

# Water

## System-Wide Wastewater Collection System Permit

**What Activities Require This Permit?** Ownership and operation of a collection system (sewer lines, force mains, pump stations) for the purpose of conveying wastewater to a designated wastewater treatment facility.

**What Is The Purpose of This Permit?** The focus is to be proactive and preventive in operating and maintaining the collection system instead of simply reacting to problems. Therefore, there are conditions for grease control, planned reinvestment into the system through a formal capital improvement plan, alarms for pump stations, spare parts, inspections, cleaning, mapping, observation, preventive maintenance, and everything needs to be documented through proper recordkeeping. The main condition that all others support is the prohibition of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs).

**Who Issues This Permit?** N.C. Division of Water Resources, Water Quality Permitting Section, Pretreatment, Emergency Response & Collection System Branch (PERCS).

### **How Much Will This Permit Cost?**

Permit annual fee of \$810 for systems less than 1 million gallons per day (MGD).

Permit annual fee of \$1,310 for systems greater than 1 million gallons per day (MGD).

**What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees?** Check

**If Paying by Check, Who do I Make the Check Payable to and Where Do I Send the Check?** Make check payable to NC DEQ; include check with application. For information on where to send the application, see the section below titled "Where Do I Submit My Application."

**Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit?** <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-permits/wastewater-branch/collection-systems/system-wide-collection-system-permitting>

**How Long Will It Take To Review My Application?** 30 to 90 calendar days (upon receipt of a correct and complete application package).

**Where Do I Submit My Application?** N.C. Division of Water Resources, PERCS Branch, 1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1617

**How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid?** Five years.

**Notes/Comments:** Systems with a capacity of greater than 0.200 MGD are issued an individual permit. Systems with a capacity of less than 0.200 MGD are deemed permitted per NCAC 15A 2T .0400.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:** GS 143-215.1(a); 143-215.3(b); 143-215.9B

**Link:** <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-permits/wastewater-branch/collection-systems/system-wide-collection-system-permitting>

### **Statewide Contact Information:**

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