

Water

Water Supply System Plans and Specifications Approval

What Activities Require This Permit? The construction, alteration or expansion of a community or non-transient non-community public water system requires advanced approval by the N.C. Division of Water Resources, Public Water Supply Section (PWSS). See Section .0300 in 15A NCAC 18C

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To comply with engineering planning and review requirements before construction, alteration or expansion of a community or non-transient non-community public water system under Chapter 15A of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC) Subchapter 18C Section .0300 and General Statute 130A-315. <http://deq.nc.gov/node/82898> and <http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/statutes/Statutes.asp>

Who Issues This Permit? N.C. Division of Water Resources, Public Water Supply Section

How Much Will This Permit Cost? Fees are imposed for the review of plans, specifications and other information submitted for approval of construction or alteration of a public water system. The fees are based on the type of construction or alteration proposed and range from \$50 to \$250. For a detailed breakdown of the fee schedule, visit: <http://deq.nc.gov/node/82895>.

What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees?

Payment by check or money order is required.

If Paying by Check, Who do I Make the Check Payable to and Where Do I Send the Check?

Checks are made payable to "DEQ-Public Water Supply Section" and must accompany the application.

Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit? Applications may be obtained from the Public Water Supply Section's Plan Review Unit or online at: <http://deq.nc.gov/node/82930>.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? Under normal working conditions review is anticipated to begin within 30 days of receipt of engineering plans, specifications and reports with appropriate fees. The time for a completed review depends on applicant's response time to requests for additional information, reports or revisions.

Where Do I Submit My Application? Applications may be submitted to the Public Water Supply Section's Plan Review Unit. Mailing address is: Public Water Supply Section, 1634 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1634. The office location is: Archdale Building, Room 1304-A, 512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27604.

How Long Is My Permit Valid? The "authorization to construct" is valid for 24 months from the date of the authorization letter. The "final approval" is valid until the system ceases to be a community or non-transient non-community public water system. A deactivated system must be reevaluated for compliance with current requirements and a new approval issued by the Public Water Supply Section before the system may again serve water as a community or non-transient non-community public water system.

Notes/Comments: A public water system operating permit is required prior to final approval and use of a new community or non-transient non-community public water system. Visit: http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_130A/GS_130A-328.pdf.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference:

G.S. 130A-315, See: <http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/statutes/Statutes.asp>

Link: PWSS Plan Review: <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/drinking-water/plan-review>
Public Water Supply Section Main Page: <http://deq.nc.gov/node/82906>

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