

NDEP's No Exposure Exclusion Guidance Document

What is a No Exposure Exclusion?

NDEP regulates stormwater runoff to reduce pollution under the Multi-Sector General Permit. NDEP offers a No Exposure Exclusion for permittees under the Multi-Sector General Permit. No Exposure means all industrial materials and activities are conducted indoors or are protected by a storm resistant shelter to prevent exposure to stormwater.

If stormwater can't carry pollutants off of your site via run-on, or run-off, then a No Exposure Exclusion may be applicable to your site.

What is the process in order to obtain a No Exposure Exclusion?

1. If necessary, the site would need to ensure all industrial materials and machinery are stored in a way that stormwater cannot come in contact with pollutants, and run off site. This includes dumpsters, piping, pumps, double walled / secondary contained structures, and any industrial material, and final products



2. The site will need to submit for a No Exposure Certification via our permitting database. This will require a new Notice of Intent be submitted to NDEP's Carson City Office. This inspection will cost \$250.00 and will have a re-inspection fee of \$200.00 if the site fails and reapplies. **Inspection fees will not start until July 1, 2023.**

3. If approved, the site will need to keep operating procedures in place to continue to meet the requirements of the No Exposure Exclusion, Otherwise NDEP can revoke the No Exposure status.



Once I get approved, What happens next?

NDEP requires No Exposure Certifications be submitted once every five years. Each resubmittal will require a new Notice of Intent be submitted. If at any time the facility can no longer satisfy the conditions of No Exposure, Industrial Permit coverage will be required under the Multi-Sector General Permit.

The intended purpose of the No Exposure Exclusion is: if industrial pollutants can not run off of your site via stormwater, than industrial stormwater permit is not necessary. This can be achieved through multiple different routes. Lidded Dumpsters, proper chemical storage, or not storing any industrial material outside amongst other options.

Examples of Good and Bad Control Measures For No Exposure Approval

Secondary Containment



Unapprovable Containment



Lidded / Covered Dumpsters



Unapprovable Dumpsters



Proper Chemical Storage



Unapprovable Chemical Storage



*All located in secondary containment

*All located outside without containment

These are just some examples of control measures that are required in order to obtain a No Exposure Exclusion. Each site will not be the same, thus a single document with every approvable control measure does not exist. Your site may, or may not be approvable depending on the operating procedures and site layout. However, if all industrial activities are contained inside cover, or stored properly when outside, your site can be covered under the No Exposure Exclusion. Again, the idea is to contain all industrial pollutants on-site, **not allowing stormwater to come in contact with these pollutants.**

NDEP thanks you for doing your part in keeping NV's waterbodies fishable and swimmable.

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