



**MISSISSIPPI  
DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
QUALITY**

**ENVIRONMENTAL  
PERMITS  
GUIDANCE**





## SAFEGUARDING THE STATE'S AIR, LAND, AND WATER

### ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS GUIDANCE

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) safeguards the state's air, land, and water by administering regulatory permitting programs. Municipalities across the State of Mississippi may be required to obtain one or more environmental permits from the MDEQ. This quick guide is a reference and should not be used to determine whether or not an environmental permit is necessary for a project. Consultation with the project's engineers and/or with the appropriate local, state, and/or federal agency is advised to determine what permit(s) may be required for a project.

MDEQ's Environmental Permits Division (EPD) is responsible for evaluating and processing permit applications for all major regulatory programs. Permits are subdivided into various categories as follows:

#### AIR PERMITS

Air Permits are issued to control the emissions of air pollutants into the air from the construction, modification, and operation of stationary air pollution sources. Permit limits, monitoring, recordkeeping requirements, and operational requirements are specified in these permits to ensure increases in emissions will not cause or contribute to violations of air quality standards.

- Construction Permits
- Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permits
- State Operating Permits
- Title V Operating Permits

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#### HAZARDOUS WASTE PERMITS & NOTIFICATIONS

The Mississippi Hazardous Waste Management Program regulates hazardous waste generation, transportation, storage, treatment, and disposal to ensure waste does not threaten public health. Hazardous wastes are subject to regulation under Subtitle C of the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

- Hazardous Waste Generator Notification IDs

- RCRA Permits for Commercial Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Activities
- RCRA Permits for Treatment, Storage & Disposal Activities

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#### SOLID WASTE

Solid Waste Permits are issued for municipal and non-municipal solid waste landfills, land applications, transfer stations, composting operations, and rubbish sites to minimize the threat of pollution to the environment and protect public health.

- Municipal Landfill Permits
- Landfills (Individual Permits & Coverages)
- Rubbish Sites (Individual Permits & Coverages)
- Transfer Stations (Individual Permits & Coverages)

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#### WATER PERMITS

MDEQ has authority, under Section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act, to issue National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

wastewater discharge permits. These permits ensure the protection of surface waters by placing limits on the amount of pollutants that are discharged. MDEQ issues general or stormwater permits and has the authority under the Clean Water Act to issue water quality certifications. These certifications include provisions that must be met to ensure water quality protection related to wetlands and streams.

- NPDES Permits
- Pretreatment Permits
- State Operating Permits
- Federal Facilities
- Commercial Wastewater Permits
- Municipal Wastewater Permits

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## ENHANCING MUNICIPALITIES' ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND STEWARDSHIP



#### OTHER PERMIT APPLICATIONS PROCESSED

##### AIR DIVISION

Acid Rain Permit, Lead & Asbestos Certifications

**GROUNDWATER ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION DIVISION**  
CERCLA Remediation Approvals, Brownfields, Uncontrolled Site Remediation Approvals

**SOLID WASTE POLICY & PLANNING DIVISION**  
Solid Waste Management Plan Approvals, UST Certifications

**SURFACE WATER DIVISION**  
401 Water Quality Certifications, Wastewater Operator Certifications

**OFFICE OF GEOLOGY**  
Mining Permit

**OFFICE OF LAND & WATER**  
Water Withdrawal Permit

#### SMALL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SBEAP)

MDEQ's SBEAP provides technical assistance to businesses, municipalities, and industries in the state. Through the environmental assistance program, you can receive compliance assistance and onsite technical assistance at no charge to your municipality. Contact: Trayce Thomas 601-961-5618 [tthomas@mdeq.ms.gov](mailto:tthomas@mdeq.ms.gov)

#### OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (OCE)

The OCE offers environmental assistance as a resource for municipalities to help identify and understand state and federal environmental regulations and address inequalities across Mississippi. Contact: Cassandra Johnson 601-961-4247 [cjohnson@mdeq.ms.gov](mailto:cjohnson@mdeq.ms.gov)

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