

Fall 2013

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AVAILABILITY OF THE 2013 VESSEL GENERAL PERMIT (VGP) AND SUPPORTING RESOURCES

The second Vessel General Permit (VGP) was finalized on March 28, 2013, to authorize discharges incidental to the normal discharge of operations of commercial vessels. The 2013 VGP, which has an effective date of December 19, 2013, will replace the 2008 Vessel General Permit. Coverage under the 2008 VGP terminates for all vessels on December 19, 2013.

Below are web links to full versions the following documents.

[Federal Register Notice \(PDF\)](#) (8 pp, 234K)

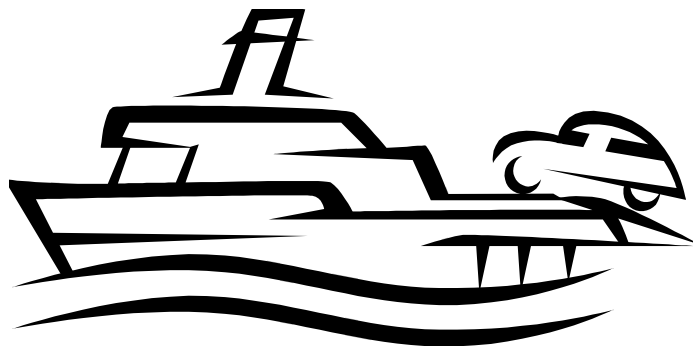
[Final 2013 Vessel General Permit \(VGP\) \(PDF\)](#) (194 pp, 1.6MB)

[Final 2013 VGP Fact Sheet \(PDF\)](#) (198 pp, 1MB)

[Final 2013 VGP Economic Analysis \(PDF\)](#) (190 pp, 1.6MB)

To see the supporting documents used to develop the final 2013 VGP, public comments on the permits, and EPA's Comment Response Document for the 2013 VGP, please go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for docket number EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0141

EPA has not yet finalized the Small Vessel General Permit, but intends to do so in early 2014.



To learn more about the NPDES vessels program, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/npdes/vessels>. For questions or concerns about the VGP, e-mail vgp@epa.gov.

THE NEW 2013 VGP eNOI SYSTEM

The vessels eNOI system and public search page have been redesigned. The NOI system was released to the public on September 30, 2013.

The new eNOI system has an improved user-friendly interface and the following key enhancements:

- Help text adjacent to every question
- Data validation checks for many of the fields
- Pick lists for many of the fields
- Easy submission of revised NOIs
- Automatic transfer of the existing permit number and data from the 2008 VGP system
- Combined NOI, NOT, and annual report (including DMRs) data
- System checks to ensure complete data reporting

Please visit the new eNOI system at:
<http://www.epa.gov/npdes/vessels/eNOI>

Keep in mind that the 2013 VGP **requires** use of the eNOI system unless the vessel owner/operator obtains a temporary waiver, in writing, from EPA. The 2008 VGP eNOI system will no longer be available after December 19, 2013.



DISTRIBUTION LIST

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Fall Seminar Series



EPA plans to hold several webinars this fall and winter covering various topics related to the 2013 VGP. The target audience for these webinars is owners and operators of vessels covered by the 2013 VGP. Each webinar is limited to 1,000 participants. EPA wants to assist the vessel community in being informed about the new permit's requirements and encourages participation in the Q&A portions of each webinar.

The agenda includes:

November 7: Overview of the 2013 VGP

November 14: The new eNOI system

All are webinars scheduled for 11:00 am EST and are scheduled for up to 90 minutes.

Dependent on stakeholder interest, EPA intends to schedule additional webinars both before and after the VGP effective date of December 19, 2013.

Please see EPA's website at www.epa.gov/npdes/vessels for registration details, any updates or to announce future webinars.

EPA welcomes suggestions for future webinar topics: please send any suggestions to vgp@epa.gov.