



**VESSEL GENERAL PERMIT NOI TRANSFERS OF
OWNERSHIP OR OPERATIONAL CONTROL
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This fact sheet provides guidance on how to submit electronic Notice of Intent (eNOI), when required by the VGP, in situations where a vessel is being transferred to a new owner/operator. If the owner or operator of a vessel changes, the new owner or operator will need to file a new notice of intent (NOI) for the vessel in order to obtain vessel general permit coverage. In order to avoid the 30-day weight period for eNOI activation, utilize the following instructions.

What will be needed for the permit transfer:

1. Previous owner/operator's VGP tracking number
2. Date(s) that the vessel(s) originally obtained active coverage under the previous owner/operator's name, and
3. Date(s) of the vessel(s) transfer to the new owner/operator

Completing the eNOI form:

1. Fill in the applicable fields required by the eNOI system,
2. When you reach the question in the application process that asks "Does the vessel currently have, or has the vessel ever held, an NPDES permit for any part, discharge, or operation of the vessel?" select yes,
3. Input the permit number that the previous owner/operator had coverage under, and the date they previously obtained active coverage, lastly
4. On the following question, "Is this a transfer of ownership?", select yes, and indicate the date of transfer.

This will authorize the vessel to discharge on the date of transfer, or on the date EPA receives the NOI, whichever is later (**30-day weight period is not required when a permit is transferred following these instructions**).

It is recommend letting the new NOI that is submitted and certified for the vessel in the new Owner/Operators account become active, prior to terminating the existing NOI's for the vessels (if necessary). In some cases companies (such as the old Owner/Operator) may be taking back over ownership/operational control of the vessel, and may still wish to keep their existing NOI's active.

If you have questions about the eNOI system contact the EPA's NOI Processing Center using one of the following options:

- By Telephone: Person-to-person telephone support is available from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (EST). Call our toll-free line at 866-352-7755.
- By Webform: Fill out the online form at <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/noicontact.cfm>
- By E-mail: Send e-mail to Technical Support at noi@avanticorporation.com