

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
PROPOSED CALENDAR YEAR 2019
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 applications for permits and other approvals. MDE reviews and, if needed, adjusts these turnaround times annually to give permit applicants current information regarding processing times.

MDE is proposing no changes to the 2018 turnaround times for calendar year 2019.

Please note the following important points about these standard times:

- 1) These standards refer to the time between MDE's receipt of a complete application and MDE's issuance or denial of the requested approval, 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 approval type 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.

Comments and questions are welcome and can be directed to Ms. Sue Battle-McDonald, Director, MDE Office of Performance Improvement and Customer Service, via email at sue.battle-mcdonald@maryland.gov, by phone at 410-537-4111; via postal mail to MDE/OS, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21230-1720; or by fax to 410-537-3888. Comments will be accepted until December 26, 2018.

| Permit/Approval Type | 2019 Proposed Standard Application Processing Time |
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| Air and Radiation Administration | |
| General Permit to Construct | 30 days |
| | 3 months - without expanded public review |
| | 4 months – synthetic minor permits without expanded public review |
| Air Quality Permit to Construct | 6 months - with expanded public review but limited public interest |
| | 11 months - with expanded public review and extensive public interest |

| Permit/Approval Type | 2019 Proposed Standard Application Processing Time |
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| New Source Review Approval | 12 months |
| Prevention of Significant [air quality] Deterioration | 12 months |
| Air Quality State Permit to Operate | 3 months |
| Part 70 (Title V) Permit to Operate | 18 months for new permits |
| | 12 months for renewals |
| Asbestos Contractor License | 60 days |
| Asbestos Training Provider Approval | 3 months |
| Incinerator Operator Certification | 30 days |
| Incinerator Training Course Approval | 60 days |
| Fleet Inspection Station License | 30 days |
| Certified Emissions Repair Facility Certification | 30 days |
| Master Certified Emissions Technician Certificate | 30 days |
| Radiation Machine Facility Registration | 60 days for dental and veterinary machines |
| | 4 months for all other machines |
| Certification of Machines Emitting Radiation | 6 months |
| Radioactive Materials License | 7 months |
| | 45 days for amendments and terminations |
| Private Inspector License For Inspecting X-Ray Machines | 60 days |
| Reciprocal Recognition of Out-of-State Radioactive Material Licenses | 21 days |

| Land and Materials Administration | |
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| | 7 months for transfer stations |
| | 9 months for processing facilities |
| Refuse Disposal Permit | 9 months for processing facilities & transfer stations |
| | 12 months for incinerators |
| | 12 months for land-clearing debris landfills |

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| | 24 months for industrial landfills |
| | 36 months for rubble landfills |
| | 36 months for municipal landfills |
| Groundwater Discharge Permit for Rubble Landfill | 18 months |
| | 120 days – research project |
| | 3 months – transportation |
| | 5 months – utilization or disposal at a sanitary landfill, energy generation, or incineration |
| | 6 months – marketing |
| | 10 months – land application |
| | 23 months – treatment, composting, distribution facility, or storage |
| | 36 months – sewage sludge landfill |
| | 24 months – innovative projects |
| General Discharge Permit for Animal Feeding Operations | 160 days for new construction |
| | 36 months for renewal |
| Natural Wood Waste Recycling Facility Permit | 9 months |
| Natural Wood Waste Recycling Facility General Permit | 60 days |
| Individual Composting Facility Permit | 220 days |
| General Composting Facility Permit | 120 days |
| Scrap Tire Hauler | 60 days |
| Scrap Tire Collection Facilities (General and Secondary) | 60 days |
| Scrap Tire Solid Waste Acceptance Facility | 7 months |
| Scrap Tire TDF/Substitute Fuel Facility | 7 months |
| Scrap Tire Primary Collection Facility | 9 months |
| Scrap Tire Recyclers | 9 months |
| Oil Operations Permit | 180 days |

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| Oil Operations Permit for Oil-Contaminated Soils | 180 days |
| Oil Transfer License | 30 days |
| General Permits for Oil Control Program Wastewater Discharge Permit | 30 days |
| Surface Water Discharge Permit for Oil Terminals | 180 days |
| Ground Water Discharge Permit for Oil Terminals | 180 days |
| Underground Storage Tank (UST) Technician, Remover, and Inspector Certifications | 30 days |
| Controlled Hazardous Substances Facility Permit | 26 months |
| Hazardous Waste; EPA Identification Number | 30 days |
| Controlled Hazardous Substances Hauler and Vehicle Certifications | 60 days |
| Special Medical Waste (SMW) Hauler and Vehicle Certifications | 60 days |
| Coal Mining Permit | 12 months |
| Surface Coal Mining Blaster Certification | immediately on passing exam |
| Coal Mining Operator License | 30 days |
| Non-Coal Mining Permit | 4 months |
| Non-Coal Mining License | 20 days |
| Oil and Gas Exploration and Production | 5 months |
| Lead Paint Accreditations | 60 days |
| Lead Paint Training Course Approvals | 60 days |
| Lead Paint Instructor Approvals | 60 days |
| Voluntary Cleanup Program | 45 days to determine if application is accepted |
| | 75 days to review action plan |

| Water and Science Administration | |
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| General Discharge Permit Registrations (excluding Construction Activities and Animal Feeding Operations) | 100 days for all general permits |

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| Individual Permit for Wastewater Discharges | 12 months for new minor surface facilities |
| | 18 months for new surface major facilities |
| | 24 months for renewal surface discharge facilities |
| | 18 months for new groundwater discharge facilities |
| | 34 months for renewal groundwater discharge facilities |
| Toxic Materials Permit | 45 days |
| Water and Sewerage Construction Permit | 3 months |
| Water Appropriation and Use Permit | 90 days for under 10,000 gallons per day |
| | 18 months for over 10,000 gallons per day |
| Well Construction Permit | 30 days |
| Drinking Water Laboratory Certification | 4 months |
| Nontidal Wetlands and Waterway Construction (Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permits) | 8 months for minor projects |
| | 12 months for major projects |
| | 90 days for stream restoration projects when no public hearing is requested |
| Tidal Wetland Licenses and Permits | 90 days for minor projects |
| | 8 months for major projects when no public hearing is requested |
| | 11 months for major projects when a public hearing is requested |
| Erosion/Sediment Control and Stormwater Management Plan Approvals | 6 months |
| Erosion and Sediment Control - Responsible Personnel Certification - Online | 1 day |
| Erosion and Sediment Control - Responsible Personnel Training Program Approval | 4 weeks |
| General Permit for Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity | 45 days |
| Individual Permit for Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity | 6 months |
| Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Permit | 18 months |
| Dam Safety Permit | 6 months |

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| Waterworks and Waste Systems Operator Certification | 30 days for all licenses |
| Well Driller License | 6 months for new licenses |
| | 30 days for renewals |