The Water Permits Division is responsible for the issuance of Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination (LPDES) permits, Sewage Sludge and Biosolids permits, Sewage Sludge Transporter Registrations, water quality standards development, water quality assessments, water quality modeling and total maximum daily loads (TMDLs), and Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certifications.

For questions related to **construction/demolition debris landfills and emergency debris sites discharges**, contact Kim Corts at (225) 219-3208 or kimberly.corts@la.gov or Jenniffer Sheppard at (225) 219-3197 or jenniffer.sheppard@la.gov. The LPDES General Permit LAG780000 for Discharges from Construction and Demolition Debris and Woodwaste Landfills is located at http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/Portals/0/permits/lpdes/pdf/LAG780000%209-25-12.pdf.

For questions related to **sanitary wastewater discharges**, contact Todd Franklin at (225) 219-3209 or jeremy.franklin@la.gov or Amanda Vincent at (225) 219-3188 or amanda.vincent@la.gov.

For questions related to **overflows and bypasses**, contact Bruce Fielding at (225) 219-3231 or bruce.fielding@la.gov.

For questions related to discharges from **construction activities**, contact Debbie Bissett at (225) 219-3603 or debbie.bissett@la.gov or Kim Corts at (225) 219-3208 or kimberly.corts@la.gov. The LPDES General Permit LAR100000 for Storm Water Discharges from Construction Activities 5 Acres or More is located at http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/Portals/0/permits/lpdes/General%20Permits%20Word/2014%20FINAL%20LAR100000.pdf.

For questions related to **sewage sludge** or **transportation of sewage sludge**, contact Ronda Burtch at (225) 219-3213 or ronda.burtch@la.gov. The Sewage Sludge website is located at http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/DIVISIONS/WaterPermits/SewageSludgeandBiosolids.aspx.

For questions related to **industrial discharges**, contact Jenniffer Sheppard at (225) 219-3197 or Jenniffer.sheppard@la.gov or Bruce Fielding at (225) 219-3231 or bruce.fielding@la.gov.

For **short-term and emergency discharges**, please refer to LPDES General Permit LAG420000. Questions may be directed to Kim Corts at (225) 219-3208 or kimberly.corts@la.gov or Michelle Bickham at (225) 219-3193 or michelle.bickham@la.gov. The LPDES General Permit LAG420000 can be located at

For questions related to **water quality certifications**, contact Elizabeth Hill at (225) 219-3225 or elizabeth.johnson@la.gov.
See http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/DIVISIONS/WaterPermits/WaterQualityCertifications.aspx.

For questions related to **ambient water quality analytical data**, contact Jamie Phillippe at (225) 219-0944 or jamie.phillippe@la.gov.
See
http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/DIVISIONS/WaterPermits/WaterQualityStandardsAssessment/AmbientWaterQualityMonitoringData.aspx

For questions related to **water quality standards and assessments**, contact Amanda Vincent at (225) 219-3188 or amanda.vincent@la.gov or Al Hindrichs at (225) 219-3189 or al.hindrichs@la.gov.
See http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/DIVISIONS/WaterPermits/WaterQualityStandardsAssessment.aspx.

For questions related to **water quality modeling or Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)**, contact Chuck Berger at (225) 219-3366 or chuck.berger@la.gov.
See http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/DIVISIONS/WaterPermits/TotalMaximumDailyLoadTMDLProgram.aspx.

For all other questions related to water discharges or water quality, please contact Scott Guilliams, Water Permits Division at (225) 219-9371.

The Water Permits Division Webpage, which contains more information, is located at:

http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/DIVISIONS/WaterPermits.aspx

SHORT-TERM AND EMERGENCY DISCHARGES GENERAL PERMIT
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (LAG420000)

1. *In what types of situations does the general permit apply?*

Types of situations in which this general permit may be utilized include, but are not limited to: abnormal (e.g., irregular or atypical) discharges associated with natural disasters; discharges associated with or resulting from fires, explosions, or similar emergency events; and discharges that will occur one-time or for a limited duration (e.g. a few weeks or a couple of months).

2. *What are short term discharges?*

Short term discharges are discharges that will occur one-time or for a limited duration.

Types of short term discharges include: treated sanitary wastewater and/or dewatering of oxidation ponds discharges; stormwater discharges; hydrostatic test wastewater; utility wash waters, including but not limited to pavement and building washdown waters with or without soaps and detergents; chlorinated water from swimming pool and fountain dewatering; gray water; bridge washing activities; exterior vehicle and equipment wash water; pressure washing activities of parking lots or building exteriors; water from flushing of water well and water distribution systems; hydroblasting; and other short term wastewater discharges which can be controlled by the limitations in this permit.

3. *What are emergency discharges?*

Emergency discharges are abnormal discharges associated with natural disasters; discharges associated with or resulting from fires, explosions, or similar emergency events.

Types of emergency discharges include: treated sanitary wastewater and/or dewatering of oxidation ponds discharges; stormwater discharges; hydrostatic test wastewater; utility wash waters, including but not limited to pavement and building washdown waters with or without soaps and detergents; equipment and vehicle wash water; potable water treatment plant filter backwash, clarifier blowdown, water softening, iron and manganese removal, and disinfection of source water; discharges of landfill wastewater from a construction/demolition debris and woodwaste landfill related to post-emergency clean up; non-contact stormwater discharges from a construction/demolition debris and woodwaste landfill related to post-emergency clean up; emergency discharges related to preparation for natural disasters or the clean-up of natural disasters or in emergency situations, such as hurricanes, fires, or explosions; and other emergency wastewater discharges which can be controlled by the limitations in this permit.

4. *Who is covered under the general permit?*

The general permit is not intended to cover facilities with existing LPDES permits. All LPDES permits have upset and bypass provisions in the Standard Conditions of the permit. Therefore, facilities with existing LPDES permits should not need to be covered under this general permit.

The general permit does not cover routine discharges.

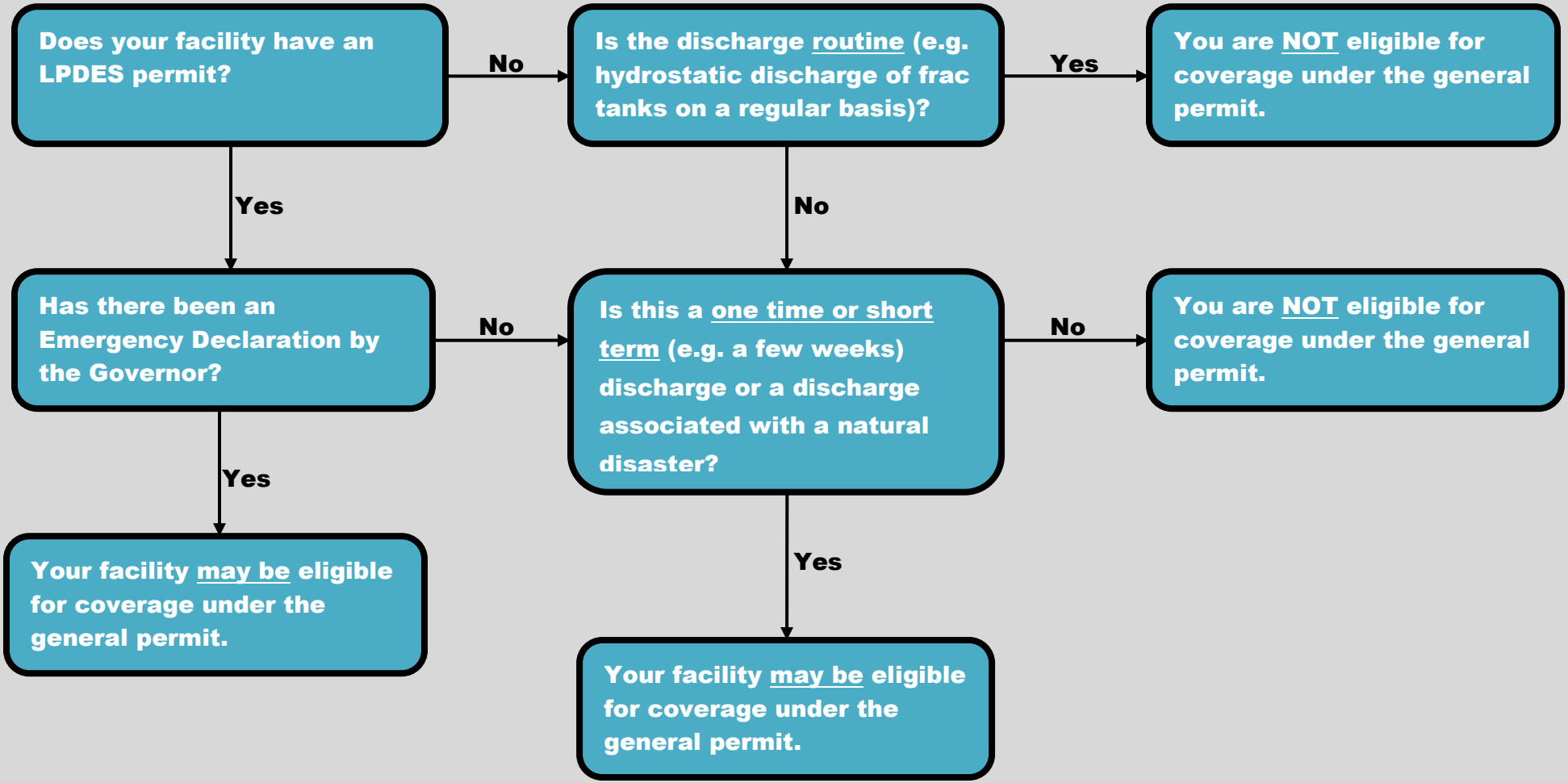
5. *How long is each general permit authorization effective?*

The general permit authorization expires 180 days after authorization.

Emergency discharges authorized under the general permit may be granted one 180-day extension. The permittee must submit a new notice of intent to discharge under this permit before the completion of the previous 180 days of coverage 72 hours prior to the expiration date of the general permit authorization.

Short term discharges authorized under the general permit may have authorizations with durations less than 180 days (e.g. 1 or 2 months).

6. *The facility does hydrostatic testing around the state. These discharges are typically a one time discharge. Does the facility quality for the Short-Term and Emergency General Permit?*

No, because the facility routine does hydrostatic testing in the state. The facility should obtain statewide coverage under the Hydrostatic Test General Permit.

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