

Water

Pump & Haul Systems Permit (Wastewater)

What Activities Require This Permit? Disposal of wastewater, permitted under the Division of Water Resources, by pumping and hauling the wastewater to an alternate, permitted disposal facility. Pump and haul systems that are not permitted by regulation (refer to 15A NCAC 02T .0203) can be permitted in cases of environmental emergencies, nuisance conditions, health problems, or for unavoidable delays in construction of systems permitted under the authority of the Division of Water Resources.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? This is a short-term alternative to ensure the proper disposal of domestic wastewater for systems meeting the requirements listed in 15A NCAC 02T .0200.

Who Issues This Permit? N.C. Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Resources, Water Quality Regional Operations Section.

How Much Will This Permit Cost? A full list of current permitting fees can be found at the following link: <https://www.deq.nc.gov/accessdeq/permit-fees-2025-updates>

What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees? Check

If Paying by Check, Who do I Make the Check Payable to and Where Do I Send the Check? Make check payable to NC DEQ; include check with application. For information on where to send the application, see the section below titled "Where Do I Submit My Application."

Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit?

An application for a Wastewater Pump and Haul Permit consists of: (a) one original and a copy of the completed and appropriately executed application form (obtained from the appropriate regional office); (b) two sets of detailed plans and specifications signed and sealed by a North Carolina Registered Professional Engineer if required by the regional office; (c) the permit processing fee; (d) a letter must be provided from the owner/authority of the wastewater treatment facility stating that the wastewater (type and volume) will be accepted; and, (e) a copy of the contract or agreement between the wastewater hauler and the applicant and a map indicating the haul route. The letter (d) should be dated within 30 days of the permit application and should refer to the project by the same name as that identified on the application and the plans/specifications. Contact the appropriate regional office of the Water Quality Regional Operations Section for copies of the checklist and rules: <http://deq.nc.gov/contact/regional-offices>.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? For a complete application, review time is approximately two weeks or less.

Where Do I Submit My Application? Pump and haul permit applications are to be submitted to the appropriate regional office of the Division of Water Resources, Water Quality Regional Operations Section. Visit the following link for regional office contact information: <http://deq.nc.gov/contact/regional-offices>.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? 6 Months.

Notes/Comments: None.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: NCAC 15A 02T .0200, G.S. 143-215.1; 143-215.3(a)

Link: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-permits/wastewater-branch/collection-systems/pump-haul>

Statewide Contact Information:

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