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TO: NTA Storm Water Group Members in RHODE ISLAND

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Re: Storm Water Permit has been Issued

The Storm Water Multi-Sector Group Permit was issued by the EPA. The group permit applies to those states not having NPDES authorization. States having NPDES authorization may propose and finalize individual permits or general permits if the state has general permit authority. The EPA has provided the Multi-Sector General Permit to the NPDES authorized states to consider this permit for their permitting needs. **Rhode Island** is an NPDES authorized state. According to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Rhode Island has not yet settled on its permit for the textile industry. This means that you do not have to do anything at this time.

Rhode Island facilities may decide to file a general base-line permit. If you do so, be aware that under the base-line permit Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans were required to be prepared on or before April 1, 1993. Facilities were to implement and be in compliance with these Plans on or before October 1, 1993. Therefore, **any group member opting for the baseline general permit must be sure to have the storm water plan developed and implemented prior to filing an NOI or will be in immediate non-compliance with these requirements.**

If you want to stay with the group permit process you need do nothing now; just wait for Rhode Island to produce its industry-specific permit.