Flow Chart of Water Permit Requirements for Mine Sites

Is this an aggregate or industrial minerals mine?

Yes

Is stormwater* discharged from the site?

Yes

Does the site have any unusual characteristics that could affect surface water?**

Yes

General 1200A NPDES permit issued through DOGAMI

No

Yes

DEQ may require an Individual NPDES permit

No

Is water used for processing? (rock washing, asphalt plant, concrete plant, etc.)

Yes

Is the process water likely to affect off-site groundwater? (DEQ may require a groundwater assessment)

Yes

DEQ may require an Individual WPCF Permit

No

No

Water permits issued by DEQ

No water permit required! (DOGAMI will confirm)

General 1000 WPCF permits issued through DOGAMI

WPCF = Water Pollution Control Facility
NPDES = National Pollution Discharge Elimination System

* Stormwater is any rain water or snow melt that has come into contact with the mine area and leaves the site via a pipe or ditch.
** Conditions include: closeness to sensitive streams, etc. DOGAMI and DEQ will review the application and notify the applicant if a special condition exists.