

Water

State Stormwater Permit

What Activities Require This Permit? Any development activities that require an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan (for disturbances of one or more acres) or a CAMA (Coastal Area Management Act) major permit and meet any of the following criteria: (1) drain to outstanding resource waters (ORW); (2) drain to high quality waters (HQW); (3) located within areas outlined in Session Law 2006-246; (4) state and federal projects located in the Jordan or Falls Lake watersheds; or (5) located within the twenty coastal counties. In addition to these requirements, non-residential development activities within the twenty coastal counties that disturb less than one acre of land, but add more than 10,000 square feet of built upon area require a permit. Residential development activities within ½ mile of and draining to shellfishing waters that disturb less than one acre of land, but add more than 10,000 square feet of built upon area resulting in at least 12 percent total built upon area, also require a permit.

To help determine if your project is subject to one of the above mentioned programs, please use the interactive web-based map viewer (<http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/energy-mineral-land-resources/energy-mineral-land-data/stormwater-maps-gis-resources>).

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? The purpose of the State Stormwater Management Permit Program is to protect sensitive surface waters by requiring stormwater management for new development projects. Stormwater management is achieved through minimizing impervious surfaces, maintaining vegetative buffers, transporting runoff through vegetative conveyances and/or installing structural Stormwater Control Measures (SCMs) where appropriate.

Who Issues This Permit? N.C. Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources, Stormwater Permitting Program **or** the appropriate regional office: <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/energy-mineral-land-resources/contact-demlr> (scroll down to the regional office listings).

How Much Will This Permit Cost?

Standard Review: Project Permit Fee (New & Modifications) \$505; Permit Renewal \$505; Permit Transfer \$505.00
Express Review: \$2,000 for low-density projects; \$4,000 for high-density projects; other fees outlined on web fee schedule (see link below).

Fast Track Review: Authorization to Construct (ATC) \$505; Renewal or Transfer of ATC \$505; Final Permit Fee \$505
Stormwater Permit Fee Schedules: (<http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/energy-mineral-land-resources/energy-mineral-land-permits/stormwater-permits/fees>)

What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees? Application fees can be paid by check or money order.

If Paying by Check, Who do I Make the Check Payable to and Where Do I Send the Check?

Checks should be made payable to NCDEQ and mailed with your permit application (see Where do I Submit My Application below).

Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit? Click on the following for State Stormwater Applications: <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/energy-mineral-land-resources/energy-mineral-land-rules/stormwater-program/post-construction>.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application?

Application Submittal Options: Standard, Express & Fast Track:

1. Standard Review: **Within** 90 days, upon receipt of a complete application
2. Express Review: **Within** 30 days, upon receipt of a complete application. The express permitting option is available for this permit type only in the 20 coastal counties. This option offers quicker review times than the standard traditional review process. [Learn more](#) about Express permitting or contact a division staff representative at the number below.
3. Fast Track ATC Review: **Within** 30 days, upon receipt of a complete application.
4. Final Fast Track Standard Permit: **Within** 40 days after receipt of the complete package or 30 days after a rescheduled inspection at the request of the applicant (whichever date is later). The Fast Track Stormwater Permitting Process is only available for projects required to apply for a state stormwater permit from DEQ. When a local government is the permitting authority, consult with the local government regarding their permitting process. [Learn more](#) about the Fast Track option or contact a division staff representative at the number below.

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Where Do I Submit My Application? N.C. Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources, Stormwater Permitting Program, 1612 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1612 **or** the appropriate [regional office](#) (scroll down to the regional office listings). See the [interactive map](#) to determine where to submit your application.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? The permit for low density projects (no engineered stormwater SCMs) do not expire. The permit for high density projects (with engineered stormwater SCMs) are valid for up to 8 years. A Fast Track ATC is valid for 5 years and the final permit follows the requirements for low and high density as noted above.

Notes/Comments:

The above listed permitting options are general descriptions and are not inclusive of all NCDENR's stormwater regulations. The Water Supply Watershed Protection Program, Neuse River Nutrient Sensitive Waters Stormwater Program, Tar-Pamlico Nutrient Sensitive Waters Stormwater Program, Jordan Lake Nutrient Strategy, and Falls Lake Nutrient Strategies are implemented by local governments. Project requirements are based on site-specific conditions, and it is the responsibility of the applicant to verify necessary permits.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: 15A NCAC 2H .1000, G.S 143-214.7, Session Law 2006-246, Session Law 2008-211, 15A NCAC 2B .0271, 15A NCAC 2B .0281, 15A NCAC 2B .0600.

Links: <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/energy-mineral-land-resources/stormwater>

Statewide Contact Information:

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