

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
PROPOSED CALENDAR YEAR 2013  
STANDARD PERMIT APPLICATION TURNAROUND TIMES**

As required by Section 1-607(A)(2) of the Environment Article, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is seeking comment on the following proposed standard turnaround times for all types of permit applications. For further information, please contact Mr. Andrew Gosden in MDE's MDEStat Office at 410-537-4158.

MDE is proposing the following changes to the 2012 turnaround times for calendar year 2013.

**Underground Storage Tank (UST) Inspector Certifications** — In addition to UST removers and technicians the Department also certifies UST inspectors. They have been added to the category.

**Controlled Hazardous Substance Driver Certifications** — MDE is no longer certifying controlled hazardous substance driver certifications and the category has been deleted. SB 114 of the 2012 legislative session eliminated this requirement effective July 1, 2012.

**Environmental Sanitarian Licenses** — MDE is no longer responsible for licensing Environmental Sanitarians and the turnaround time is deleted. In accordance with HB511, the enabling legislation from the 2012 legislative session, the board was transferred to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and renamed the Maryland Board of Environmental Health Specialists effective July 1, 2012.

MDE reviews and adjusts these turnaround times annually to give permit applicants current information regarding the processing time.

Please note the following important points about these standard times:

- 1) These standards refer to the time between MDE's receipt of a complete permit application and MDE's issuance or denial of the permit, excluding delays caused by factors beyond MDE's control. Many applications are incomplete when they first arrive at MDE. The appropriate MDE permit writer can provide guidance on how to ensure that an application is complete when submitted.
- 2) In most permitting programs, each application has unique characteristics that influence its processing time. For each program listed, the standard time represents the time in which 90% of applications can be processed. Many applications will require less time; a few will require more time due to unusual circumstances.

Paper copies of the proposed times are available on request. Requests, comments, and questions can be directed to Mr. Andrew Gosden at [andrew.gosden@maryland.gov](mailto:andrew.gosden@maryland.gov); by phone at 410-537-4158; via postal mail to MDE/OS, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 745, Baltimore, MD 21230-1720; or by fax to 410-537-4477. Comments will be accepted until December 16, 2012.

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>2013 Proposed Standard Application Processing Time</b>
<b>Air and Radiation Management Administration</b>	
<b>General Permit to Construct</b>	<b>30 days</b>
<b>Air Quality Permit to Construct</b>	<b>3 months - without expanded public review</b>
	<b>4 months — synthetic minor permits without expanded public review</b>
	<b>6 months - with expanded public review but limited public interest</b>
	<b>11 months - with expanded public review and extensive public interest</b>
<b>New Source Review Approval</b>	<b>12 months</b>
<b>Prevention of Significant [air quality] Deterioration</b>	<b>12 months</b>
<b>Air Quality State Permit to Operate</b>	<b>3 months</b>
<b>Part 70 (Title V) Permit to Operate</b>	<b>18 months for new permits</b>
	<b>12 months for renewals</b>
<b>Asbestos Contractor License</b>	<b>60 days</b>
<b>Asbestos Training Provider Approval</b>	<b>3 months</b>
<b>Incinerator Operator Certification</b>	<b>30 days</b>
<b>Incinerator Training Course Approval</b>	<b>60 days</b>
<b>Fleet Inspection Station License</b>	<b>30 days</b>
<b>Certified Emissions Repair Facility Certification</b>	<b>30 days</b>
<b>Master Certified Emissions Technician Certificate</b>	<b>30 days</b>
<b>Radiation Machine Facility Registration</b>	<b>90 days for dental and veterinary machines</b>
	<b>6 months for all other machines</b>
<b>Certification of Machines Emitting Radiation</b>	<b>6 months</b>
<b>Radioactive Materials License</b>	<b>7 months</b>
	<b>45 days for amendments and terminations</b>
<b>Private Inspector License For Inspecting X-Ray Machines</b>	<b>60 days</b>

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<b>Reciprocal Recognition of Out-of-State Radioactive Material Licenses</b>	<b>21 days</b>
<b>Land Management Administration</b>	
<b>Refuse Disposal Permit</b>	<b>7 months for transfer stations</b>
	<b>9 months for processing facilities</b>
	<b>9 months for processing facilities &amp; transfer stations</b>
	<b>12 months for incinerators</b>
	<b>12 months for land-clearing debris landfills</b>
	<b>24 months for industrial landfills</b>
	<b>36 months for rubble landfills</b>
	<b>36 months for municipal landfills</b>
<b>Groundwater Discharge Permit for Rubble Landfill</b>	<b>18 months</b>
<b>Sewage Sludge Utilization Permit</b>	<b>45 days — research project</b>
	<b>4 months — transportation</b>
	<b>5 months — utilization or disposal at a sanitary landfill</b>
	<b>6 months — handling/distribution</b>
	<b>10 months — land application</b>
	<b>23 months — treatment, incineration or storage</b>
	<b>36 months — sewage sludge landfill</b>
	<b>24 months — innovative projects</b>
<b>General Discharge Permit for Animal Feeding Operations</b>	<b>180 days</b>
<b>Natural Wood Waste Recycling Facility Permit</b>	<b>9 months</b>
<b>Natural Wood Waste Recycling Facility General Permit</b>	<b>60 days</b>
<b>Scrap Tire Hauler</b>	<b>60 days</b>
<b>Scrap Tire Collection Facilities (General and Secondary)</b>	<b>60 days</b>

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<b>Scrap Tire Solid Waste Acceptance Facility</b>	<b>7 months</b>
<b>Scrap Tire TDF/Substitute Fuel Facility</b>	<b>7 months</b>
<b>Scrap Tire Primary Collection Facility</b>	<b>9 months</b>
<b>Scrap Tire Recyclers</b>	<b>9 months</b>
<b>Oil Operations Permit</b>	<b>90 days</b>
<b>Oil Operations Permit for Oil-Contaminated Soils</b>	<b>90 days</b>
<b>Oil Transfer License</b>	<b>30 days</b>
<b>General Permits for Oil Control Program Wastewater Discharge Permit</b>	<b>30 days</b>
<b>Surface Water Discharge Permit for Oil Terminals</b>	<b>180 days</b>
<b>Ground Water Discharge Permit for Oil Terminals</b>	<b>180 days</b>
<b>Underground Storage Tank (UST) Technician, Remover, and Inspector Certifications</b>	<b>40 days</b>
<b>Controlled Hazardous Substances Facility Permit</b>	<b>26 months</b>
<b>Hazardous Waste; EPA Identification Number</b>	<b>30 days</b>
<b>Controlled Hazardous Substances Hauler and Vehicle Certifications</b>	<b>30 days</b>
<b>Special Medical Waste (SMW) Hauler and Vehicle Certifications</b>	<b>30 days</b>
<b>Coal Mining Permit</b>	<b>12 months</b>
<b>Surface Coal Mining Blaster Certification</b>	<b>immediately on passing exam</b>
<b>Coal Mining Operator License</b>	<b>30 days</b>
<b>Non-Coal Mining Permit</b>	<b>7 months</b>
<b>Non-Coal Mining License</b>	<b>30 days</b>
<b>Oil and Gas Exploration and Production</b>	<b>5 months</b>
<b>Lead Paint Accreditations</b>	<b>30 days</b>
<b>Lead Paint Training Course Approvals</b>	<b>60 days</b>
<b>Lead Paint Instructor Approvals</b>	<b>30 days</b>

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>2013 Proposed Standard Application Processing Time</b>
<b>Voluntary Cleanup Program</b>	<b>45 days to determine if application is accepted</b>
	<b>75 days to review action plan</b>

<b>Water Management Administration</b>	
<b>General Discharge Permit Registrations (excluding Construction Activities and Animal Feeding Operations)</b>	<b>120 days for all general permits</b>
<b>Individual Permit for Wastewater Discharges</b>	<b>12 months for new minor surface facilities</b>
	<b>18 months for new surface major facilities</b>
	<b>24 months for renewal surface discharge facilities</b>
	<b>18 months for new groundwater discharge facilities</b>
	<b>34 months for renewal groundwater discharge facilities</b>
<b>Toxic Materials Permit</b>	<b>45 days</b>
<b>Water and Sewerage Construction Permit</b>	<b>3 months</b>
<b>Water Appropriation and Use Permit</b>	<b>120 days for under 10,000 gallons per day</b>
	<b>24 months for over 10,000 gallons per day</b>
<b>Well Construction Permit</b>	<b>30 days</b>
<b>Drinking Water Laboratory Certification</b>	<b>4 months</b>
<b>Nontidal Wetlands (Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permits)</b>	<b>10 months for minor projects</b>
	<b>12 months for major projects</b>
<b>Tidal Wetland Licenses and Permits</b>	<b>90 days for minor projects</b>
	<b>8 months for major projects</b>
	<b>11 months for major projects with a hearing</b>
<b>Erosion/Sediment Control and Stormwater Management Plan Approvals</b>	<b>6 months</b>
<b>Erosion and Sediment Control - Responsible Personnel Certification</b>	<b>2 weeks</b>
<b>Erosion and Sediment Control - Responsible Personnel Training Program Approval</b>	<b>4 weeks</b>

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>2013 Proposed Standard Application Processing Time</b>
<b>General Permit for Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity</b>	<b>60 days for projects less than 3 acres</b>
	<b>90 days for projects between 3 and 150 acres</b>
<b>Individual Permit for Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity</b>	<b>6 months</b>
<b>Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Permit</b>	<b>18 months</b>
<b>Dam Safety Permit</b>	<b>6 months</b>
<b>Waterworks and Waste Systems Operator Certification</b>	<b>30 days for all licenses</b>
<b>Well Driller License</b>	<b>6 months for new licenses</b>
	<b>30 days for renewals</b>