

# Reducing Your Permit Backlog Tactics and Strategies



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# What Activities Require a Permit?



All “Point Sources”

“Discharging Pollutants”

Into “Waters of the State”



# Which Permits are Considered “Backlogged”?

Permits administratively continued beyond their expiration date for 180 days or more  
and  
facilities awaiting their first NPDES permits for longer than 365 days after submitting an application



# What is the Permit Backlog Goal?

90% current

(All major facilities and non-stormwater minor facilities and general permit covered facilities are included in this goal)



# Strategies used by RI to Reduce its Backlog?

1. Streamline the Permit Development Process  
(Develop standardized tools)
2. Evaluate permit fee structures
3. Notify permittees of pending WQBELs and identify options  
(e.g., sewer, OWTS, etc.)
4. Develop General Permits (e.g., RGP, NCCW, etc.)



# Permit Types in RI?



# Individual (Facility Specific) Permits

- Major Permits (23)
  - Flow  $\geq$  1.0 MGD
  - Majority Are POTWs



- Minor Permits (47)
  - Flow  $<$  1.0 MGD
  - Smaller Package Plants
  - Stormwater Permits







# RIPDES General Permit Types

Remediation General Permit (11)



Non-Contact Cooling Water General Permit (10)



\* Construction Stormwater General Permit (138)



\* Multi-Sector Industrial Stormwater General Permit (MSGP) (167)



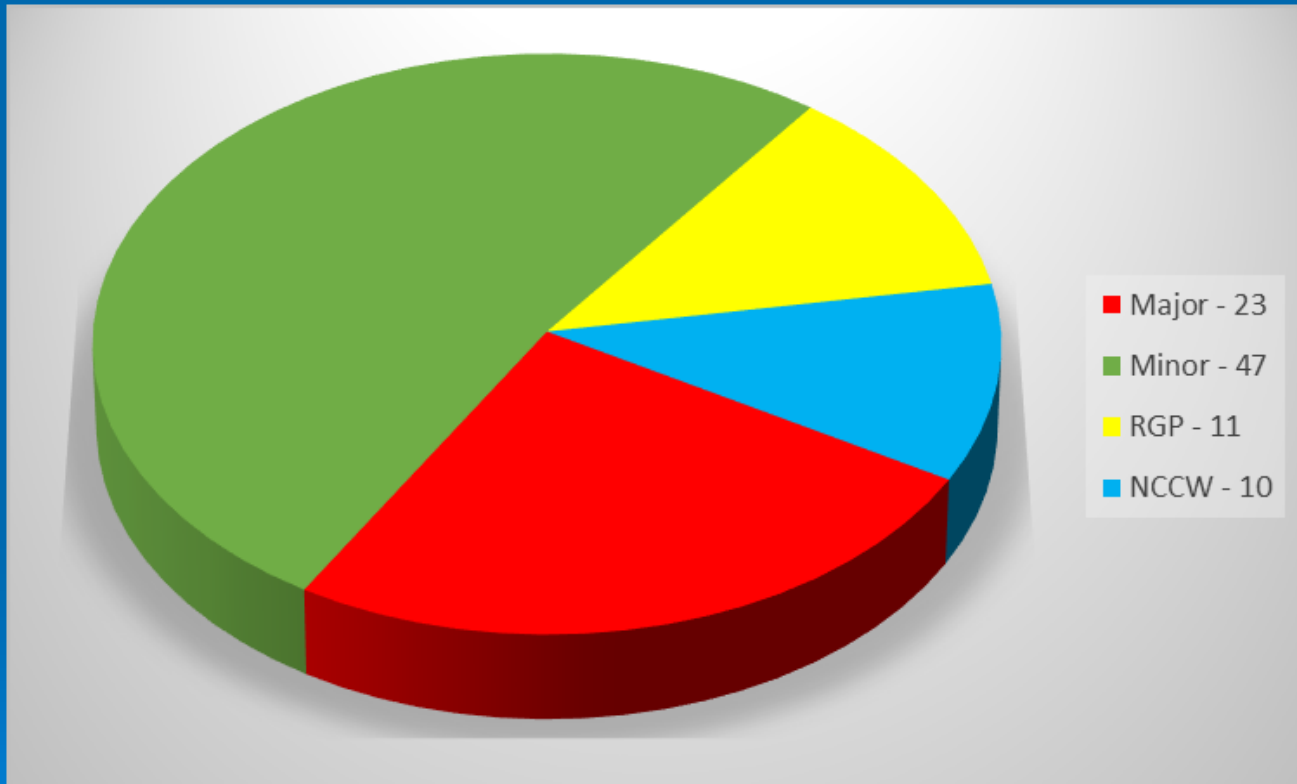
\* Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Stormwater General Permit (40)



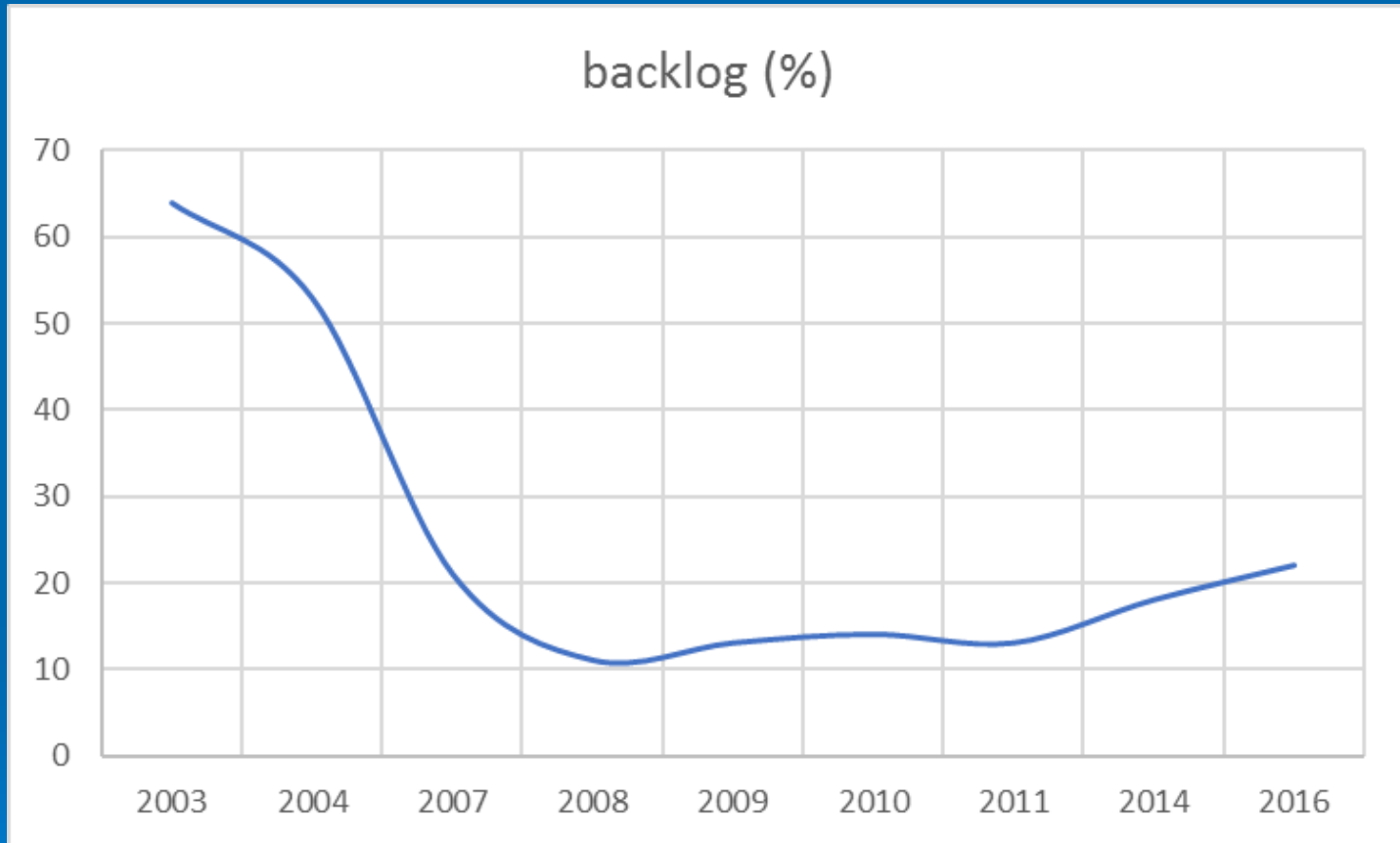
\* Note – Not Part of the “Permit Backlog”



# Rhode Island Non-Stormwater Permit Count



# RI's Backlog Reduction Results



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