



Enrollment in Voluntary Cleanup Program

Description: Entry into Voluntary Cleanup Program, where sites are assessed and remediated under ADEM oversight. Successful completion in the VCP may provide some liability protection under the Brownfield Redevelopment and Voluntary Cleanup Program Act.

Issuing Division: Land **Branch:** Environmental Services

When is a permit required? Entry into the VCP can occur at any time in the assessment or remediation planning stage. ADEM will review assessment plans, assessment reports and remediation plans and will determine if a site may qualify for entry into the program and can benefit from liability protections for brownfields sites.

☐ before construction ☐ before operation ☐ before discharge

Permit is required

Days from complete application to issuance: (minimum) (maximum)

Notes on approval timeline: There is no approval timeline required by the regulations to determine eligibility into the VCP. Normally less than 30 days are required to determine eligibility. By statute ADEM has a 60-day review timeframe for assessment plans and cleanup plans. If timeframe is not met, plan is automatically approved.

Local approval required? No.

Application procedure: Submit Form 521 with applicable fee.

Base permit fee: \$42,985

Additive fees (explain):

Term of permit: Indefinite

Public notice required? ☒ Yes ☐ No **Length of notice:** 30 days

Public hearing required? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Departmental discretion/based on comments

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Additional Information:

Forms Required

Form #	Form Name	Applicability/Notes
521	Voluntary Cleanup Program Application Form	