

Land

Dam Construction/Modification/Repair/Removal

What Activities Require This Permit? The construction, modification, repair or removal of a dam.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To prevent property damage, personal injury and loss of life from the failure of dams.

Who Issues This Permit? Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources.

How Much Will This Permit Cost? \$200 non-refundable minimum application processing fee.

The following additional application processing fees are due when the as-built plans are submitted and are based upon a percentage of the cost of construction, enlargement, or removal of a dam.

2 percent of the actual cost between \$10,001 and \$100,000;

1.5 percent of the actual cost between \$100,001 and \$500,000;

1.0 percent of the actual cost between \$500,001 and \$1 million;

0.5 percent of the actual cost over \$1,000,001;

The total fee amount cannot exceed \$50,000.

What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees? Business, Personal or Cashier's Check or money orders are currently accepted payment methods. DEQ is currently working on a system to allow for electronic payment. When this option is available, DEQ will give notice of when and how to take advantage of this system.

If Paying by Check, to Whom Do I Make the Check Payable and Where Do I Send the Check? The check should be made out to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources (DEMLR) and the check should be sent to the DEMLR Central Office, 1612 Mail Service Center, 512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27699.

Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit? Not applicable. However, important forms and guidelines may be found at the following link: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/energy-mineral-land-resources/energy-mineral-land-permits/dam-safety>.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? 60 calendar days (upon receipt of a complete application package).

Where Do I Submit My Application? N.C. Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources, Dam Safety Program, 1612 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1612.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? Construction, modification, repair, removal – 1 year.

Notes/Comments: Engineering plans prepared by a North Carolina registered professional engineer must be submitted and approved. Applies to any dam 25 feet high or higher and impounding 50 acre-feet or more; or to any dam classified as High Hazard.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: GS 143-215.23 thru GS 143-215.37.

Link: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/energy-mineral-land-resources/energy-mineral-land-permits/dam-safety>

Statewide Contact Information:

NC Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources

Dam Safety Program

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