

Nonpoint Source Compliance Program

The Nonpoint Source (NPS) Compliance Section, located within the Bureau of Clean Water, is responsible for developing regulations, policies, guidance, outreach, and inspection strategies for compliance assessment, compliance assistance, and enforcement of regulatory programs relating to stormwater runoff. This section conducts activities relating to the compliance with regulatory requirements for construction-related erosion and sediment control; post-construction stormwater management; and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s).

The NPS Compliance Section works closely with the State Conservation Commission (SCC) and the County Conservation Districts to implement erosion and sediment control requirements. County Conservation Districts are delegated authorities to implement nutrient and manure management, erosion and sediment control, and water obstructions and encroachments regulations. County Conservation Districts provide technical, planning, and compliance assistance for construction stormwater. These are key elements to achieving water quality improvements statewide.

The NPDES Construction Stormwater program is a statewide program, delegated to County Conservation Districts, and inspections are performed by the Districts throughout construction as well as at the time of permit termination. Table 1 shows the total universe of permitted construction sites, the state inspection goal committed to EPA, and the total number of inspections completed for the time period of October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019.

Table 1. Total permitted construction sites, the EPA inspection goal, and the actual inspections completed. EPA expects at least 10% of the regulated construction sites of equal to or greater than one acre of disturbed area to be inspected annually.

	General Permit	Individual Permit
Total Permitted Sites	6097	994
Inspection Goal	610	99
Inspections Completed	4683	826