

State Stormwater Permit Standard Process Application Fees

Effective March 1, 2017

Permit Service	Fee	New or Updated Permit Issued?	Expiration Date for High Density Permits (Low Density Permits do not Expire)
New permit	\$505	Yes	New permits will expire 8 years later after issuance. [15A NCAC 02H.1040(4)(b)]
^{1, 2} Major modifications	\$505	Yes	Modified permits determined to be in compliance will have the current permit's expiration date unless the current permit expires in 180 days or less. In that case, the modified permit's expiration date will be 8 years after the current permit's expiration date. [15A NCAC 02H.1045(3)]
^{1, 3} Transfer	\$505	Yes	Transferred permits determined to be in compliance will have the current permit's expiration date unless the current permit expires in 180 days or less. In that case, the transferred permit's expiration date will be 8 years after the current permit's expiration date. [15A NCAC 02H.1045(3)]
^{1, 2, 3} Renewal	\$505	Yes	Renewed permits will expire 8 years after the current permit's expiration date. [15A NCAC 02H.1045(3)]
Permit Information Update	\$0	No	As specified in current permit
Minor modification	\$0	No	As specified in current permit
Rescission	\$0	No	NA

Separate permit renewals are required and cannot be combined with major modifications and transfers when:

- ¹ The permit is expired. Allowing a stormwater permit to expire is a violation of state stormwater rules and may result in an enforcement action. In addition, expired permits must be renewed before they can be modified or transferred.
- ² A major modification is submitted to correct a non-compliant permit inspection or violation.
- ³ A transfer application is submitted to correct a non-compliant permit inspection or violation OR a file review/site inspection for a transfer determines the site is not compliant. Non-compliant permits cannot be transferred until they are brought into compliance. If a permit is non-compliant and it is within the 180-day window for expiration, then the renewal is a separate action. If a transfer is submitted with a request for a renewal, and it is found to be in violation during a file review or site inspection, then the transfer will be withdrawn until it becomes compliant and the fee will be used for the renewal only. A new fee for the transfer will be required upon compliance.

New permit means issuing a permit for a project that has never received a stormwater permit or for which a previously-issued permit cannot be renewed. In order to issue a new permit, DEQ staff conduct a technical review of plans and calculations.

Major modification means issuing a permit for a currently-permitted project that has an increase in the BUA, a change in the SCM design, or any other change that does not meet the definition of “minor modification.” In order to issue a major modification, DEQ staff conduct a technical review of plans and calculations.

Transfer means issuing a permit to a new permittee because ownership of the project has changed. In order to transfer a permit, DEQ staff review the transfer application and usually visit the site to ensure that the project complies with all of its permit conditions and the approved plans.

Renewal means re-issuing a permit with a new permit term upon request of the permittee. This typically occurs at the end of the current permit term and may involve a compliance check by DEQ stormwater staff.

Permit Information Update means administrative changes to the: Name of the project; Legal corporate name (not including name changes due to change in ownership, which require a transfer); Mailing address, phone number or email address of the permittee; or Point of Contact (signing official) for the permittee.

Minor modification means the approval of a change of the state stormwater permit that neither increases the BUA nor changes the SCM design. An example of a minor modification is relocating BUA without a net increase in BUA. In the past, minor modifications have been called “plan revisions.”

Rescission means the termination of a permit upon request by the permittee. Before a permit can be rescinded, DEQ stormwater staff review the project to determine if rescission is allowable.