definition of "storm water discharge associated with industrial activity which addresses point source discharges of storm water from eleven major categories of industrial activities. Industrial activities from all of these categories with the exception of construction activities participated in the group application process. The information contained in the group applications indicates that type and amount of pollutants discharged in storm water varies from industrial activity to industrial activity because of the variety of potential pollutant sources present in different industrial activities, as well as the variety of pollution prevention measures commonly practiced by each of the regulated industries. To facilitate the process of developing permit conditions for each of the 1200 group applications submitted, EPA classified groups into 29 industrial sectors where the nature of industrial activity, type of materials handled and material management practices employed were sufficiently similar for the purposes of developing permit conditions. Each of the industrial sectors were represented by one or more groups which participated in the group application process. Table 1 lists each of the industrial activities covered by today's permit, and the corresponding sections of today's fact sheet and permit which discuss the specific requirements for that industry. EPA has further

divided some of the 29 sectors into subsectors in order to establish more specific and appropriate permit conditions, including best management practices and monitoring requirements.

Coverage under today's general permit is available to storm water discharges from industrial activities represented by the group application process. However, coverage under this permit is not restricted to participants in the group application process. To limit coverage under this general permit only to those who participated in the Group application process would not be appropriate for administrative, environmental, and national consistency reasons. The administrative burden for EPA to develop separate general permits for non-group members would be excessive, unnecessary, and wasteful of tax dollars. EPA would also need to use the same information in the development of such permits. The permits would be essentially the same. The time spent in this process would leave many facilities unregulated for some number of additional months. This would not address the environmental concerns of the Clean Water Act. Likewise, group members are not precluded from seeking coverage under other available storm water permits such as EPA's "baseline' general permits for Storm Water **Discharges Associated with Industrial** Activity, (57 FR 41175 and 57 FR 44412). Group members must consider,

however, that the deadlines for preparing and implementing the pollution prevention plan required under the baseline permit have already expired for existing facilities. Therefore, group members that seek coverage under the baseline general permit must have a pollution prevention plan developed and implemented prior to NOI submittal.

Unlike the baseline general permits, today's permit does not exclude all storm water discharges subject to effluent limitation guidelines. Four types of storm water discharges subject to effluent limitation guidelines may be covered under today's permit if they are not already subject to an existing or expired NPDES permit. These discharges include contaminated storm water runoff from phosphate fertilizer manufacturing facilities, runoff associated with asphalt paving or roofing emulsion production, runoff from material storage piles at cement manufacturing facilities and coal pile runoff at steam electric generating facilities. The permit does not, however, authorize all storm water discharges subject to effluent guidelines. Storm water discharges subject to effluent guidelines under 40 CFR part 436 or for mine drainage under 40 CFR part 440 are not covered under today's permit nor are discharges subject to effluent guidelines for acid or alkaline mine drainage under 40 CFR part 434.

TABLE 1.—INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES COVERED BY TODAY'S GENERAL PERMIT

Industrial activity	Fact sheet section de- scribing discharges covered	Permit section describing discharges covered
Timber Products Facilities	VIII.C VIII.D VIII.E VIII.F VIII.G	XI.A. XI.B. XI.C. XI.D. XI.E. XI.F. XI.G. XI.H.
Coal Mines and Coal Mining-Related Facilities Oil and Gas Extraction Facilities Mineral Mining and Processing Facilities Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, or Disposal Facilities Landfills and Land Application Sites Automobile Salvage Yards Scrap and Waste Recycling Facilities	VIII.K VIII.L VIII.M VIII.N	XI.H. XI.I. XI.J. XI.K. XI.L. XI.M. XI.N.
Steam Electric Power Generating Facilities, Including Coal Handling Areas Vehicle Maintenance or Equipment Cleaning Areas at Motor Freight Transportation Fa- cilities, Passenger Transportation Facilities, Petroleum Bulk Oil Stations and Termi- nals, Rail Transportation Facilities, and the United States Postal Service. Vehicle Maintenance Areas and/or Equipment Cleaning Operations at Water Transpor- tation Facilities.	VIII.0 VIII.P	XI.O. XI.P. XI.Q.
Ship and Boat Building or Repairing Yards	VIII.R VIII.S VIII.T	XI.R. XI.S. XI.T.
Food and Kindred Products Facilities Textile Mills, Apparel, and Other Fabric Product Manufacturing Facilities Wood and Metal Furniture and Fixture Manufacturing Facilities		XI.U. XI.V. XI.W.