



Alabama's Small Mining General Permit

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Issuance, Effective and Expiration Dates

- ADEM Small Mining General Permit (SMGP), or ALG890000, was issued January 31, 2013
- SMGP was effective February 1, 2013
- SMGP will expire January 31, 2018

- SMGP covers discharges from noncoal/ nonmetallic mining and dry processing activities, areas associated with these activities, where such activities will result in a cumulative land disturbance of less than five (5) acres at any one time over the life of the mining activity
- This includes all entrance/exit/haul roads, stockpile areas, lay down and maintenance areas, etc.

- Must submit NOI prior to operating.
- Cannot begin operating until receive confirmation from ADEM
- Prepare, implement BMP Plan (a BMP Plan template located on ADEM webpage)
- Must submit BMP plan with NOI if discharge to impaired water
- Conduct weekly observations when there is activity at site.

- Comprehensive site inspections at least once per month, and after every $\frac{3}{4}$ inch rain event
- Must maintain BMPs at all times.
- Must submit a notice of noncompliance when noncompliance with the permit occurs

- Operating without permit coverage
- Operating a mining activity that is 5 or more disturbed acres under this general permit
- Operating a small mining site that is within a larger than 5 acre disturbed area
- Not conducting required inspections

- Mining in a stream or at stream/waters edge
- Using Water of the State as treatment
- Lack of properly implemented/maintained BMPs
- Offsite sediment
- Failure to respond to enforcement in a reasonable timeframe



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