



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3745-33-02 Ohio NPDES permit required.

Effective: [October 31, 2025](#)

[Comment: For dates of non-regulatory government publications, publications of recognized organizations and associations, federal rules and federal statutory provisions referenced in this rule, see rule 3745-33-01 of the Administrative Code.]

(A) No person may discharge any pollutant or cause, permit or allow a discharge of any pollutant without applying for and obtaining an Ohio NPDES permit in accordance with the requirements of this chapter. Any person who holds a federal NPDES permit issued under Section 402 (a) of the act does not need to obtain an Ohio NPDES permit until the permit's expiration date. The director administers and enforces permits issued under Section 402 (a) of the act within this state, and may modify the terms and conditions thereof, in accordance with division (J) of section 6111.03 of the Revised Code. This includes discharging land application systems as defined in rule 3745-42-13 of the Administrative Code.

(B) Each point source is required to be authorized by an Ohio NPDES permit. This chapter shall be administered in a manner no less stringent than the act and regulations adopted or subsequently amended by the administrator including 40 C.F.R. 122 to 125, 129 to 133, 136, 400 to 471, 501 and 503. The director may issue a single permit covering more than one point source, but authorized discharge levels, monitoring requirements and other appropriate requirements are specified for each point source.

(C) No Ohio NPDES permit is required for any discharge exempted from the NPDES permit system by the act or mandatory regulations adopted or subsequently amended by the administrator.

(D) Sludge disposal facilities subject to Chapter 3745-40 of the Administrative Code are required to be authorized by an Ohio NPDES permit.
