



PERMIT INFORMATION

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The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has prepared a list of key questions to help identify what DEQ permits, licenses, or approvals of a permit-like nature may be needed. By contacting the appropriate offices indicated, you will help reduce the possibility that your project or activity will be delayed due to the untimely discovery of additional permitting requirements later in the construction process. While this list covers the existence of permits and approvals required from the DEQ, it is not a comprehensive list of all legal responsibilities. A useful way to learn whether other requirements will apply is to go through the Self-Environmental Assessment in the Michigan Guide to Environmental, Health, and Safety Regulations, online at: <http://www.michigan.gov/ehsguide>. Please call the Environmental Assistance Center at 800-662-9278 to talk with any of the DEQ programs noted below.

How Do I Know that I Need a Construction Permit?	Yes	No
1) Will your business involve the installation or construction of any process equipment that has the potential to emit air contaminants (e.g. dry sand blasting, boilers, standby generators)? Air Quality Permit to Install, Air Quality Division (AQD), Permit Section	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
2) Does the project involve renovating or demolishing all or portions of a building? Notification is required for asbestos removal and required for all demolitions even if the structure never contained asbestos. Asbestos Notification, AQD, Asbestos Program , 517-284-6777	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
3) Please consult the Permitting at the Land and Water Interface Decision Tree document to evaluate whether your project needs a land and water management permit (i.e., Does the project involve filling, dredging, placement of structures, draining, or use of a wetland?). Land and Water Featured Programs (Water Resources Division - WRD) - Joint Permit Application , 517-284-5567: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Does the project involve construction of a building or septic system in a designated Great Lakes high risk erosion area? b. Does the project involve dredging, filling, grading, or other alteration of the soil, vegetation, or natural drainage, or placement of permanent structures in a designated environmental area? c. Does the project propose any development, construction, silvicultural activities or contour alterations within a designated critical dune area? d. Does the project involve construction of a dam, weir or other structure to impound flow? 	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
4) Does the project involve an earth change activity (including land balancing, demolition involving soil movement, and construction) or does the project involve construction which will disturb one or more acres that come into contact with storm water that enters a storm sewer, drain, lake, stream, or other surface water? Soil Erosion and Construction Storm Water , 269-567-3515, or Local Agency	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
5) Does the project involve the construction or alteration of a water supply system or sewage disposal system for a manufactured housing project? Office of Drinking Water & Municipal Assistance (ODWMA), 269-491-4536	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
6) Does the project involve construction or alteration of any sewage collection or treatment facility? WRD, Part 41 Construction Permit Program (staff) , 906-228-4527, or DEQ District Office	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
7) Public Swimming Pool Construction (Spas/Hot Tubs) Permits: Will your business involve the construction or modification of a public swimming pool, spa or hot tub? Public Swimming Pool Program , 517-284-6541, or DEQ District Office	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
8) Does the project involve the construction or modification of a campground? ODWMA, Campgrounds program , 517-284-6529	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>

9) Does the project involve construction of a facility that landfills, transfers, or processes of any type of solid non-hazardous waste on-site, or places industrial residuals/sludge into or onto the ground? Office of Waste Management and Radiological Protection (OWMRP), Solid Waste , 517-284-6588, or DEQ District Office	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
10) Does the project involve the construction of an on-site treatment, storage, or disposal facility for hazardous waste? OWMRP, Hazardous Waste Section, Treatment, Storage and Disposal , 517-284-6562	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Who Regulates My Drinking (Potable) Water Supply?		
11) I am buying water from my community water supply (i.e. city of Detroit or Grand Rapids), Contact Local Water Utility , 517-284-6512	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
12) I have a Non-Community Water Supply (Type II) Guide , Contact (District or County) Local Health Department , 517-485-0660	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
13) I am a community water supply (Type I) Community Water Supply, DEQ District Office Community Water Supply Program , 517-284-6512	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
14) Do you desire to develop a withdrawal of over 2,000,000 gallons of water per day from any source including groundwater, inland surface water, or the Great Lakes and their connecting waterways? WRD, Great Lakes Shorelands Unit, Water Use Program, 517-284-5563	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Who Regulates My Wastewater Discharge System?		
15) NPDES: Does the project involve the discharge of any type of wastewater to a storm sewer, drain, lake, stream, or other surface water? WRD, DEQ District Office , or National Pollutant Discharge Elimination (NPDES) Permit Program , 517-284-5568	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
16) Does the facility have industrial activity that comes into contact with storm water that enters a storm sewer, drain, lake, stream, or other surface water? WRD, Permits Section , or DEQ District Office , 517-284-5588	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
17) Does the project involve the discharge of wastewaters into or onto the ground (e.g. subsurface disposal or irrigation)? WRD, Groundwater Permits Program , 517-290-2570	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
18) Does the project involve the drilling or deepening of wells for waste disposal? Office of Oil, Gas and Minerals (OOGM), 517-284-6841	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
What Operational Permits Are Relevant to My Operation and Air Emissions?		
19) Renewable Operating Permit: Does your facility have the potential to emit any of the following: 100 tons per year or more of any criteria pollutant; 10 tons per year or more of any hazardous air pollutant; or 25 tons per year or more of any combination of hazardous air pollutants? AQD, Permit Section , 517-284-6634	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
20) Does your facility have an electric generating unit that sells electricity to the grid and burns a fossil fuel? AQD, Acid Rain Permit Program , 517-780-7843	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
What Operational Permits Are Relevant to My Waste Management?		
21) Does the project involve landfilling, transferring, or processing of any type of solid non-hazardous waste on-site, or placing industrial residuals/sludge into or onto the ground? OWMRP , 517-284-6588 or DEQ District Office	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
22) Does the project involve the on-site treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste? OWMRP, Hazardous and Liquid Waste , 517-284-6562	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>

23) Does the project require a site identification number (EPA number) for regulated waste activities (used oil, liquid waste, hazardous waste, universal waste, PCBs)? (Hazardous Waste Program Forms & License Applications) OWMRP, DEQ District Office , 517-284-6562	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
24) Does the project involve the receipt, possession, manufacture, use, storage, transport, transfer, release, or disposal of radioactive material in any form? OWMRP, Radioactive Material and Standards Unit , 517-284-6581	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
25) Does the project involve decommissioning or decontamination of tanks, piping, and/or appurtenances that may have radioactive levels above background? OWMRP Radioactive Material and Standards Unit , 517-284-6581	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
26) Does the project involve the generation of medical waste or a facility that treats medical waste prior to its disposal? OWMRP, Medical Waste Regulatory Program , 517-284-6594	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
What Sector-Specific Permits May be Relevant to My Business?		
Transporters		
27) Does the project involve the <i>transport</i> of some other facility's non-hazardous liquid waste? OWMRP, Transporter Program , 517-284-6562	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
28) Does the project involve the <i>transport</i> of hazardous waste? OWMRP, Transporter Program , 517-284-6562	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
29) Do you engage in the business of transporting bulk water for drinking or household purposes (except for your own household use)? ODWMA, Water Hauler Information , 517-284-6527	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
30) Does the project involve <i>transport</i> of septic tank, cesspool, or dry well contents or the discharge of septage or sewage sludge into or onto the ground? ODWMA, Septage Program , 517-284-6535	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
31) Do you store, haul, shred or process <i>scrap tires</i> ? OWMRP, Scrap Tire Program , 517-284-6586	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Sectors		
32) Is the project a <i>dry cleaning</i> establishment utilizing perchloroethylene or a flammable solvent in the cleaning process? AQD, Dry Cleaning Program , 517-284-6780	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
33) Does your <i>laboratory</i> test potable water as required for compliance and monitoring purposes of the Safe Drinking Water Act? Laboratory Services Certifications , 517-284-5424	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
34) Does the project involve the operation of a <i>public swimming pool</i> ? ODWMA, Public Swimming Pools Program , 517-284-6529	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
35) Does the project involve the operation of a <i>campground</i> ? ODWMA, Campgrounds , 517-284-6529	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
What Permits Do I Need to Add Chemicals to Lakes and Streams?		
36) Are you applying a chemical treatment for the purpose of aquatic nuisance control (pesticide/herbicide etc.) in a water body (i.e. lake, pond or river)? WRD, Aquatic Nuisance Control , 517-284-5593	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
37) Are you applying materials to a water body for a water resource management project (i.e. mosquito control treatments, dye testing, or fish reclamation projects)? WRD, Surface Water Assessment Section , 517-331-5228	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>

Why would I be subject to Oil, Gas and Mineral Permitting?		
38) Do you want to operate a central production facility (applies to oil and gas production facilities where products of diverse ownership are commingled)? OOGM, Petroleum Geology and Production Unit , 517-284-6826	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
39) Does the project involve the removal of sand from a sand dune area within two (2) miles of a Great Lakes shoreline? OOGM, Minerals and Mapping Unit, Sand Dune Mining Program , 517-284-6826	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
40) Does the project involve decommissioning or decontamination of tanks, piping, and/or appurtenances that may have radioactive levels above background? OWMRP, Radioactive Protection Programs , 517-284-6581	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Petroleum & Mining , OOGM, 517-284-6826		
41) Does the project involve the diversion and control of water for the mining and processing of low-grade iron ore?	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
42) Does the project involve the surface or open-pit mining of metallic mineral deposits?	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
43) Does the project involve the mining of nonferrous mineral deposits at the surface or in underground mines?	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
44) Does the project involve mining coal?	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
45) Does the project involve changing the status or plugging of a mineral well?	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
46) Does the project involve the drilling or deepening of wells for brine production, solution mining, storage, or as test wells?	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Permits & Bonding , OOGM, 517-284-6841		
47) Do you want to change the status of an oil or gas well (i.e. plug the well)?	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
48) Does the project involve drilling of oil, gas, brine disposal, secondary recovery, or hydrocarbon storage wells?	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>

If you need further assistance, please fill out the information below and email the form to deg-assist@michigan.gov.

Requester Information

First and Last Name:

Requester Phone:

E-mail: