

6.3 General Permit Development

There are five criteria that a class or category of discharger must meet before a general permit can be composed to address the discharges. These criteria are:

1. The class or category of discharger should have the same or substantially similar types of operations;
2. The same types of pollutants should be discharged;
3. The same effluent limitations or operating conditions are applicable;
4. **The same or similar monitoring is appropriate; and**
5. The discharges are more appropriately controlled under a general permit.

Once the five criteria have been verified for a particular class or category of discharger, the actual development of the general permit can proceed. The general permit development process does not differ significantly from that of an individual permit. A permit contains the conditions a permittee must meet, while information considered in development and the rationale for permit conditions is included in the supporting fact sheet for each permit.

Appendix D provides an outline of the general permit and fact sheet development and issuance process.