

# AUTOMOBILE SALVAGE YARDS FACT SHEET #1 Storm Water Notice of Intent



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## Automobile Salvage Yards and the Storm Water Program

Through the Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES) program, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has established requirements for controlling storm water discharges that could adversely affect the quality of rivers, washes, and water bodies in Arizona. Even though many of the waterways in Pima County are dry streambeds during most of the year, the regulations are intended to protect our desert environment.

One of the many industrial categories that must obtain a storm water permit is the automobile salvage industry. This category includes those businesses with Standard Industrial Code (SIC) 5015 (used motor vehicle parts).

This fact sheet addresses those businesses that:

- store and sell used motor vehicle parts;
- impound and dismantle motor vehicles for the purpose of selling parts; and
- dismantle motor vehicles for scrap.

This includes establishments engaged in draining vehicle fluids, crushing and scrapping vehicles, and recovering and recycling motor vehicle parts and fluids.

The following items are examples of materials that must be properly handled during the normal course of salvaging automobiles:



- Lead acid batteries;
- Radiators and engines;
- Air conditioning coils and catalytic converters;
- Scrap metals and plastics;
- Light switches, high intensity discharge lamps, active ride controls, four-wheel drive anti-lock brake systems, filters, and instrument panel components containing mercury;
- Gasoline, drained motor oil, antifreeze, and hydraulic, transmission, and brake oils/fluids;
- Lead wheel weights, brake shoes, and tires;
- Chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's);
- Air bag inflation cartridges;
- Oil and/or wastewater from steam cleaning; and
- Storm water runoff from storage areas.

## Notice of Intent to Discharge Storm Water

Arizona state regulations require automobile salvage yards to obtain coverage under the *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Multi-Sector General Permit for Industrial Activities (MSGP-2000)*:

[http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/  
stormwater/msgp.cfm?program\\_id=6](http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/msgp.cfm?program_id=6)

However, the MSGP-2000 expired in October of 2005. A new MSGP has not yet been issued. Salvage yards that obtained coverage under the MSGP-2000 prior to its expiration are automatically granted an administrative continuance of coverage. Salvage Yards covered under the MSGP-2000 must continue to implement their Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs) and comply with permit requirements.



Salvage yards that did not obtain coverage under the MSGP-2000 prior to its expiration may not obtain coverage until a new MSGP is issued. Such salvage yards may not submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) for coverage under the MSGP-2000.

This does not mean that these industrial facilities may ignore the storm water program requirements. Operators of un-permitted salvage yards are still required to develop and implement SWPPPs as described in the MSGP-2000. Once a new MSGP has been issued, coverage may be obtained by submitting a Notice of Intent (NOI) to:

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality  
Surface Water Section —  
Stormwater & General Permits Unit, 5415A-1  
1110 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007  
or FAX 602-771-4674

If your business is located within the Pima County Storm Water Permit Area, please submit a copy of the NOI to Pima County DEQ:

Pima County Department of Environmental Quality  
Storm Water Program  
150 W. Congress Street  
Tucson, AZ 85701  
FAX (520) 882-7709

ADEQ will confirm permit coverage through a letter containing a Discharge Authorization Number. A copy of the NOI may be downloaded from the following website:

[http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/  
water/permits/download/noi.pdf](http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/water/permits/download/noi.pdf)

