

How States Can Support NPDES Pesticide Permitting

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Introduction

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
 - Tied to the Clean Water Act
 - Dealing with Point Source Discharge of Pollutants (pesticides ruled as pollutants)
- Requires a permit for pesticide applications on or near waterways (discharges to waters of the U.S.)
- Effective April 9, 2011

Introduction

- Impacts all pesticide applications made on or near waterways
- Permit issued in Georgia by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) not Georgia Department of Agriculture
- Whew! So Why Do We Care?
 - It impacts pesticide applicators in many arenas
 - Mosquito Control
 - Aquatic Weed Control
 - Right-of-Way Spraying
 - Many Others

Georgia EPD

- Does not have experience with pesticide applications
- Does not have experience with pesticide labels
- Does not have regular communication with pesticide applicators
- They will need our help to “roll out the regulatory carpet”

Georgia EPD and DOA

- Establish communication
 - Between EPD, DOA and with EPA
 - Between EPD and pesticide applicators
- Assist with training and information exchange
 - For Applicators
 - For EPD Employees

Needs Assessment

- What does EPD need?
 - Input on Permit Draft
 - Compliance Assistance Programming
 - Workshops and Related Training
 - Site Evaluations

What Next?

- Contact your permitting agency now and establish communication
- Learn more about the permit and its' requirements
- Begin to tell others about the regulation and what you know
- Find out how you can help with implementation

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