



Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)

The Environmental Permits Division (EPD) implements and oversees the Air, Wastewater, and Storm Water permitting programs for MDEQ. EPD also provides support to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Division (ECED) to help ensure compliance with permits issued by EPD. The Waste Division is responsible for the planning, permitting, and compliance aspects of the solid waste and hazardous waste programs.

For each of MDA’s projects, MDEQ assigns an initial point of contact to coordinate all permitting needs the company may have for a project. This permit manager facilitates pre-application meetings to identify all environmental permit requirements and streamline the permitting process to ensure timely construction and operation of the project

Construction Permits

Permit	Category	Days from Application to Approval	Application Procedure
PSD Avoidance	Air	90-150 days from receipt of complete	Complete applicable state application forms (Consolidated Air Application Form) ¹ and 30-day public comment period ² .
PSD Major	Air	By regulation, 150 days from receipt of complete application	Complete applicable state application forms (Consolidated Air Application Form). ¹ Include project narrative, BACT Analysis, & Air Quality Analysis per PSD regulations. 30-day public comment period with concurrent EPA Region 4 review ² .
Construction Storm Water General Permit	Storm Water	10 days from receipt of complete Notice of Intent (NOI) and complete Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)	Required for projects 5 acres and larger. Complete applicable state application forms (Large Construction Stormwater Forms) ¹ including Notice of Intent (NOI), and submit compliant Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) ³ .
Wetland Section 404 Permit/401 Water Quality Certification	Wetlands	90-180 days from receipt of complete application (including 30 day public notice)	Required if significant impact to wetlands. Complete application for Wetland Section 404 Permit and submit to designated U.S. Army Corps of Engineers district. 30-day public comment period. MDEQ concurrently issues 401 Water Quality Certification.

Operating Permits

Permit	Category	Days from Application to Approval	Application Procedure
Title V or Synthetic Minor	Air	Approximately 180 days	Complete applicable state application forms within 12 months of commencing operation of the facility ¹ . PSD Permit (or other construction permit) can serve as the operating permit for one year, or until the Title V or Synthetic Minor Permit is issued. 30-day public comment period with concurrent 45-day EPA Region 4 review ² .

Operating Permits

Permit	Category	Days from Application to Approval	Application Procedure
NPDES Direct Discharge Permit	Wastewater	Approximately 120-180 days from receipt of complete application	Requires Anti-Degradation Review. Complete applicable state application public forms (NPDES Forms) ¹ . 30-day EPA review prior to notice if categorical ⁴ . 30-day public comment period. Resubmit actual sampling within 1 year of commencing discharge.
OR			
Pretreatment Permit for Indirect Discharge	Wastewater	90-180 days from receipt of complete application	Required if the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) can and will take the discharge. Complete applicable state application forms (Pretreatment Form) ¹ . MDEQ issues on behalf of the POTW. Federal categorical standards are applied ⁴ . 30-day public comment period. No EPA Review required.
OR			
Baseline Storm Water General Permit	Storm Water	10 days from receipt of complete Notice of Intent (NOI) and complete Storm Water Prevention Plan (SWPPP)	Required if storm water is not covered by NPDES or pretreatment permit. Complete applicable state application forms (Baseline Forms Package) ¹ including Notice of Intent (NOI), and submit compliant Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) ³ .

Other Permits / Regulations

Permit	Category	Days from Application to Approval	Application Procedure
Hazardous Waste Generator EPA ID⁵	Waste	N/A	MDEQ adopts federal hazardous waste regulations by reference. No permits are required if no regulated treatment, storage, or disposal activities occur on site. Complete RCRA Notification of Regulated Waste Activity Form (8700-12).
Groundwater/Surface Water Withdrawal Permit	Water	30-90 days from receipt of complete application and proof of publication	Complete 2-page form ⁶ and one-day publication in local newspaper. Permit valid for 10-years. \$10 application fee per well.
Solid Waste Permit	Waste	180 days from receipt of complete application and proof of publication (siting criteria, geology, etc.)	Required if on-site landfill is needed. Complete applicable state application forms (Industrial Solid Waste Landfill) ⁷ . Must be in compliance with all local laws, ordinances and zoning and the county solid waste management plan.

Fees

There are no application fees for MDEQ permits. There is a \$10 per well fee for groundwater withdrawal. For air Title V facilities, a federally-mandated Title V fee is required at the time operation begins.

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Footnotes

- 1 EPD application forms available at <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/permits/environmental-permits-division/applications-forms/>
- 2 Division Chief can sign the permit following 30-day comment period (or 45-day EPA review period for Title V operating permit), unless significant comments are received from public. If a public hearing is requested, it can only be held after a 30-day notice of a hearing.
- 3 Storm Water General Permit Information is available at <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/permits/environmental-permits-division/applications-forms/stormwater-general-permit/>
- 4 Some industries are deemed Categorical Industrial Users. Existing effluent guidelines can be found at <http://water.epa.gov/scitech/wastetech/guide/industry.cfm>
- 5 Generators of hazardous waste are allowed to store and treat their own hazardous waste in accordance with Part 262 of the Mississippi Hazardous Waste Regulations without obtaining a permit. However, if requirements of Part 262 are not met, then a RCRA permit is required. <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/land/waste-division/hazardouswaste/>
- 6 Information regarding groundwater withdrawals, including the application form, can be found at <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/permits/water-availability-and-use/forms/groundwater-permit-guidance/>
- 7 Waste Division applications, forms, & general permits <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/land/waste-division/solid-waste-permitting-and-certifications/>