



## Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Approving authority name</b>	State Water Control Board
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation</b>	9 VAC 25-193
<b>Regulation title</b>	General VPDES Permit Regulation for Ready-Mixed Concrete Plants
<b>Action title</b>	Revision of Existing Regulation
<b>Final agency action date</b>	December 7, 2005

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### Summary

*Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

Facilities under SIC Codes 3271 (Concrete Block and Brick) and 3272 (Concrete Products, Except Block and Brick) are similar to ready-mixed concrete plants (SIC Code 3273) in both the raw materials that they use and in the wastewater that they produce. The existing general VPDES permit regulation for ready-mixed concrete plants, however, does not cover the process wastewater discharge of facilities under SIC Codes 3271 and 3272. Consequently, these facilities must apply for an individual VPDES permit at considerably greater expense for regulation of their process wastewater discharges. This regulatory action will revise the existing general VPDES permit regulation to address this disparity.

Significant revisions to the regulation are as follows:

- Added permit coverage for process wastewater discharges from facilities under SIC Codes 3271 (concrete block and brick) and 3272 (concrete products, except block and brick);

- A change in the name of the regulation from “Ready-Mixed Concrete Plants” to “Concrete Products Facilities”; and
- A change to one permit Special Condition (#4) to include a list of washdown and washout items that are specific to concrete products facilities (taken directly from the EPA’s 2000 Multi-Sector Storm Water General Permit).

**Statement of final agency action**

*Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.*

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On December 7, 2005, the State Water Control Board unanimously voted to amend the proposed General VPDES Permit Regulation for Ready-Mixed Concrete Plants (9 VAC 25-193) with the revisions noted above.

**Family impact**

*Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability, including to what extent the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one’s spouse, and one’s children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.*

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The final regulation will have no direct impact on the institution of the family or family stability.