

Water

Sewer Extensions-Fast Track

What Activities Require This Permit? Ownership and operation of sewer lines, force mains, and pump stations used for the purpose of conveying wastewater to a designated wastewater treatment facility. Sewer extensions that are not of "alternative" design and do not require a variance from the requirements of 15A NCAC 02T or the MDC may apply for permits through the fast-track permitting process.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? The permitting of sewer extensions allows for their use in a manner that is protective of health and the environment and supports the prohibition of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs).

Who Issues This Permit? N.C. Division of Water Resources (DWR) Regional Offices.

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? <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-permits/wastewater-branch/collection-systems/sewer-extension-permitting>

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? Approximately 30 calendar days (upon receipt of a correct and complete application package), although reviews may take up to 90 days in extenuating circumstances.

Where Do I Submit My Application? The completed application form should be submitted to the appropriate regional office: <http://deq.nc.gov/contact/regional-offices>. Also, the application includes a list of the counties served by each region.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? Permits are valid for the life of the sewer extension.

Notes/Comments: Forms may be obtained through the DWR web page (see link above) or by contacting the appropriate regional office. Rules governing sewer extensions are contained in Title 15A North Carolina General Statute, Subchapter 02T, Section .0300 (15A NCAC 02T .0300).

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: GS 133-3; GS 143-215.1; 143-215.3(a); 143-215.6A; and GS 143-215.6B

Links: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-permits/wastewater-branch/collection-systems/sewer-extension-permitting>

Statewide Contact Information:

General information may be received from the contact information below, but applications must be sent to the appropriate regional office. Visit the following link for regional office contact information:
<http://deq.nc.gov/contact/regional-offices>.

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