

- 6.1.2 The Clean Water Act and the State Act both provide that any person who falsifies or tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required under this permit, or who makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any record submitted or required by this permit, including monitoring reports or reports of compliance or noncompliance, shall, if convicted, be punished by a fine or by imprisonment, or by both. Both Acts include procedures for imposing civil penalties for violations or for negligent or intentional failure or refusal to comply with any final or emergency order of the Director.
- 6.1.3 If, for any reason, the permittee does not comply with, or will be unable to comply with any condition specified in this permit, the permittee shall provide EPD with an oral report within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances, followed by a written report within five days. The written submission shall contain:
- Description of the noncompliance and its cause;
 - Exact dates and times of noncompliance or, if not corrected, the anticipated time the noncompliance is expected to continue; and
 - Steps being taken to reduce, eliminate and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance.
- 6.1.4 The permittee shall give written notice to EPD at least ten days before any planned changes in the permitted activity, which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements.
- 6.2 Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense
It shall not be a defense for the permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.
- 6.3 Duty to Reapply/Continuation of an Expired General Permit
- 6.3.1 If the permittee wishes to continue an activity regulated by this permit after the expiration date of this permit, the permittee must apply for and obtain a new permit by submitting an NOI in accordance with the requirements of this permit, using an NOI form provided by EPD. The NOI must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of this permit to remain covered under the continued permit.
- 6.3.2 If this permit is not reissued or replaced prior to the expiration date, it may be administratively continued in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act and remain in force and effect. Any permittee who was granted permit coverage prior to the expiration date will automatically remain covered by the continued permit until one of the following occurs: