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**MEMO RE: Stormwater Discharge Permit - "Rainfall Erosivity Waiver" Exclusion Rwaiver423
Colorado Springs Utilities - GPAP Gravel Staging Area**

7723 N. Carefree Circle uninc CO 80922
El Paso County

*Anticipated Schedule beginning 2021-12-01 ending 2022-04-30

Description: Installation of new gravel staging area at the current Colorado Springs Utilities Gas Propane Air Plant.

WQCD DIVISION CONTACTS

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The Water Quality Control Division (the Division) is in receipt of the Rainfall Erosivity Waiver for Exclusion from CDPS Stormwater Permitting for Small Construction Projects (Less than Five Acres) for the above-referenced facility. The Division has reviewed your application and, given the information provided, is in agreement that permit coverage is not required for this facility.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR R-WAIVER EXCLUSION

Legal Contact *Receives all legal documentation, pertaining to the Rwaiver.*

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A Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) is not required by the Division for small construction projects that qualify for the Rainfall Erosivity Waiver. However, a project operating under the waiver may still be held liable if stormwater discharges from construction activities cause or threaten to cause pollution, contamination or degradation of State waters. For this reason, the permittee must still develop and implement stormwater Best Management Practices as needed to protect water quality. The Division has a guidance document available on construction SWMP preparation at <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/wq/PermitsUnit> , or call (303) 692 - 3517.

A stormwater discharge permit is required if the project's R-Factor ever becomes greater than 5 due to changes, or anticipated changes, in the project's schedule. Also, if the project or common plan of development or sale exceeds, or is anticipated to exceed, 5 acres of disturbance, the project no longer qualifies for the Rainfall Erosivity Waiver. If a project's *anticipated schedule changes such that the Project R-Factor would be greater than 5 or the disturbance exceeds 5 acres, the discharger would be in violation of the regulation, and permit coverage must be obtained. The applicant is responsible for periodically assessing their project to assure that they still qualify for the Rainfall Erosivity Waiver, and applying for the appropriate permit if needed due to changing conditions.