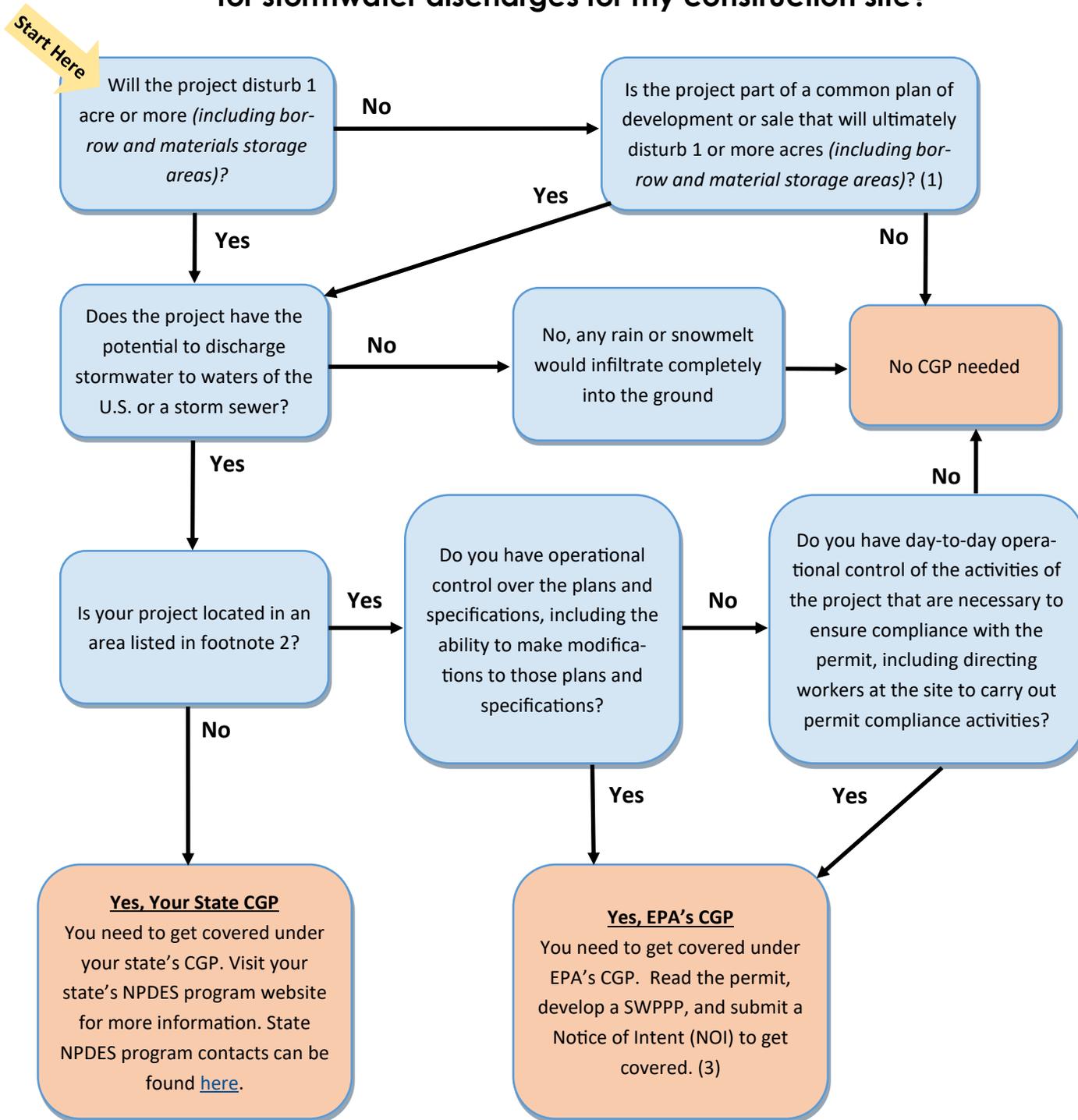


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Footnotes to flowchart

- (1) "Common Plan of Development or Sale" – A contiguous area where multiple separate and distinct construction activities may be taking place at different times on different schedules under one common plan. The "common plan" of development or sale is broadly defined as any announcement or piece of documentation (including a sign, public notice or hearing, sales pitch, advertisement, drawing, permit application, zoning request, computer design, etc.) or physical demarcation (including boundary signs, lot stakes, surveyor markings, etc.) indicating construction activities may occur on a specific plot.
- (2) Areas where EPA is the NPDES permitting authority for construction stormwater. See full detailed list of areas in [Appendix B—Permit Areas Eligible for Coverage](#)
- Idaho, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Mexico, and the District of Columbia;
 - American Samoa, Guam, Johnston Atoll, Midway and Wake Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, and Puerto Rico;
 - Indian Country lands within Alabama, Alaska (as defined in 18 U.S.C. 1151), Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming;
 - Areas within Colorado, Delaware, Vermont, and Washington subject to construction by a federal operator;
 - Denali National Park and Preserve; and
 - Limited areas of Oklahoma and Texas.
- (3) What are the steps to obtain permit coverage?
- ⇒ Step 1. Read the [2017 CGP](#) and [Fact Sheet](#)
- ⇒ Step 2. Before submitting your Notice of Intent (NOI), the form you file to obtain coverage under the CGP in step 4, you must:
- Follow the procedures in [Appendix D of the 2017 CGP - Endangered Species Act \(ESA\) Requirements](#). Take note of the criterion (A, B, C, D, E or F) under which you are eligible because you will need to select this and provide supporting documentation in your NOI. Visit the [Endangered Species Requirements page](#) for more details on determining your ESA Eligibility under the CGP.
 - Follow the procedures in [Appendix E of the 2017 CGP – Historic Property Screening Process](#). Take note of your answers to the screening process questions because you will need to provide this information in your NOI.
- ⇒ Step 3. Develop a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). A SWPPP outlines how you plan to implement erosion and sediment controls and meet other requirements of the permit on your construction site. Before submitting your Notice of Intent (NOI), the form you file to obtain coverage under the CGP in step 4, you must develop the SWPPP consistent with the requirements in Part 7 of the CGP. You can use EPA's [SWPPP template](#) to develop your SWPPP.
- ⇒ Step 4. Submit an NOI for your site using [EPA's NPDES eReporting Tool \(NeT\) for the CGP](#).

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