



# Illinois Department of Transportation

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## **CIRCULAR LETTER 2007-17**

### **NPDES PERMITS FOR LOCAL PROJECTS ON THE STATE LETTING**

COUNTY ENGINEERS/SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS  
MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS/DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC WORKS/MAYORS  
CONSULTING ENGINEERS

National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits are required on all highway construction projects that disturb more than one acre. Local agencies must apply for and obtain permits and follow all permit requirements for their projects, including local agency projects that are on the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) lettings. Projects that do not have a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and an NPDES permit will not be advertised for the IDOT lettings.

Local agencies within Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) require an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (IEPA) ILR40 General Storm Water Permit. Local agencies other than within MS4 need to apply for IEPA's ILR10 General Storm Water Permit for Construction Site Activities for each construction project that disturbs over one acre. Permit details are available on IEPA's website at [www.epa.state.il.us/water/permits/storm-water/index.html](http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/permits/storm-water/index.html).

Please contact Kevin Burke at [kevin.burkeiii@illinois.gov](mailto:kevin.burkeiii@illinois.gov) of this office with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles J. Ingersoll".

Charles J. Ingersoll, P. E.  
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