

Vessel General Permit and Small Vessel General Permit

In November 2011, the U.S. EPA signed the Draft 2013 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Vessel General Permit (VGP) and Small Vessel General Permit (sVGP).

- Current VGP which had an effective date of February 2009 will expire December 2013.
- Draft 2013 VGP will replace current draft.
- Continues to regulate 26 specific discharge categories contained in the 2008 VGP.
- Draft contains numeric ballast water discharge limits for most vessels.
- More stringent effluent limits for oil to sea interfaces and exhaust gas washwater.
- Require an annual report in lieu of the one time report and annual noncompliance report.

Small Vessel General Permit (sVGP)

- Vessels less than 79 feet.
- Complete sVGP Permit Authorization and Record of Inspection (PARI).
- Conduct annual self-inspection.
- Discharge Management Categories
 - Fuel Management
 - Engine and oil control
 - Solid and liquid maintenance
 - Greywater management
 - Fish hold effluent and ballast water management

WEB SITES

- [VGP](#)
- http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/vgp_draft_permit2011.pdf
- http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/vgp_draft_factsheet2011.pdf

- sVGP
- http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/vgp_draft_svgp_permit2011.pdf
- http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/vgp_draft_svgp_factsheet2011.pdf