

## **No-Exposure Self Re-Certification Information:**

You are obligated to maintain *no-exposure*\* conditions at your facility. If conditions change such that your facility can no longer qualify for a no-exposure exclusion, you are obligated to immediately obtain NPDES permit coverage for your stormwater discharge. Otherwise, the discharge becomes subject to enforcement as an un-permitted discharge. State statute provides for fines of up to **\$25,000 per day** for un-permitted discharges.

Your conditional no-exposure exclusion must be self re-certified at least annually as follows:

- Complete the re-certification at a minimum of once per year using the included Self Re-Certification Form.

(additional copies can be downloaded from <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/ws/su/npdessw#tab-5> )

- Maintain a record of re-certifications on file at the facility. **Do not submit the re-certification to DWQ unless requested. If requested**, submit a copy of the re-certification to the Division and/or the municipality in which the facility is located.

- During an inspection by DWQ or local government, provide the re-certifications immediately upon request.

- Notify the Division of any changes in ownership, significant facility and/or activity changes, or if the facility can no longer maintain no-exposure.

- Allow the NPDES permitting authority or, if discharging into a municipal separate storm sewer system, the operator of the system, to: (1) inspect the facility; and (2) make such inspection reports publicly available upon request.

\* “No exposure” means that 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. (40 CFR 122.26(g))

Information and forms related No-Exposure Certifications can be accessed on the website at:  
<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/ws/su/npdessw#tab-5>