



# Stormwater NEC – Industrial No Exposure Certification (D-2616)

ePermitting

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control  
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# Course Objective

The purpose of this training video is for users to learn how to process the Stormwater NEC – Industrial No Exposure Certification (D-2616) online in ePermitting.

# Prerequisites

For ePermitting training opportunities, please visit [scdhec.gov/ePermitting/training](https://scdhec.gov/ePermitting/training).

Helpful topics include:

- Creating an Account
- Logging In
- Locating Your Site



Sign into the ePermitting system. If you need assistance, please review the training, **Logging In**.



## ePermitting Online Services

Infectious Waste, Coastal Zone Consistency, Critical Areas, Agriculture, Dam Safety, Stormwater Construction, Wastewater, Asbestos

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## Permitting & Compliance

### What can I do here?

- Apply for permits
- Manage your permits (pay fees, apply for renewals)
- Submit reports (required by your permit or certification)

To get started, you'll need an account.

[CREATE AN EPERMITTING ACCOUNT](#)

[Sign in with an existing account](#)

## Public Services

These services are provided to be freely used by the public; no account is necessary to make use of them.

### Public Notice Search >

Keep informed about public notices and hearings, access related documents, and submit comments online.

### SSO Discharge Search >

Search for Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) discharge events

### Site Map Explorer >

Use our Explorer mapping tools and advanced-search capabilities to navigate information on environmental sites.





This is the 'Home' screen. The Left-hand menu shown is used to direct you to various options within your ePermitting account. For more information on the different options available, please see the **Entering Information on Your Site** training. From your 'Home' screen, toggle down the left menu and click on **'Apps, Requests, and Reports'**.

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## Home

### Finding and Submitting Applications and Requests

Begin by browsing the available application, service request and report forms. Once the desired form is located, you can fill it out, submit it, and track it here.

[Browse Forms](#)

### Add a Site/Person/Organization to your account

Your account currently has access to 2 sites/persons/organizations. In order to perform work on additional business entities, you'll have to connect them to your user account.

[Add a Site/Person/Organization](#)

### Need Help?

Use the Help link icon in the top right corner of any page to view screen-specific help. If you still need assistance, [Contact Us](#) for additional support options.

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Select the option 'Start New Form'.



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## Forms

### Applications, Service Requests & Permit Change Forms

Begin filling out a **new form** or view or revise a **previous submission**



Start New Form

Permit Applications, Service Requests and Permit Change Forms



Draft & Submitted Forms

View or revise draft and submitted Applications, Service Requests, Permit Change Forms and Reports

### Assigned Forms and Schedules

Reporting forms relating to **current submissions**, **permits** and **active compliance actions**



New and Draft Assigned Forms

Browse reporting forms relating to a submission, permit or compliance action



Submitted Reporting Forms

View or revise previously submitted reports



Select the 'All Other Forms' category.

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### Select New Form Category

Please choose from the following:

- Permit Change Forms  
Forms used to reissue, modify, transfer or terminate a permit
- All Other Forms  
Applications, Service Requests, and other forms not pertaining to permit change requests

Applications

Begin filling out a

Start New Permit Application Change Form

Reports

### Assigned Forms and Schedules

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To locate the form you need, you can enter the form name, a description of the form, or choose the correct the program area. Choosing the Water –Stormwater Program area will return only Stormwater forms. We will explore the **Stormwater NEC – Industrial No Exposure Certification (D 2616) - New**. Click **'Begin Submission'**.

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Start a New Form View All Apps, Requests and Reports Find and submit a new application or service request from this screen.

Form Name	Form Description	Program Area	
2616		(All)	
Stormwater NEC - Industrial No Exposure Certification (D 2616) - New	Use this form when you are not required to carry a permit for your storm water discharges associated with industrial activity.	Water - Stormwater	<a href="#">Begin Submission</a>

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If you have multiple sites, this screen will appear. This screen appears so you can choose the site that you want to complete an application for. Once you have chosen your site, click **'Begin Submission.'**

The screenshot shows the DHEC ePermitting interface. At the top right, there are navigation links: Home, About, Contact, Sign Out, and scdhec.gov Home. Below these is a user profile for Fatimah Curry. The main header includes 'ePermitting', 'DHEC Online Services', and a 'UAT EXT' button. A left sidebar contains a navigation menu with items like Home, Dashboard, Notifications, Details, Contacts List, and 'Apps, Requests and Reports'. The main content area is titled 'Start a New Form' and shows a form for 'Stormwater NEC - Industrial Certification (D 2616) - New'. A modal dialog titled 'Select Site' is open in the center, with the following text: 'Select a context for your submission from the following Site options. Or, select Create New Site to begin a submission with an entirely new Site.' Below this text is a 'Select Site' dropdown menu currently showing 'Fatimah's Test Testing Site'. At the bottom of the modal are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Begin Submission'. A red arrow points to the 'Begin Submission' button. In the background, a 'Program Area' dropdown is set to '(All)', and a 'Begin Submission' button is visible on the right side of the form.



The form will appear. You can verify the name of the form by looking at the title of the form at the top. The form has instructions, contact information, and supplemental hyperlinks for the Stormwater program and the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). Click '**Begin Form Entry**' to start the form electronically. **Tip:** Click '**Print Blank Form**' to print out the form in its entirety if needed.

## Stormwater - Industrial No Exposure Certification (NEC) (D 2616)

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### INSTRUCTIONS

Submission of this No Exposure Certification (NEC) constitutes notice that the entity does not require permit authorization for its storm water discharges associated with industrial activity in South Carolina under the NPDES general permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity (except construction) (SCR000000) due to the existence of a condition of no exposure.

A condition of no exposure exists at an industrial site when all industrial materials and activities are protected by a storm resistant shelter to prevent exposure to rain, snow, snowmelt, and/or runoff. Industrial materials or activities include, but are not limited to, material handling equipment or activities, industrial machinery, raw materials, intermediate products, by-products, final products, or waste products. Material handling activities include the storage, loading and unloading, transportation, or conveyance of any raw material, intermediate product, final product or waste product. A storm resistant shelter is not required for the following industrial materials and activities:

- drums, barrels, tanks, and similar containers that are tightly sealed, provided those containers are not deteriorated and do not leak. "Sealed" means banded or otherwise secured and without operational taps or valves;
- adequately maintained vehicles used in material handling; and
- final products, other than products that would be mobilized in storm water discharges (e.g., rock salt).

A No Exposure Certification must be provided for each site qualifying for the no exposure exclusion. **In addition, the exclusion from NPDES permitting is available on a site-wide basis only, not for individual outfalls. If any industrial activities or materials are, or will be, exposed to precipitation, the site is not eligible for the no exposure exclusion.**

By certifying and submitting this No Exposure Certification, the entity applying is certifying that a condition of no exposure exists at its facility or site, and is obligated to comply with the terms and conditions of S.C. R. 61-9. 122.26(g).

NOTE: There is a fee of \$350.00 for this Certification. This application will not be processed until this fee has been paid.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

#### Main Address

SC Department of Health & Environmental Control  
Bureau of Water  
Stormwater Permitting Section  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201-1708

#### Billing Address

SC DHEC  
Bureau of Financial Management  
PO Box 100103  
Columbia, SC 29202-3103

### CONTACTS

Main Line : 803-898-4300

### ADDITIONAL LINKS

[NEC DHEC D-2616](#)  
[EPA Guidance on No Exposure Criteria](#)  
[Standard Industrial Classification Manual](#)  
[Certifier Agreement](#)



Begin Form Entry



Print Blank Form



This form has seven sections which are laid out on the left side of the screen. Any question that has a red '\*' next to it is required and MUST be answered. On the right at the top of the form, there is a 'Save Progress' button to save your work. The first section of the form is 'EPA Guidance on No Exposure Criteria'. Please click on the link to review the guidance and answer the question appropriately. Ensure that you review the guidance as it has valuable EPA related information. **Tip:** Additional questions or sections may appear depending on how some questions are answered. The 'Next Section' button will be at the bottom of each section. Click the button to proceed.

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## EPA Guidance on No Exposure Criteria

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### EPA Guidance on No Exposure Criteria

<https://www3.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/noxguide.pdf>

\* Have you read the above guidance document?

Yes

No



NEXT SECTION  
Applicant Details



The next section is **'Applicant Details'**. Select the applicable contact type. Next, fill out the organization name, phone type, phone number, email, and full address including the city and postal code. Proceed to the next section once complete. **TIP:** the 'Clear Section' button allows you to clear this entire section if needed.

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## Applicant Details

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Provide valid contact information for the applicant. The applicant is the individual certifying this application.

South Carolina statutes provide for severe penalties for submitting false information on this application form. South Carolina regulations require this application to be certified as follows:

- For a corporation: by a responsible corporate officer, which means:
- (i) president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy or decision making functions for the corporation, or
  - (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated site including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures;

For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor; or

For a municipal, State, Federal, or other public site: by either a principal executive or ranking elected official.



Next is the 'Facility Contacts' section. This section is for listing the facility contact information. Click the next section button to proceed.

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## Facility Contact

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Please be advised that the Stormwater Facility contact should be a staff member located at the facility.

### Stormwater Facility Contact

Contact Auto-fill ▾

\* First Name

\* Last Name

\* Title

\* Phone Type ▾

\* Phone Number

ADD PHONE



Next is the **'Additional Contacts'** section. This section appears for additional site contacts if you indicated you had additional contacts on the previous screen. You can add or duplicate as many contacts as needed for the organization. **Tip:** The number next to **'Additional Contacts'** indicates how many contacts have been added to this site. In the grey box, there are buttons to clear the contact information and duplicate the information respectively, if needed. Click the next section button to proceed.

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## Additional Contacts

**1 Additional Contacts** CLEAR DUPLICATE

\* **Contact Type**

Owner  Operator

Billing  Other

**Contact**

Contact Auto-fill

Prefix \* First Name \* Last Name

Title

\* Organization Name

\* Phone Type \* Phone Number



The next section is the 'Site Details'. Enter the Facility Name, Site Address, and Site County for this project. Please be advised that additional questions may appear depending on how some questions are answered. Some of the questions asked are not required but the information is very helpful to the department. **TIP:** You may use the map to pinpoint the exact location of your site.

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## Site Details

Section Auto-fill ▾ CLEAR SECTION

Facility Name

\*

Site Address

\* Address Line 1

Address Line 2

\* City  State/Area  \* Postal Code

VALIDATE ADDRESS

Site County

\*

Site Location

Map Satellite Search by name or address



Next is the **'Exposure Questionnaire'** section. Please answer these questions accurately. . **TIP:** If the answer to any of these questions is 'Yes,' you should stop filling out this form and complete the **Stormwater NEC – Industrial No Exposure Certification (D-2616)** form.

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## Exposure Questionnaire

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Check "Yes" or "No" as appropriate to describe the exposure conditions at your site. If you answer "Yes" to ANY of the questions in this section, a potential for exposure exists at your site and you cannot certify to a condition of no exposure. You must obtain (or already have) coverage under an NPDES storm water permit. After obtaining permit coverage, you can institute modifications to eliminate the potential for a discharge of storm water exposed to industrial activity, and then certify to a condition of no exposure.

Using, storing or cleaning industrial machinery or equipment, and areas where residuals from using, storing or cleaning industrial machinery or equipment remain  
\* and are exposed to storm water

Yes

No

\* Materials or residuals on the ground or in storm water inlets from spills/leaks

Yes

No

\* Materials or products from past industrial activity

Yes

No



This is the **'Review'** section where you must review, correct and make changes to the application before submitting it. You also have an opportunity to print a copy of the form. You must scroll through and review the entire form before moving to the next section. **TIP:** You have the option to print the review before you certify and submit your form.

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## Review

This step allows you to review the form to confirm the form is populated completely and accurately, prior to certification and submission.

### EPA GUIDANCE ON NO EXPOSURE CRITERIA

#### EPA Guidance on No Exposure Criteria

<https://www3.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/noxguide.pdf>

#### Have you read the above guidance document?

No

**STOP!!! The guidance document has valuable information about EPA requirements for No Exposure Certification.**

### APPLICANT DETAILS

Provide valid contact information for the applicant. The applicant is the individual certifying this application.

South Carolina statutes provide for severe penalties for submitting false information on this application form. South Carolina regulations require this application to be certified as follows:



This is the 'Certify and Submit' section. Please read through this section before submitting the form. Once you are ready, click the 'Submit Form' button to submit the form to DHEC. You can also click the 'Save and Exit' button if needed.

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## Certify & Submit

This step allows you to submit the form to DHEC.

I certify under penalty of law that I have read and understand the eligibility requirements for claiming a condition of "no exposure" and obtaining an exclusion from NPDES storm water permitting.

I certify under penalty of law that there are no discharges of storm water contaminated by exposure to industrial activities or materials from the industrial site identified in this document (except as allowed under S.C. R. 61-9. 122.26(g)(2)).

I understand that I am obligated to submit a no exposure certification form once every five years to the NPDES permitting authority and, if requested, to the operator of the local municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) into which the site discharges (where applicable). I understand that I must allow the NPDES permitting authority, or MS4 operator where the discharge is into the local MS4, to perform inspections to confirm the condition of no exposure and to make such inspection reports publicly available upon request. I understand that I must obtain coverage under an NPDES permit prior to any point source discharge of storm water from the site.

Additionally, I certify under penalty of law that this submission and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is to the best of my knowledge and belief true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

FINALIZE SUBMISSION  
Submit Form

FINISH LATER  
Save and Exit



This screen verifies that your application has been received by DHEC. At this time, your payment is required. You have the option of paying your fees online or by mail. Please see the **'Paying Invoices Online or by Mail'** training(s) respectively for assistance.

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## Submission Received

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AWAITING PAYMENT

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Your submission has been received. It is recommended to [print](#) and retain a copy of this confirmation.

### Payment Required to Complete Submission

Make checks payable to SC DHEC

#### Submission Fees

Application Fee ..... \$350.00

**Total Due \$350.00**

Pay Online

Pay by Mail

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# CONTACT US

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This completes the training for **Stormwater NEC – Industrial No Exposure Certification (D-2616)**. For additional questions or help, please contact us at the link on the screen. Thank you!

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