



Individual NPDES Mining Permit

Description: For the discharge of process water and stormwater runoff related to surface and underground mining operations

Issuing Division: Water **Branch:** Stormwater Management Branch

When is a permit required? All surface mining operations with a disturbed area greater than or equal to five acres (including all associated haul roads); all mining operations denied coverage under a General NPDES Permit; all coal mining operations (surface or underground) including preparation plants and related activities; and all wet preparation plants associated with any size mining operations.

Permit is required ☒ **before construction** ☐ **before operation** ☐ **before discharge**

Days from complete application to issuance: 180 (minimum) (maximum)

Notes on approval timeline: An application is required to be submitted at least 180 days prior to any mining, processing, construction, land disturbance, or other regulated activity proposed to be authorized by the permit and 180 days prior to permit expiration.

Local approval required? No.

Application procedure: Submit application form(s); discharge and instream pollutant data (if applicable); a Pollution Abatement and/or Prevention Plan; a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures Plan (if applicable); and appropriate fee(s)

Base permit fee: \$5,820 (unless wet preparation) and \$6,860 (for wet preparation)

Additive fees (explain): Greenfield fee \$1,610; toxicity fee \$1,015; model review fee \$2,705; modeling fee \$4,855 to \$60,390

Term of permit: 5 years from effective date

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: Anti-degradation analysis is required for any new or expanded discharge to a Tier 2 water after April 3, 1991.

Forms Required

Form #	Form Name	Applicability/Notes
315	NPDES Individual Permit Application	Surface and underground mineral and/or ore mining; quarrying; excavation; borrowing; hydraulic mining; preparation; and associated areas
EPA Form 2C	Wastewater Discharge Information	Facilities that discharge Process Wastewater
EPA Form 2D	New Sources and New Discharges	Facilities that propose to discharge process water

Form #	Form Name	Applicability/Notes
466	Transfer Agreement	Transfer of any permit to a new Permittee
376	NPDES Individual Permit Application Addendum	Outfall changes; transfer of permit; information update; change of officers; change of address; or other addendums to previously submitted application
455	Required Information for Mixing Zone Remodeling	Facilities requesting application of effluent limitations beyond the Mixing Zone/Zone of Initial Dilution