

## NORTHERN TEXTILE ASSOCIATION

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DATE: December 20, 1995  
TO: NTA Storm Water Group Members  
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**Re: Storm Water Alert**

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Please note that firms with facilities in the States of **Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire** were given until the end of this month to file their NOI for the group storm water permit. I have heard from a usually reliable source that **it is reported that EPA has extended that deadline by 90 days.** I have not seen this in writing, and, as EPA is closed due to the government shutdown, I have no confirmation of this report.

As my earlier communication explained, to apply for coverage under the group permit you must certify that **(1)** your storm water is not a threat to registered **historic sites**, **(2)** nor to **endangered species**. Furthermore **(3)** you must have a **Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan** by the end of June 1996.

To comply with these requirements you will need to:

**(1)** Contact your **State Historic Preservation Officer**. Perhaps there are no historic sites in the area where you discharge storm water, if that is so you need do no more. If there are registered historic sites then you will need to assure that your storm water does not pose a threat.

**(2)** Check the list of endangered species in the materials I mailed you. If there are no endangered species in your county you need do no more. If there are listed species in your county, you need to determine whether they are in proximity to your storm water discharge. The **State biologist** can assist with this. Only if there are listed species in proximity of your discharge do you need to do anything to assure that your storm water is not a threat to them.

**(3)** Remember, to file the NOI you do not have to have your **SWPPP** in place now. You must have it by **June 30, 1996**.

### ***Note: Firms having Rhode Island Facilities***

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.

***Note: Firms having Facilities in New Hampshire***

For help with historic **preservation compliance** call New Hampshire Division of Historic Resources (603-271-3558).

***Note: Firms having Facilities in Maine***

For help with **endangered species** compliance, try the State Office of Inland Fisheries. For help with historic **preservation compliance** call Earl Shettleworth at the Maine National Historic Preservation Office (207-287-2132).

***Note: Firms having Facilities in Massachusetts***

To determine if you have registered **historic sites** in your proximity you might start with the **Mass. Historical Commission** at **617-727-8470**.

Companies needing help in determining whether there are **endangered species** in the area of their storm water discharges should do the following:

I) Work directly with government officials.

- 1) Write brief letter of explanation. Include a USGS map, available at Town Halls or at mountain sport type shops, with the site in question circled on the map. Send letter to:  
NHESP (Natural Heritage/Endangered Species Protection)  
Division of Fisheries & Wildlife  
Route 135  
Westboro, MA 01581  
Attention: Environmental Review  
Note: You can't get this information over the phone.  
It will take about a month to get a response.
2. If you have questions, you may call 508-792-7270 (NHESP office) and ask for Holly (extension 154), the environmental review assistant.
3. Another person who might be able to answer more general EPA questions is:  
Greg Charest at 617-565-4528
4. Division of Fisheries & Wildlife publishes the Natural Heritage Atlas (\$45) which covers the state of MA and shows what kinds of wildlife are in what areas.

II) You can hire an outside consultant such as Acheron, who prepared the original group permit application for NTA.