



**Connecticut Department of
Energy & Environmental Protection**
Bureau of Materials Management & Compliance Assurance
Permitting & Enforcement Division

**Fact Sheet for the Notice of Tentative Decision:
Intent to Reissue for Two Years the General Permit for the Discharge of
Swimming Pool Wastewater**

General Permit Background Information: A general permit is a permit issued by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to cover a specific *category of wastewater discharge*. Contrast this with an *individual permit* which is a single permit written to cover the discharge from a single facility. Many dischargers may register their discharge under a single general permit. A general permit contains discharge requirements, effluent limits, best management practices and treatment requirements specific to the discharge category that are designed to protect the waters of the state from pollution. The Commissioner of DEEP is authorized to approve or deny such permits pursuant to Section 22a-430b of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS).

The General Permit for the Discharge of Swimming Pool Wastewater is proposed for reissuance for two years without modifications are described below.

The General Permit for the Discharge of Swimming Pool Wastewater applies to:

- 1) Swimming Pool Owners who discharge swimming pool wastewater from any ***public pool*** that discharges to a dedicated subsurface disposal system, the ground surface, or surface water.
- 2) Any swimming pool contractor in the business of cleaning, draining, or maintaining multiple public pools and/or private residential pools who generate discharges to a dedicated subsurface disposal system, the ground surface, or surface water.

Proposed Consolidation of Permits - The reissuance for two years of the General Permit for the Discharge of Swimming Pool Wastewater will allow processing to be completed on modifications to the ***Comprehensive General Permit for Discharges to Surface Waters and Ground Waters*** (Comprehensive GP). Modifications to the Comprehensive GP will include incorporation of discharges of swimming pool wastewaters to a dedicated subsurface disposal system, the ground surface, or surface water. The General Permit for the Discharge of Swimming Pool Wastewater currently expires on July 31, 2019. The reissued general permit will expire July 30, 2021.

Registration Requirements – Swimming Pool Owners and Pool Contractors currently authorized to discharge under the General Permit for the Discharge of Swimming Pool Wastewater will continue to be authorized and are not required to submit a registration or fee. If

not currently authorized, swimming pool owners or pool contractors who generate a discharge of swimming pool wastewater must register for coverage in accordance with Section 3.(b)(1) of the General Permit for the Discharge of Swimming Pool Wastewater.

A copy of the General Permit for the Discharge of Swimming Pool Wastewater is available on the DEEP website at:

https://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2709&q=324212&deepNav_GID=1643 .

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