NR 216 revisions amend an existing rule that outlines requirements for storm water permits for construction sites, industrial facilities, and various units of government, such as cities, villages, towns, and counties.

The revisions to NR 216 incorporate the non-agricultural performance standards of NR 151 into the storm water discharge permit process.

An exemption to the construction site permit fee has been removed from the revised NR 216. All sites covered by a construction site permit issued under Subchapter II of the rule must pay an application fee under the revised rule.

Construction sites allowed to discharge storm water under Subchapter II of NR 216 must now meet the construction site and post-construction site performance standards listed in NR 151.11 and NR 151.12. And industrial facilities allowed to discharge storm water under Subchapter II of the revised NR 216 must now meet the post-construction performance standard for those areas of the facility that were previously required to meet the construction site performance standard.

Governmental units allowed to discharge storm water under Subchapter I of the revised NR 216 are required to meet the developed urban area performance standard in NR 151.13.

Other changes to NR 216 clarify existing permit requirements.

It is important to note that NR 216 rules for storm water discharge permits will be revised during the next year to incorporate additional changes, as required by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Storm Water Phase 2 regulations.