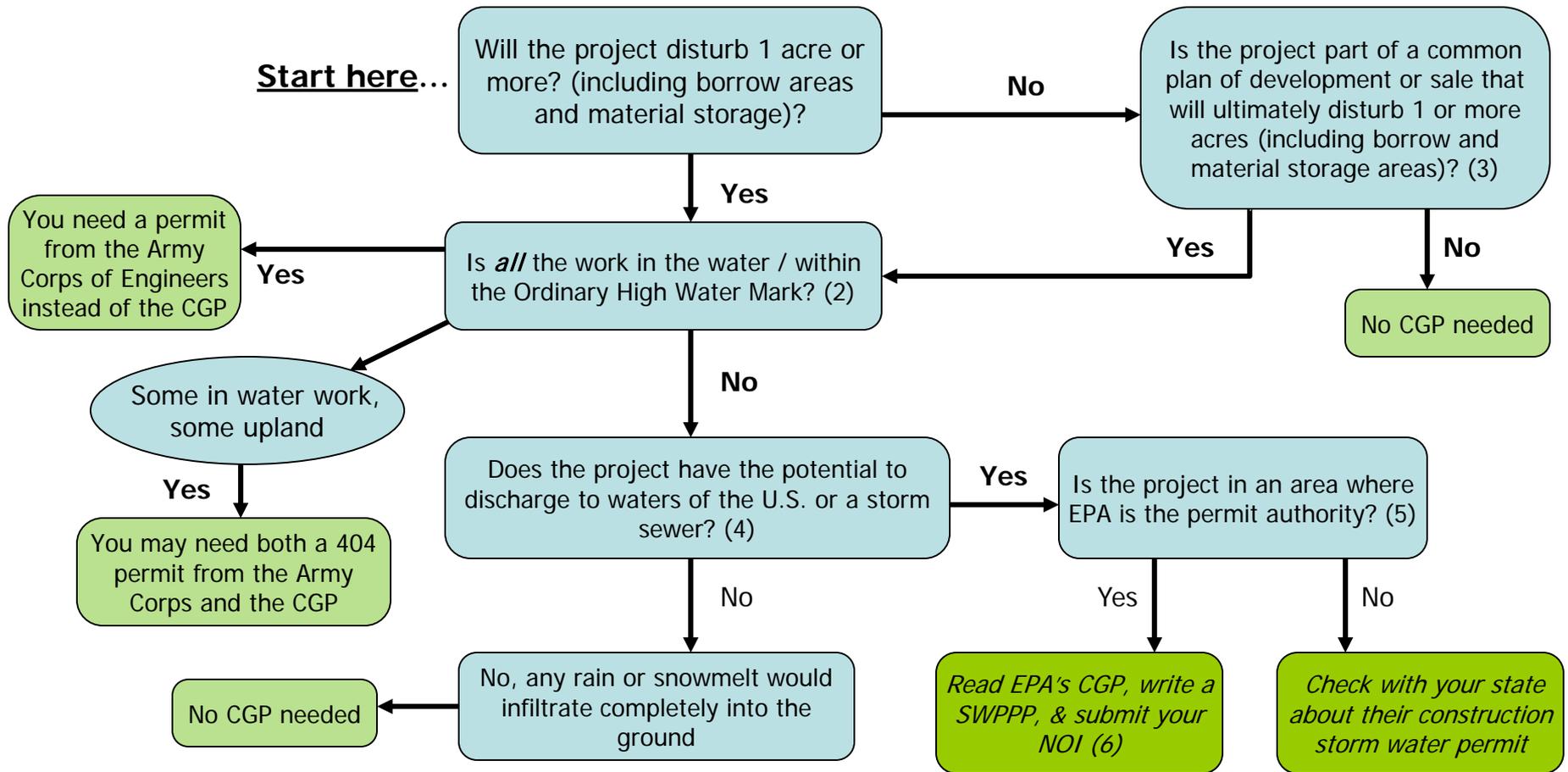


# Do I need NPDES Construction Permit Coverage (CGP)?<sup>(1)</sup>



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## Acronyms

**CGP:** Construction General Permit

**EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency

**NPDES:** National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

**404:** permit also known as wetlands permit or Corps permit

# Do I need NPDES Permit Coverage for Discharges Related to my Construction Activity and Which General Permits are Available?

(Footnotes to Flow Chart)

- 1) EPA has made general permits available for operators seeking NPDES authorization to discharge stormwater and non-stormwater to a "Waters of the US" (term defined at: [40 CFR §122.2](#)). Each general permit has its own eligibility criteria. Where criteria cannot be satisfied, an operator may need to seek coverage under an alternative general permit or an individual permit.
- 2) Definition of Ordinary High Water Mark: <http://www.usace.army.mil/Portals/2/docs/civilworks/RGLS/rgl05-05.pdf>
- 3) Common Plan of Development: [https://www3.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/sw\\_qanda\\_entiredocument.pdf](https://www3.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/sw_qanda_entiredocument.pdf)
- 4) Definition of Waters of the U.S. in [http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/cgp2012\\_appendixa.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/cgp2012_appendixa.pdf)
- 5) Storm water Permit authorities in the Pacific Northwest:  
[[http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/cgp2012\\_appendixb.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/cgp2012_appendixb.pdf)]
  - Alaska: EPA for Metlakatla & Denali National Park. Everywhere else: ADEC  
<http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wnpssc/stormwater/index.htm>
  - Idaho: EPA
  - Oregon: EPA for tribal lands. Everywhere else: ODEQ  
<http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/stormwater/stormwater.htm>
  - Washington: EPA permits for federal operators and tribal lands. Everyone else: WA Ecology  
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/>
- 6) Read the Permit: [https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/cgp2012\\_finalpermitpart1-9.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/cgp2012_finalpermitpart1-9.pdf)
  - SWPPP: Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan: <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/developing-stormwater-pollution-prevention-plan-swppp>
  - NOI: Notice of Intent for permit coverage [https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/cgp2012enoi\\_factsheet.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/cgp2012enoi_factsheet.pdf)

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