
Errata Issued	February 5, 2026

Changes

S1. Permit Coverage	Clarification of what triggers the minimum requirements for coverage.
S2. Application Requirements	-Improved understanding of what constitutes contamination, and what information to provide with the NOI about the contamination. -Modifications that increase acreage and partial transfers will need to provide updated site maps with their form.
S3.Compliance with Standards	Removed S3.A- based on 2025 Supreme Court decision (San Francisco)
S4. Monitoring Requirements, Benchmarks, and Reporting Triggers	-All site inspections will be conducted by a CESCL, regardless of disturbed acreage. -All sites under 5 acres will be required to conduct weekly turbidity and pH sampling. -Clarification about when DMR submittals are required. -Only calibrated pH meters are allowed for pH testing.

Changes

S8. Discharges to 303(d) or TMDL Waterbodies	-Including dissolved oxygen to the list of limit triggers for impaired waterbodies. -Updated sampling frequency requirements for site that are dewatering.
Added/Updated Definitions	Construction Activity Construction Support Activity Date of Receipt Day (compliance period interval) Operational Hours

We received numerous suggested changes from 18 different commentors

Changes because of public comments

Section of Permit	Proposed change from comment
S1. Permit Coverage	*Updated prohibited discharge language about wheel washes to match special conditions in S9 *updated S1.E.3- federal operator to match EPA
S4. Monitoring Requirements, Benchmarks, and Reporting Triggers	* Added language about CESCL inspections about looking for evidence of discharges and BMP failures *required calibrations of pH meters be maintained in the logbook *clarified language about sampling locations
S9. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan	*Clarified that contaminated containment water is not to be discharged *Added language about BMPs related to demolition debris

Issuance of Errata – February 05, 2026
Updated formatting in a couple section

Received several comments and questions about ground water discharges

- S3.C

  Where construction sites also discharge to groundwater, the groundwater discharges must also meet the terms and conditions of this CSWGP. Permittees who discharge to groundwater through an injection well must also comply with any applicable requirements of the Underground Injection Control (UIC) regulations, Chapter 173-218 WAC.

- S4.C.3

  3. Sampling Locations

  a) Sampling is required at all points where stormwater associated with construction activity (or authorized non-stormwater) is discharged on-site to surface waters of the state (for example, a creek running through a site), inlets, open conveyance; or any offsite discharges, including those to ground, (The permittee may discontinue sampling at discharge points that drain areas of the project that are fully stabilize to prevent erosion).