

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
FINAL CALENDAR YEAR 2015
STANDARD PERMIT APPLICATION TURNAROUND TIMES

As required by Section 1-607(A)(2) of the Environment Article, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has established, in consultation with interested parties, the following standard turnaround times for all types of permit applications.

MDE has made the following changes to the 2014 turnaround times for calendar year 2015.

Oil Operations Permits – increasing from 90 days to 180 days. This is due to a reduction in staff available to process these applications.

Oil Operations Permits for Oil Contaminated Soils – increasing 90 days to 180 days. This is due to a reduction in staff available to process these applications.

Sewage Sludge Utilization Permits for Research Projects – increasing from 45 days to 120 days. This change is to accurately reflect the time necessary to complete the administrative review, send the permit application to the County Government and wait for the commenting period to end. This time also includes the technical review.

Also, the individual types of sewage sludge utilization permits have been renamed and recategorized to reflect recent changes in applicable regulations.

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.

Program Name	2015 Standard Application Processing Time
Air and Radiation Management Administration	
General Permit to Construct	30 days
Air Quality Permit to Construct	3 months - without expanded public review
	4 months – synthetic minor permits without expanded public review
	6 months - with expanded public review but limited public interest
	11 months - with expanded public review and extensive public interest
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	90 days for dental and veterinary machines
	6 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

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Reciprocal Recognition of Out-of-State Radioactive Material Licenses	21 days

Land Management Administration	
Refuse Disposal Permit	7 months for transfer stations
	9 months for processing facilities
	9 months for processing facilities & transfer stations
	12 months for incinerators
	12 months for land-clearing debris landfills
	24 months for industrial landfills
	36 months for rubble landfills
	36 months for municipal landfills
Groundwater Discharge Permit for Rubble Landfill	18 months
Sewage Sludge Utilization Permit	120 days – research project
	4 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	180 days
Natural Wood Waste Recycling Facility Permit	9 months
Natural Wood Waste Recycling Facility General Permit	60 days
Scrap Tire Hauler	60 days

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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
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	40 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	7 months
Non-Coal Mining License	30 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

Program Name	2015 Standard Application Processing Time
Voluntary Cleanup Program	45 days to determine if application is accepted
	75 days to review action plan

Water Management Administration	
General Discharge Permit Registrations (excluding Construction Activities and Animal Feeding Operations)	120 days for all general permits
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	120 days for under 10,000 gallons per day
	24 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)	10 months for minor projects
	12 months for major projects
Tidal Wetland Licenses and Permits	90 days for minor projects
	8 months for major projects
	11 months for major projects with a public informational hearing
Erosion/Sediment Control and Stormwater Management Plan Approvals	6 months
Erosion and Sediment Control - Responsible Personnel Certification	2 weeks
Erosion and Sediment Control - Responsible Personnel Training Program Approval	4 weeks

Program Name	2015 Standard Application Processing Time
General Permit for Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity	60 days for projects less than 3 acres
	90 days for projects between 3 and 150 acres
Individual Permit for Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity	6 months
Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Permit	18 months
Dam Safety Permit	6 months
Waterworks and Waste Systems Operator Certification	30 days for all licenses
Well Driller License	6 months for new licenses
	30 days for renewals