



## NOTICE FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION DISCHARGERS

The Water Quality Control Division's (division's) Discharge from Water-Based Fire Suppression Systems Implementation Policy (Policy CW5) has been approved and became effective December 19, 2014.

This policy identifies discharges of non-potable water from water-based fire suppression systems for which the division will not seek application for Colorado Discharge Permit System (CDPS) permit coverage or take enforcement action against those operators that have not obtained permit coverage. The operator must meet all of the limitations (see page 2 of the policy) in order to discharge under the policy. Please note, this new policy does not address discharges of *potable water* from water-based fire suppression systems (which are addressed by the division's Low Risk Discharges Water Quality Policy 27 - Low Risk Discharge Guidance for Discharges of Potable Water). Additionally, neither of these policies allow for discharges from fire suppression systems supplied with non-potable water or discharges from fire suppression systems containing chemicals (including but not limited to, antifreeze, biocides, and foaming agents).

The accompanying Guidance for Discharges Associated with Fire Suppression Systems provides information regarding discharges covered under both policies and practices to help reduce the potential for environmental harm. Operators responsible for testing and maintaining fire suppression systems are strongly advised to download and review this guidance, along with both policies.

The policies and the associated guidance may be accessed using this link: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/water-quality-permitting-policies>.

The division has determined that it will not issue general permit coverage for discharges which meet all limitations of the implementation policy. General permit coverage was previously provided for this type of discharge under the Hydrostatic Testing General Permit (COG604000).

If you currently have a certification to discharge under the Hydrostatic Testing General Permit and your discharge meets all of the limitations of the implementation policy, please follow the instructions below to inactivate permit coverage to avoid being billed for continuing permit coverage.

You will need to submit a completed termination request form. This form may be accessed by visiting the following link: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Termination%20Application.pdf>. Please fill out Part A and Part B of the form (your certification number and your company's information). You may then skip to Part D3 of the form, which is located approximately in the middle of page 2. Please select option 'B', "Termination is based on alternate disposal of discharges." Below option 'B', you will see items a-d. Item 'd' states that a "Permit is not required (includes coverage by low risk policy, etc.)." In the text box below item 'd', please indicate that the discharges meet the limitations of the Discharge from Water-Based Fire Suppression Systems implementation policy. Make sure that the legally responsible party signs section E of the form, located at the bottom of page 3, to certify that the information is true and accurate. Finally, mail the completed form to the address at the top of page 1 of the form.

For questions regarding completion of the termination form, please contact Maureen Egan via e-mail at [maureen.egan@state.co.us](mailto:maureen.egan@state.co.us) or by phone at [303-692-6327](tel:303-692-6327). Please direct any questions regarding the implementation policy to Nathan Moore via e-mail at [nathan.moore@state.co.us](mailto:nathan.moore@state.co.us) or by phone at [303-692-3555](tel:303-692-3555).

