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Permitting Transparency Dashboard Guide



Permitting Transparency Dashboard

Please use the information within this document to assist you with maximizing the data provided within the SCDES Permitting Transparency Dashboard.

For easy reference, the Permitting Transparency Dashboard is available at **des.sc.gov/permits**. It's updated every Wednesday morning, typically by 7 a.m., to show the most current permitting information.



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Filters

Program

Air



Permit Category

Air- Construction Permit



Permit Type

Synthetic Minor



Clear all filters

Permitting Transparency Dashboard

South Carolina Department of Environmental Services

Submissions in House

5.0

Average Processing Days


43.00

Submissions in House: shows the number of applications being processed for the selected filter(s).

Average Processing Days: shows the average number of days across all applications based on the selected filter(s). NOTE: this value is live and continuously changing as applications are submitted and permits are issued.

Common Acronyms

- CZC: Coastal Zone Consistency
- UST: Underground Storage Tank
- NPDES: National Pollutants Discharge Elimination System
- BCM: Bureau of Coastal Management
- BRLS: Bureau of Regional and Laboratory Services
- BAQ: Bureau of Air Quality
- BLWM/LWM: Bureau of Land and Waste Management
- WQC: Water Quality Certification
- NEC: No Exposure Certificate
- PSD: Prevention of Significant Deterioration



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Filters

Program

All

Permit Category

All

Permit Type

All

Clear all filters

Program

This filter allows you to select a specific SCDES program within our five Bureaus:

Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ) ensures industries comply with state and federal air quality regulations to ensure South Carolina remains in attainment with air quality standards. Program available to select related to permitting:

- Air

Bureau of Coastal Management (BCM) protects and enhances resources within the state's eight coastal counties as part of the S.C. Coastal Zone Management Program. BCM has a regulatory responsibility for issuing permits within South Carolina's critical areas (Coastal Waters, Tidelands, Beaches, and Beach/Dune System) and providing coastal zone consistency reviews for federal actions and certain state permits. Programs available to select related to permitting:

- Coastal Critical Areas
- Coastal Zone Consistency (CZC)

Bureau of Water (BOW) protects the state's water resources for drinking, swimming, fishing and other uses that benefit all South Carolinians. Programs available to select related to permitting:

- Navigable Water and Water Quality
- Pools
- Wastewater
- Private Wells
- Stormwater

Bureau of Land and Waste Management (LWM) is responsible for permitting, regulating and remediating landfills, mines and underground storage tanks, dry cleaners, solid waste disposal, infectious waste, hazardous waste, radioactive waste, solar panels and our Brownfields Program. Programs available to select related to permitting:

- Mining
- Underground Storage Tanks (UST)

Bureau of Regional and Laboratory Services (BRLS) responds to emergency chemical spills and releases, permits septic system installations, investigates environmental concerns received from the public, and oversees state environmental laboratory certification. Program available to select related to permitting:

- Onsite Wastewater



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Program

All



Permit Category

All



Permit Type

All



Clear all filters

Permit Category

This filter allows you to select a specific permit category within the selected Program. If you're unsure of the Program, select "All" to view every permit category available.

Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ):

- Air- Construction Permit
- Air- General Construction Permit

Bureau of Coastal Management (BCM):

- Coastal- Critical Area Permit
- Coastal- CZC (Coastal Zone Consistency)

Bureau of Water (BOW):

- 401 WQC Federal Permit
- Navigable Waters- Construction Permit
- NPDES- General Permit
- NPDES- Individual Permit
- Private Well Permit
- Recreational Waters- Pool Permit
- Stormwater- Industrial
- Stormwater- Construction
- Sewer Collection Systems Permit
- Wastewater- Construction Permit

Bureau of Land and Waste Management (LWM):


- Mining- General Permit
- Mining- Individual Permit
- UST Permit (Underground Storage Tank)

Bureau of Regional and Laboratory Services (BRLS)

- Septic Tank Permit

Permit Type

This filter allows you to select a specific permit type within the selected Permit category. If you're unsure of the Program, you may select "All" to view every permit category available. Not all Permit Categories have distinct Permit Types.

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Filters

Program

All

Permit Category

All

Permit Type

All

Clear all filters

- **Air- Construction Permit**
 - Air-Minor
 - Air- PSD
 - Air- Synthetic Minor
- **Air- General Construction Permit**
 - Air-General Minor
 - Air- General Synthetic Minor
- **Coastal- Critical Area Permit**
 - Beachfront General Permit
 - Beachfront Major Action
 - Tidelands General Permit
 - Tidelands Major Action
 - Tidelands Minor Action
- **Coastal- CZC (Coastal Zone Consistency)**
- **401 WQC Federal Permit**
- **Navigable Waters- Construction Permit**
- **NPDES- General Permit**
- **NPDES- Individual Permit**
- **Private Well Permit**
- **Recreational Waters-Pool Permit**
- **Stormwater- Industrial**
 - NEC Industrial *No Exposure Certificate
 - NOI Industrial
- **Stormwater- Construction**
 - Construction MS4 NOI Coastal
 - Construction MS4 NOI Non-Coastal
 - Construction NOI Coastal
 - Construction NOI Non-Coastal
 - Individual Lot NOI – Coastal
 - Individual Lot NOI – Non-Coastal
- **Sewer Collection Systems Permit**
- **Wastewater- Construction Permit**
- **Mining- General Permit**
- **Mining- Individual Permit**
 - Individual Permit
 - Minor Modification
 - Substantial Modification
- **UST Permit (Underground Storage Tank)**
 - Permit to Install
 - Permit to Operate
- **Septic Tank Permit**
 - Option #1

Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ) Permit Types

Air- Construction Permit: required for any entity that plans to construct, alter, or add to a source of air pollution, including the installation of any air pollution control device. The construction permit must be issued before any construction-related activities occur at the site. The construction permit allows for installation, modification, and start of operation of equipment.

- **Air-Minor:** issued for smaller emitters.
- **Air- PSD: (Prevention of Significant Deterioration):** established on case-by-case bases, depends on the available control technology for major sources.
- **Air- Synthetic Minor:** issued to established federally enforceable limits and requires a 30-day public notice and comment period.

Air General Construction Permit:

- **Air- General Minor:** issued to smaller concrete batch plants.
- **Air- General Synthetic Minor:** issued to larger concrete batch plants and all asphalt plants.

Questions? Please reach out to us:

- Call the Bureau of Air Quality directly at **803-898-4123**
- Find a specific Air Quality contact here: **[BAQ Contacts by Permitting Sector](#)**
- Contact Ryan Ariail with SCDES Permit Central by emailing **ryan.ariaail@des.sc.gov**

Bureau of Coastal Management (BCM) Permit Types

Coastal- Critical Area Permit

- **Beachfront General Permit:** required for activities within the beachfront critical areas, including the installation of utilities or service lines, drainage improvements, fences, driveways, small wooden decks, landscaping, and dune management activities like planting dune vegetation, installing sand fencing, or adding beach-compatible sand.
- **Beachfront Major Action:** larger-scale projects within the beachfront critical areas, including but not limited to, beach renourishment projects, new oceanfront fishing piers, habitable structures seaward of the baseline, ocean outfalls, and pilot projects.
- **Tidelands General Permit:** allows for individuals requesting an activity that meets all the regulatory requirements for such construction, without any additional considerations, an expedited review and thus a more rapid turn-around for construction. More information regarding the activities can be found at: Critical Area Permitting - General Permits | South Carolina Department of Environmental Services.

- **Tidelands Minor Action:** includes the construction of private docks or piers or non-oceanfront erosion control structures provided that these construction activities do not require dredging (e.g. private and joint-use docks or additions to those docks, non-oceanfront bulkheads and revetments).
- **Tidelands Major Action:** includes any construction activity that is not defined as minor activity (e.g. bridges, boat ramps, marinas, dredging, community docks, commercial facilities).

Coastal- Coastal Zone Consistency (CZC): a certification process supported by Federal and State laws to protect our unique coastline. The goal of CZC is to achieve a balance between the appropriate use, development, and conservation of coastal resources in the best interest of all citizens of the state.

Questions? Please reach out to us:

- *Contact Bureau of Coastal Management directly:*
gis.des.sc.gov/staffapp
- *Contact Ryan Ariail with SCDES Permit Central by emailing*
ryan.ariail@des.sc.gov

Bureau of Water (BOW) Permit Types

- **401 WQC Federal Permit:** administered by the Water Quality Certification program pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act. Section 401 requires that the State issue certification for any activity which requires a Federal permit and may result in a discharge to State waters.
- **Navigable Waters- Construction Permit:** covers any activity, such as construction, dredging, filling or other alterations, below the mean high-water line (tidal waters) or the ordinary high-water mark (nontidal waters) in a navigable waterway of South Carolina .The only navigable waterways in South Carolina where this permit is not required is in tidal areas (also known as critical areas) that are under the direct permitting jurisdiction of SCDES.
- **NPDES- Individual Permit:** allows business to discharge from domestic to industrial facilities to discharge wastewater into waters of the state within acceptable limits, typically those that are ineligible for the NPDES General Permits.
- **NPDES- General Permit:** covers other qualifying activities such as vehicle carwash, utility water and other discharges. More information and the agency contact for the general permits can be found by [clicking here](#).
- **Private Well Permit:** issued to for new Well installed on Private Property for individual use. Not for Drinking Water Distribution.
- **Recreational Waters-Pool Permit:** issued to those facilities which have recreationally available waters on site.

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Bureau of Water (BOW) Permit Types (continued)

Stormwater- Industrial:

- **NEC Industrial *No Exposure Certificate:** verifies all materials/activities at an industrial facility are protected from encountering stormwater.
- **NOI Industrial:** covers the discharge from any conveyance that is used for collecting and conveying stormwater that is directly related to manufacturing, processing or raw materials storage areas at an industrial facility.

Stormwater- Construction:

- **Construction MS4 NOI Coastal:** for new construction within Department recognized MS4 Municipalities within Coastal counties.
- **Construction MS4 NOI Non-Coastal:** for new construction within Department recognized MS4 Municipalities within Non-Coastal counties.
- **Construction NOI Coastal:** for new construction Coastal County projects which disturb the environment.
- **Construction NOI Non-Coastal:** for new construction Non-Coastal County projects which disturb the environment.
- **Individual Lot NOI – Coastal:** coverage for individual lots within a residential subdivision which has already been permitted under one master plan within a Coastal Area.
- **Individual Lot NOI – Non-Coastal:** coverage for individual lots within a residential subdivision which has already been permitted under one master plan within a Non-Coastal Area.

Sewer Collection Systems Permit: regulates the sewer pipeline system including force mains, vacuum sewer, gravity line sewers and other wastewater treating components.

Wastewater Construction Permit: covers construction activities of domestic and industrial wastewater treatment systems, interceptors and collection systems.

Questions? Please reach out to us:

- *Contact Bureau of Water directly: 803-898-4300*
- *Contact Ryan Ariail with SCDES Permit Central by emailing ryan.ariail@des.sc.gov*
- *Determine if you are in an MS4-Designated Area by [clicking here](#).*

Bureau of Land & Waste Management Permit Types

Mining- Individual Permit: covers all mining activities regardless of type of material, affected acreage, depth processing or frequency of mining.

- **Mines- Minor Mod:** mines with issued permits who are making minor modifications.
- **Mines- Individual Permit:** covers newly built mining sites.
- **Mines- Substantial Mod:** mines with issued permits who are making major modifications.

Mining- General Permit: mining under a general permit has limitations compared to an individual permit. The limitations can be found on our "Mining and Reclamation" webpage available by [clicking here](#).

UST (Underground Storage Tank) Permit

- **UST- Permit to Install- General:** permits the installation of underground storage tanks, typically for gas stations.
- **UST- Permit to Operate:** issued after tank installation inspection when the Department has determined the new system is complying with regulatory standards.

Questions? Please reach out to us:

- *Contact Bureau of Land & Waste Management directly, **UST: 803-898-0587; Mining: 803-898-1368***
- *Contact Ryan Ariail with SCDES Permit Central by emailing ryan.ariail@des.sc.gov*

Bureau of Regional & Laboratory Services Permit Types

Option #1: when SCDES handles the entire permitting process.

More information regarding septic tanks and installation options are available by [clicking here](#).

Questions? Please reach out to us:

- *Contact Bureau of Regional & Laboratory Services directly by:*
 - *Emailing: OSWWCentral@des.sc.gov*
 - *Find Bureau contact information by [clicking here](#).*
- *Contact Ryan Ariail with SCDES Permit Central by emailing ryan.ariail@des.sc.gov*

Support Links

- ePermitting Help click here: [ePermitting Troubleshooting | South Carolina Department of Environmental Services](#)
- ePermitting website click here: [Home – ePermitting](#)
- ePermitting HelpDesk, email: epermittinghelp@des.sc.gov



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