



Connecticut Department of
Energy & Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse
Inland Water Resources Division

Environmental Permitting Fact Sheet

General Permit for Water Resource Construction Activities

Permit Overview

This general permit is issued under the authority of, and administered by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP's) Bureau of Water Protection and Land Re-Use and authorizes various water resource construction activities.

This general permit has been designed to simplify the state permitting process for Inland Wetland & Watercourses (state actions), Stream Channel Encroachment Line and Water Diversion permits. This general permit does not change or modify federal or municipal permitting requirements.

For the purposes of this general permit, authorization under section 22a-45a of the Connecticut General Statutes (Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Act) is subject to regulation and permitting by the Commissioner of CT DEEP including activities conducted by any department, agency or instrumentality of the state, except any local or regional board of education.

Authorizing Statutes

Sections 22a-45a, 22a-349a and 22a-378a (b) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Application Process

There are two different processes built into this general permit. Each process is described below:

Written Approval

The following categories of this general permit listed below require a **written approval** from the Commissioner.

- **Maintenance Plans**

Anyone applying for authorization under a maintenance plan listed in Section 3a (1) – (4) of this general permit shall first submit the request for authorization form with supporting documentation. Regulated activities may occur once the Commissioner has given a written approval of the maintenance plan. A maintenance plan is designed to authorize certain activities described in a plan at

multiple facilities or sites. Such maintenance plan shall describe the location of any such facilities, describes in detail maintenance activities to be carried out and typical design specifications and plans for such activities, estimates of the quantities of material to be placed or removed in connection with such maintenance activities, describes procedures for disposal of excess material and solid waste generated in connection with such maintenance activities, and the best management practices to be implemented while conducting such maintenance activities.

- **Trail Construction, Infrastructure and Public Works Projects**

Anyone applying for authorization under Section 3a(5), (6) or (7) of this general permit shall first submit the request for authorization form with supporting documentation and then receive written approval from the Commissioner prior to conducting any regulated activity.

Filing Only

The following categories of this general permit listed below are “**filing-only**”. The required request for authorization form is required to be filed with DEEP no less than 60 days prior to the initiation of any activity.

- **Activities Authorized Under Category 1 or Category 2 of the Department of Army (US Army Corps of Engineers) General Permit State of Connecticut**

- **Conservation Activities**

Fees

How much does it cost?

- For Categories 1-7 under Section 3(a): \$5,000.00
- For Categories 8 & 9 under Section 3(a): \$2,500.00

Note: There is a fifty percent (50%) discount for filing electronically. *In order to file electronically, ALL supporting documents under Part VII of the application must be submitted in an electronic format on a CD, along with the original completed application in hard copy.* General permit application fees are non-refundable.

Average Processing Time

For this permit program, processing time for a typical application, based upon recent experience is less than 60 days. Past performance is not a guarantee of future processing timeframes. In order to increase the efficiency of application processing, we recommend that you utilize the [Inland Water Resources Division Pre-Application Guidance](#) process, assure that your application package is properly completed at the time of submittal, and that you promptly reply to any requests for information.

**Permit
Duration**

The General Permit for Inland Water Resources Construction Activities will be valid for a period of ten years from the date of issuance.

**Duration of Authorized
Activities**

Activities authorized pursuant to this general permit will be valid for a period of five years from the date of issuance.

**I received an
authorization under one
of the existing general
permits, is the
authorization valid?**

Activities that are currently authorized under one of the following general permits are authorized for a period three years from the date of the authorization regardless of the expiration of the general permit itself:

- General Permit for Habitat Conservation (DEP-IWRD-003)
- General Permit for Lakes, Ponds and Basin Dredging (DEP-IWRD-004)
- General Permit Placement of Utilities and Drainage (DEP-IWRD-005)
- General Permit for Minor Structures (DEP-IWRD-006)
- General Permit for Minor Grading (DEP-IWRD-007)

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This overview is designed to answer general questions and provide basic information. You should refer to the appropriate statutes and regulations for the specific regulatory language of the different permit programs. This document should not be relied upon to determine whether or not an environmental permit is required. It is your responsibility to ensure that all required permits have been obtained.