



NAVIGABLE WATERS PERMITTING PROCESS

1. The applicant will create a user account for ePermitting at [Home - ePermitting](#)
2. The applicant will fill out the online application according to the instructions at the following link:
[ePermitting Training - Navigable Waters | South Carolina Department of Environmental Services](#).
The applicant should fill in the application completely and will be directed to pay a fee.
3. An SCDES project manager will review the application for completeness and decide if the activity meets the conditions for an SCDES General Permit (GP). If the activity qualifies for a GP, a signed authorization letter and a copy of the GP will be sent to the applicant by email.
4. If the activity does not qualify for a GP, the application will be distributed to a public notice mailing list that includes adjacent property owners, resource agencies, and other stakeholders who have requested notice. If the application is not complete, the required information must be provided before the public notice is distributed.
5. SCDES may require additional information when considered appropriate. If so, the applicant will be contacted.
6. SCDES will wait for the 15-day newspaper notice comment period and the 30-day SCDES public notice comment period to end, receipt of the fee, receipt of the notarized affidavit of publication of the newspaper notice, and receipt of any additional information that SCDES required from step 5.
7. If SCDES receives an objection from a state agency, the applicant will be informed and directed to contact the objecting agency to attempt to resolve the objection.
8. SCDES will prepare a decision document.
9. SCDES will mail the decision document and permit to the applicant, and just the decision document to adjacent property owners, agencies with jurisdiction or interest, and any persons who provided comments.

***The applicant is encouraged to contact the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers at SAC.RD.Charleston@usace.army.mil to determine federal permit requirements. Applicants are required to contact SCDES's Bureau of Coastal Management (BCM) at ocrmpermitting@DES.sc.gov if the project is located in the Critical Area of the State's Coastal Zone. Note that the permitting jurisdiction of R.19-450, *Permits for Construction in Navigable Waters*, does not apply in the Critical Area and applicants must apply directly to BCM.**