

**Notice of Requirement to Submit Certain ESCGP-3 Applications
through the Department's ePermitting System**

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is providing notice that persons seeking to submit New and/or Major Modification Notices of Intent (NOI) for coverage to conduct activities under the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit-3 (ESCGP-3) for Earth Disturbance Associated with Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Processing or Treatment Operations or Transmission Facilities to the Department's Bureau of District Oil and Gas Operations must submit those NOIs through the Department's ePermitting system as the NOI form provided by the Department. See 25 Pa. Code §§ 102.1, 102.6. The Department's use of the ePermitting system as the form for these NOIs will be effective September 9, 2020. After this date, the Department will no longer accept New and/or Major Modification NOIs submitted on paper.

The Department will continue to accept paper NOIs for Renewals submitted to the Department's Bureau of District Oil and Gas Operations where the existing Authorization of Coverage under the ESCGP-3 was originally issued. In addition, NOIs for ESCGP-3s submitted to a Conservation District of the Department's Regional Waterways and Wetlands Program should continue to be submitted to the appropriate office on paper. To the extent that an applicant for coverage under the ESCGP-3 is uncertain how to submit their NOI, they should contact the District Oil and Gas Office where the project will be located for further information.

Information concerning the Department's ePermitting system can be accessed at <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Energy/OilandGasPrograms/OilandGasMgmt/Pages/ePermitting.aspx>. Questions regarding the ESCGP-3 electronic submission should be directed to Joseph Kelly at josephkel@pa.gov or (717) 772-2199.

A copy of the ESCGP-3 General Permit, the paper NOI form and instructions, and an updated ESCGP-3 Transition Plan is available by contacting the Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Oil and Gas Management, P.O. Box 8460, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8460, (717) 772-2199. The documents are also available on the Department's web site at <http://www.depgreenport.state.pa.us/elibrary/> (select "Permit and Authorization Packages," then "Oil and Gas," then "Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit ESCGP-3").

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