



STATE OF HAWAII  
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
 CLEAN WATER BRANCH  
 919 Ala Moana Blvd., Rm. 301  
 Honolulu, Hawaii



## Pesticides General Permit

Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Ch. 11-55, Appendix M

The Department of Health, Clean Water Branch, adopted a new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit (Appendix M) on October 21, 2012, to authorize point source discharges from the application of pesticides (including insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, rodenticides, and various other substances to control pests) to State waters.

### Do I Need A Permit?

Will you be applying a pesticide to a State water or will the pesticide get into a State water during its application?

YES

If "NO"—NPDES Permit coverage is NOT required

Is the reason you are applying the pesticide to control: Mosquitos, other flying insects, weeds, algae, animals, or forest canopy pests?

YES

If "NO"—An Individual NPDES Permit may be required

Are you a county, state, federal government or large entity defined in HAR 11-55-01?

NO

If "YES"—Comply with the Pesticide General Permit

Will you be exceeding any of the following during the calendar year:

- For mosquito or other flying insect pest – adulticide treatment area greater than 6400 acres.
- For weed, algae pest or animal – treatment greater than 20 lineal miles or treatment area greater than 80 acres of water.
- For forest canopy pest – treatment area greater than 6400 acres.

NO

If "YES"— Comply with the Pesticide General Permit

**You are automatically covered under the Pesticide General Permit and DO NOT need to submit a Notice of Intent (i.e., application), Pesticide Discharge Management Plan, or annual report.**

You are required to comply with requirements as applicable (e.g., HAR Ch. 11-55, Appendix M, Sections 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7).



## Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

### What are “State waters”?

State waters include but are not limited to:

- coastal waters, streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands, flooded agricultural fields (e.g., taro or watercress fields), springs, and mud flats;
- ditches, flumes, ponds, and reservoirs that are not part of a water pollution control system; and
- ditches, flumes, ponds, and reservoirs that overflow into another State water.

Note that State waters may also include concrete lined drainage canals, dry streams or gulches, and intermittent streams. (Ref: HAR Section 11-54-1)

### Where can I read the permit?

The Pesticides General Permit (HAR Ch. 11-55, Appendix M), is available on the Clean Water Branch website at: <http://health.hawaii.gov/cwb/>.

### How can I submit the Notice of Intent (NOI)?

To submit the NOI, go to the e-Permitting Portal and register. The e-Permitting Portal is located at:

<https://eha-cloud.doh.hawaii.gov/epermit/View/home.aspx>.

After registering, click on the Application Finder tool and type “CWB NOI Form M” into the Application Search field. Follow the instructions to complete and submit this form.

### How can I submit an Individual NPDES permit application?

To submit the individual NPDES application, go to the e-Permitting Portal and register. The e-Permitting Portal is located at: <https://eha-cloud.doh.hawaii.gov/epermit/View/home.aspx>.

After registering, click on the Application Finder tool and type “CWB Individual NPDES Form” into the Application Search field. Follow the instructions to complete and submit this form.

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### For More Information

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If you are a small business and have compliance questions, contact the Compliance Assistance Office at 586-4528 or [CAO@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:CAO@doh.hawaii.gov).

This document is intended to summarize permit applicability and requirements. It is not all inclusive of the terms, conditions, and requirements of the Pesticides General Permit. You are required to read HAR Ch. 11-55, Appendix M, for further detail.