



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
PROCESSING TIMES FOR NEW APPLICATIONS
 Effective: November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2012

This schedule provides processing times grouped by D.E.P. program. These times apply to applications for *new* licenses accepted as complete for processing by D.E.P. because of its commissioner's jurisdiction over the application on or after November 1, 2011; guaranteed times do not apply to other application types, e.g. amendments, renewals, etc., or applications over which the Board of Environmental Protection has jurisdiction.

The "Guaranteed Processing Time" column is measured from the date of acceptance to the date of the D.E.P. decision on the application. This is the maximum period of time the agency has to process an application before the forfeiture provisions contained in Maine Revised Statutes Title 38, Section 344-B apply. The "goal" column, where a number is given, is the average time D.E.P. plans to attain for each application type. All times are in calendar days unless specifically noted otherwise.

AIR QUALITY

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
70	part 70 air license (c. 140)	--	548 days
71	major & minor source license (c. 115)	--	270 days
72	general permit	--	60 days
75	property or sales & use tax exemption certification	(90 days)	180 days
76	variance	--	365 days

REMEDATION & WASTE MANAGEMENT - OIL

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
90	vessels at anchorage	(190 days)	240 days
91	oil terminal - existing fixed facility	(145 days)	180 days
91	oil terminal - new fixed facility	(290 days)	365 days
92	oil terminal - vessel	(145 days)	180 days
93	underground petroleum tank removal waiver	(70 days)	90 days
94	underground petroleum tank siting variance	(70 days)	90 days

REMEDATION & WASTE MANAGEMENT - BIOMEDICAL WASTE

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
BA	biomedical waste transfer facility	(215 days)	270 days
BB	biomedical waste transfer facility/lbr	(145 days)	180 days
BC	biomedical waste treatment facility	(365 days)	450 days
BD	biomedical waste treatment facility - site law	(430 days)	540 days
BG	petition to use alternate treatment	(300 days)	365 days

REMEDATION & WASTE MANAGEMENT - SEPTAGE FACILITIES

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
S1	municipal septage management compliance (septage designation)	(45 days)	60 days
S2	septage non-utilization site (disposal)	(270 days)	365 days
S3	septage utilization site	(270 days)	365 days
S4	septage storage site	(60 days)	90 days
S7	septage license transfer	(60 days)	90 days

REMEDIATION & WASTE MANAGEMENT - HAZARDOUS WASTE

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
HK	hw - interim license	(45 days)	120 days
HL	abbreviated license ("al") for beneficial reuse on-site	(145 days)	180 days
HM	al - beneficial reuse off-site	(145 days)	180 days
HN	al - Elementary Neutralization	(145 days)	180 days
HO	al - thermal treatment	(145 days)	180 days
HP	al - discharge to POTWs	(145 days)	180 days
HQ	al - reuse in wastewater treatment	(145 days)	180 days
HR	al - transfer facility	(145 days)	180 days
HS	al - PCB storage	(145 days)	180 days
HT	al - precious metal recovery	(145 days)	180 days
HU	al - volume reduction unit	(145 days)	180 days
HV	al - other facility treatment in tank	(145 days)	180 days
RA	al - reuse of hazardous waste in solid form	(145 days)	180 days
RB	al - electronics demanufacturing facility	(145 days)	180 days

REMEDIATION & WASTE MANAGEMENT - SLUDGE & RESIDUALS

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
SB	industrial sludge utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SH	industrial sludge utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
SC	municipal sludge utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SI	municipal sludge utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
SD	bioash utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SJ	bioash utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
SE	wood ash utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SK	wood ash utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
SF	food waste utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SL	food waste utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
SG	other waste utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SM	other waste utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
ST	utilization storage <3,500 cubic yards	(120 days)	180 days
SU	utilization storage ≥3,500 cubic yards	(120 days)	180 days
SV	utilization - other	(180 days)	270 days
SX	utilization - license transfer	(60 days)	90 days
SY	utilization - one-time	(120 days)	180 days
SZ	utilization - pilot project	(60 days)	90 days

LAND & WATER QUALITY - STORMWATER MANAGEMENT LAW

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
NA	stormwater (sw) at risk - solely vegetative	(30 days)	45 days
NB	sw at risk - structural	(60 days)	75 days
NI	sw, all other - solely vegetative	(30 days)	30 days
NJ	sw, all other - structural	(60 days)	75 days
-	sw permit by rule	-	14 days

REMEDATION & WASTE MANAGEMENT - SOLID WASTE

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
WB	existing non-secure municipal landfill <15,000 people	-	540 days
WC	existing non-secure municipal landfill >15,000 people	-	540 days
WD	secure landfill	-	540 days
WE	secure landfill for woodwaste, landclearing, and demolition debris	-	540 days
WF	non-secure woodwaste, land clearing, and demolition debris ≤6 acres	-	270 days
WN	landfill - closing plan for secure	-	365 days
WO	landfill - closing plan for non-secure	-	365 days
W1	landfill - alternative approval of a municipal closing plan	-	90 days
WQ	landfill - preliminary information reports	-	60 days
WR	landfill - license transfer	(90 days)	120 days
W5	landfill - public benefit determination	-	60 days
W6	landfill - post closure report	-	90 days
WG	incineration - MSW/special waste	-	540 days
WW	incineration – license transfers	-	120 days
WH	reduced and full procedure for transfer stations & storage facilities	(120 days)	180 days
WI	tire storage facility	(120 days)	180 days
WK	processing facility other than composting	(270 days)	365 days
WV	beneficial use - fuel substitution	-	90 days
WL	on-going beneficial use other than utilization without risk-assessment	(120 days)	180 days
WM	on-going beneficial use other than utilization with risk-assessment	(120 days)	180 days
W3	one-time beneficial use other than utilization without risk-assessment	(120 days)	180 days
W4	one-time beneficial use other than utilization with risk-assessment	(120 days)	180 days
W7	permit-by-rule cull potato disposal		5 working days
WS	special waste disposal - one time ≤6 cubic yards	-	30 days
WT	special waste disposal - one time >6 cubic yards	-	60 days
WU	special waste disposal - routine	-	90 days
WX	transfer - all other than landfill or incineration facility	(60 days)	90 days
WZ	pilot project	(120 days)	180 days
WH	permit-by-rule <2 acre wood waste storage area		24 days
WI	permit-by-rule tire storage		24 days
WK	permit-by-rule processing soils contaminated with virgin oil		18 working days
WK	permit-by-rule manufacture of flowable fill		18 working days
WK	permit-by-rule processing wood wastes		18 working days
W3	permit-by-rule beneficial use of tire chips as fill		24 days

REMEDATION & WASTE MANAGEMENT - COMPOSTING

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
CB	type IA leaf and yard waste	(120 days)	180 days
CF	type 1B & 1C residual <750 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days
CG	type 1B & 1C residual >750 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days
CH	type II <3500 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days
CI	type II >3500 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days
CJ	type III <3500 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days
CK	type III >3500 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days
CL	septage processing <750 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days
CM	septage processing >750 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days
CX	C&R license transfer	-	365 days
CB	permit-by-rule composting wood, leaf and yard wastes	-	18 working days
CZ	C&R processing pilot project	(120 days)	180 days

LAND & WATER QUALITY - NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION ACT*

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
08	water quality certification other than hydro	(60 days)	90 days
2A	shoreline stabilization on a great pond	(60 days)	90 days
2B	other activity on a great pond	(60 days)	90 days
2C	fragile mountains areas	(60 days)	90 days
2D	irrigation ponds	(20 days)	30 days
2E	cranberry bogs	(30 days)	45 days
2F	activity adjacent to a protected resource	(60 days)	90 days
2G	fill or alteration of wetlands of special significance	(60 days)	90 days
DW	sig. habitat: deer wintering area	(60 days)	90 days
IW	sig. habitat: inland water fowl	(60 days)	90 days
TW	sig. habitat: tidal water fowl	(60 days)	90 days
BN	sig. habitat: seabird nesting area	(60 days)	90 days
FS	sig. habitat: shorebird feeding & staging area	(60 days)	90 days
VP	sig. habitat: vernal pools	(90 days)	120 days
GW	sig. groundwater extraction well	(90 days)	90 days
OT	off-shore energy development	(90 days)	120 days
4C	coastal wetland, fill/struc. >1,000 sq. ft below mhwater or over vegetation	(60 days)	90 days
4D	shoreline stabilization in a coastal wetland	(60 days)	90 days
4E	other activity on a coastal wetland	(60 days)	90 days
4P	coastal: docks, piers & wharves	(60 days)	90 days
4F	sand dune - commercial structure >2,500 sq. ft., single or multi-family residence >5000 sq. ft., or any structure >35 ft. tall	(90 days)	120 days
4G	sand dune - beach nourishment or restoration on a sand dune	(60 days)	90 days
4H	other activity on a sand dune	(60 days)	90 days
4I	sand dune, single family residence >2,500 sq. ft. & <5000 sq. ft., and <35 ft. tall	(90 days)	120 days
4J	sand dune - front dune building	(90 days)	120 days
4K	sand dune - back dune building	(60 days)	90 days
4L	sand dune - front dune, new house variance	(90 days)	120 days
4M	sand dune - post or piling variance	(90 days)	120 days
L4	stream alteration, fill in floodway	(60 days)	90 days
L5	stream alteration, shoreline stabilization	(60 days)	90 days
L6	stream alteration, other	(60 days)	90 days
-	permit by rule	-	14 days
TA	freshwater wetland, Tier 1 / 0 - 4,999 sq. ft.	(40 days)	45 days
TB	freshwater wetland, Tier 1 / 5,000 - 9,999 sq. ft.	(40 days)	45 days
TC	freshwater wetland, Tier 1 / 10,000 - 14,999 sq. ft.	(40 days)	45 days
TE	freshwater wetland fill, Tier 2 / 20,000 - 43,560 sq. ft.	(60 days)	90 days
TF	freshwater wetland alteration, Tier 2 / 20,000 - 43,560 sq. ft.	(60 days)	90 days
TG	freshwater wetland fill, Tier 3 > 43,560 sq. ft.	(90 days)	120 days
TH	freshwater wetland alteration, Tier 3, > 43,560 sq. ft.	(90 days)	120 days

* All processing times for new NRPA applications are subject to winter deferral provisions. 38 M.R.S. § 480-E(4).

LAND & WATER QUALITY - MPDES GENERAL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
E1	NOI - 1 to 3 acres, E&S Plan not required or reviewed elsewhere	-	14 days
E2	NOI - 3 to 5 acres, E&S Plan required but not reviewed elsewhere	-	14 days
MN	NOI - Multisector industrial - general permit	-	30 days

LAND & WATER QUALITY - MINING & EXCAVATIONS

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
	notice of intent to comply w/excavation	-	-
	notice of intent to expand excavations	-	45 days
	variance from excavation standards; general	-	90 days
80	variance from quarry standards; general	-	90 days
	notice of intent to comply w/quarry standards	-	-
	notice of intent to expand quarry	-	45 days
	variance from quarry standards; general	-	90 days
81	topsoil mining	-	45 days

LAND & WATER QUALITY - SITE LOCATION

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
06	delegation of authority to a municipality	(120 days)	150 days
18	airport development	(120 days)	150 days
19	medical facility development	(120 days)	150 days
20	paper mill development	(120 days)	150 days
21	lumber products sawmill development	(120 days)	150 days
22	school development	(90 days)	120 days
23	shopping center development	(120 days)	150 days
24	non-hydro utility development	(120 days)	150 days
25	warehouse development	(120 days)	150 days
26	other non-residential structure development	(150 days)	185 days
27	pipeline development	(150 days)	185 days
28	recreational site development	(150 days)	185 days
39	industrial park development	(120 days)	150 days
85	transient lodging development	(120 days)	150 days
87	multi-family or condominium development	(120 days)	150 days
L0	great american neighborhood	(150 days)	120 days
L1	residential subdivision development of affordable housing	(120 days)	150 days
L2	residential subdivision development with public water & sewer	(120 days)	150 days
L3	all other residential subdivision development	(120 days)	150 days
MX	residential mixed use:		
	residential/condo	(120 days)	150 days
	residential/non-residential	(120 days)	150 days
ES	windpower – small scale development	-	185 days
L7	metallic mining - baseline process	(150 days)	185 days
L8	metallic mining (DEP coordinating)	(150 days)	185 days
-	planning permit (pertains to any site type project except sub-division)	-	185 days
-	roundwood NOI		

LAND & WATER QUALITY - WINDPOWER CERTIFICATION

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
ES	windpower – small scale development	(150 days)	185 days

LAND & WATER QUALITY - DAMS AND HYDRO

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
32	water quality certification for storage	(300 days)	365 days
33	water quality certification, no increase in capacity	(300 days)	365 days
34	maintenance/repair only	(100 days)	180 days
35	new/expanded generating capacity	(300 days)	365 days
36	dams, water levels	(300 days)	365 days
37	dams, abandonment	(300 days)	365 days
3D	dams, release of impoundment	(245 days)	365 days
3A	hydro licensing, first consultation	(60 days)	90 days
3B	hydro licensing, second consultation	(60 days)	90 days

LAND & WATER QUALITY - WASTEWATER DISCHARGE

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
5A	residential OBD up to 600 GPD	(60 days)	90 days
5B	residential OBD over 600 GPD	(60 days)	90 days
5C	commercial OBD	(120 days)	180 days
5D	publicly owned OBD up to 6,000 GPD	(120 days)	180 days
5J	sanitary wastewater, commercial (non-OBD)	(120 days)	180 days
6A	POTW, <10K GPD, no sig. industrial waste	(120 days)	180 days
6B	POTW, 10K to 100K GPD, no sig. industrial waste	(120 days)	180 days
6C	POTW, 100K to 1M GPD, no sig. industrial waste	(120 days)	180 days
6D	POTW, 1M to 5M GPD, no sig. industrial waste	(120 days)	180 days
5M	POTW over 5 MGD or with significant industrial waste	(150 days)	270 days
5N	major industrial facility/process wastewater	(150 days)	270 days
5O	minor industrial facility/process wastewater	(120 days)	210 days
5P	food handling or packaging wastewater	(120 days)	210 days
6E	fish rearing facility <100K GPD	(120 days)	180 days
6F	fish rearing facility >100K GPD	(120 days)	180 days
5R	non-contact cooling water	(120 days)	180 days
5S	ind. or comm. sources/misc. or incidental non-process wastewater	(120 days)	180 days
5T	municipal combined sewer overflow	(120 days)	180 days
5U	aquatic pesticide application	(45 days)	180 days
5V	snow dumps	(60 days)	90 days
5W	salt and sand storage pile	(120 days)	180 days
5X	log storage permit	(60 days)	90 days
5Y	general permit for storm water discharges	(60 days)	90 days
5Z	experimental discharge license	(150 days)	270 days
51	creation of mixing zone	(180 days)	210 days
54	formation of sanitary district	(90 days)	120 days
6G	marine aquaculture facility	(90 days)	120 days
6H	marine aquaculture - general permit	-	14 work days
63	property tax exemption certification	(60 days)	120 days
64	sales & use tax exemption certification	(60 days)	120 days
68	water quality certification--NPDES permit	(60 days)	180 days