



Department of Environmental Protection
Processing Times for New Applications
Effective: November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025



This schedule provides processing times grouped by D.E.P. program. These times apply to license applications accepted as complete for processing by D.E.P. on or after November 1, 2024 that are under the commissioner's jurisdiction, including applications for new licenses, license amendments, minor revisions, condition compliance applications, renewals, transfers and surrenders. Processing times do not apply to after-the-fact license applications or applications over which the Board of Environmental Protection has jurisdiction.

The "Processing Time" column is measured from the date the application is accepted as complete for processing¹ to the date of the D.E.P. decision on the application. This is the maximum period of time the agency has to process an application before the forfeiture provisions contained in Maine Revised Statutes Title 38, Section 344-B apply.² Where multiple permits for a single project are required, D.E.P. issues a single order including multiple permits, where possible. Such an order is governed by the longest of the processing times for the included permits. The 'goal column,' where a number is provided, is the time within which D.E.P. strives to issue a decision. All times are in calendar days unless specifically noted otherwise.

Air Quality

Code	Description	(Goals)	Processing Time
70	initial part 70 air license (c. 140)	-	548 days
71	new minor source license (c. 115)	-	270 days
71	minor modification at a minor source (c. 115)	-	270 days
77	minor modification at a major source (c. 115)	-	270 days
77	new major source license & major modifications (c. 115)	(270 days)	365 days
	general permit (c. 149. 164, & 165)	-	60 days
75	property or sales & use tax exemption certification	(90 days)	180 days

Land Resources – Dams and Hydropower

Code	Description	(Goals)	Processing Time
32	FERC water quality certification for storage	(300 days)	365 days
33	FERC water quality certification, no increase in capacity	(300 days)	365 days
34	MWDCA maintenance/repair only	(100 days)	180 days
35	MWDCA new construction/expanded generating capacity	(300 days)	365 days
36	water level petitions	(300 days)	-
3D	dams, release of impoundment	--	570 days
3E	non-hydropower dams	(60 days)	120 days
3A	FERC hydropower licensing, first consultation	-	-
3B	FERC hydropower licensing, second consultation	-	-

¹ If a written notice of acceptance or nonacceptance is not sent to the applicant within 15 working days of receipt of the application, the application is deemed to be accepted as complete for processing on the 15th working day after receipt by the department. (38 M.R.S. §344(1)).

² If the department does not approve or deny an application within the allotted processing time and the deadline has not been extended in accordance with 38 M.R.S. §344-B(3), the applicant will be refunded 50% of the processing fee. The remainder of the processing fee is payable to the applicant if the application is not approved or denied within 120 calendar days after that deadline. (38 M.R.S. §344-B(5)).

Land Resources – Mining and Excavations

Code	Description	(Goals)	Processing Time
80	notice of intent to comply w/borrow pit or quarry standards	-	45 days
	notice of borrow pit or quarry expansion	-	45 days
	variance from excavation standards; general	-	90 days
	variance from excavation standards excavation below the water table or externally drained	-	120 days
	variance from excavation standards: topsoil salvage	-	90 days
	variance from quarry standards: general	-	90 days
	variance from quarry standards: excavation below the water table or externally drained	-	120 days
	variance from quarry standards: topsoil salvage or air blasts & ground	-	90 days

Land Resources – Natural Resources Protection Act¹

Code	Description	(Goals)	Processing Time	Over capacity ³
-	NRPA permit by rule notification	-	14 days	-
08	water quality certification other than hydropower	(60 days)	120 days	150 days
2A	shoreline stabilization on a great pond	(60 days)	120 days	150 days
2B	other activity on a great pond	(60 days)	120 days	150 days
2C	fragile mountains areas	(60 days)	120 days	150 days
2D	irrigation ponds	(90 days)	150 days	180 days
AP	agricultural irrigation pond	(25 days)	30 days	-
2E	cranberry bogs	(90 days)	150 days	180 days
CW	cranberry cultivation	(40 days)	45 days	-
2F	activity adjacent to a protected natural resource	(60 days)	120 days	150 days
2G	fill or alteration of wetlands of special significance	(60 days)	120 days	150 days
DW	significant wildlife habitat: deer wintering area	(60 days)	120 days	150 days
IW	significant wildlife habitat: inland waterfowl area	(60 days)	120 days	150 days
TW	significant wildlife habitat: tidal waterfowl area	(60 days)	120 days	150 days
BN	significant wildlife habitat: seabird nesting island	(60 days)	120 days	150 days
FS	significant wildlife habitat: shorebird feeding & staging areas	(60 days)	120 days	150 days
VP	significant wildlife habitat: significant vernal pools	(90 days)	150 days	180 days
3E	non-hydropower dams	(60 days)	120 days	150 days
GW	significant groundwater extraction well	(90 days)	180 days	210 days
OS	offshore wind energy demonstration project	(45 days)	60 days	-
OT	offshore energy development	(90 days)	150 days	180 days
4C	coastal wetland, fill or structure >1,000 sq. ft. and below highest annual tide or over wetland vegetation	(60 days)	120 days	150 days
4D	shoreline stabilization in a coastal wetland	(60 days)	120 days	150 days
4E	other activity on a coastal wetland	(90 days)	150 days	180 days
4P	coastal: docks, piers & wharves	(60 days)	120 days	150 days

³ When the department is processing more than 30 applications per Licensing Specialist, the processing time for a newly received NRPA application is longer to account for the availability of staff resources.

4F	sand dune: commercial structure >2,500 sq. ft.; single or multi-family residence >5000 sq. ft.; or any structure >35 ft. tall unless height related to posts	(90 days)	150 days	180 days
4G	sand dune: beach nourishment or restoration on a sand dune	(60 days)	120 days	150 days
4H	other activity on a sand dune	(60 days)	120 days	150 days
4I	sand dune: residential building >2,500 sq. ft. & <5000 sq. ft., and <35 ft. tall	(90 days)	150 days	180 days
4J	sand dune: front dune building	(90 days)	150 days	180 days
4K	sand dune: back dune building	(60 days)	120 days	150 days
4L	sand dune: front dune, new house variance	(90 days)	150 days	180 days
4M	sand dune: post or piling variance	(90 days)	150 days	180 days
L4	stream alteration, fill in floodway	(60 days)	120 days	150 days
L5	stream alteration, shoreline stabilization	(60 days)	120 days	150 days
L6	stream alteration, other	(60 days)	120 days	150 days
MB	mitigation bank	(90 days)	150 days	180 days
MC	mitigation credit	(90 days)	150 days	180 days
TA	freshwater wetland, Tier 1 / 0 - 4,999 sq. ft.	(40 days)	45 days	-
TB	freshwater wetland, Tier 1 / 5,000 - 9,999 sq. ft.	(40 days)	45 days	-
TC	freshwater wetland, Tier 1 / 10,000 - 14,999 sq. ft.	(40 days)	45 days	-
TE	freshwater wetland fill, Tier 2 / 15,000 - 43,560 sq. ft.	(60 days)	60 days	-
TF	freshwater wetland alteration, Tier 2 / 15,000 - 43,560 sq. ft.	(60 days)	60 days	-
TG	freshwater wetland fill, Tier 3 > 43,560 sq. ft.	(90 days)	150 days	180 days
TH	freshwater wetland alteration, Tier 3, > 43,560 sq. ft.	(90 days)	150 days	180 days

¹ All processing times for new NRPA applications are subject to winter deferral provisions. 38 M.R.S. § 480-E(4).

Land Resources – Small-Scale Wind Energy Developments

Code	Description	(Goals)	Processing Time
ES	certification of small scale wind development	(150 days)	215 days

Land Resources – Site Location of Development Act

Code	Description	(Goals)	Processing Time
06	delegation of authority to a municipality	(120 days)	195 days
18	airport development	(120 days)	195 days
19	medical facility development	(120 days)	195 days
20	paper mill development	(120 days)	195 days
21	lumber products sawmill development	(120 days)	195 days
22	school development	(90 days)	165 days
23	shopping center development	(120 days)	195 days
24²	non-hydro utility development	(120 days)	150 days
25	warehouse development	(120 days)	195 days
26	other non-residential structure development	(150 days)	230 days
27	pipeline development	(150 days)	230 days
28	recreational site development	(150 days)	230 days
39	industrial park/commercial development	(120 days)	195 days
85	transient lodging development	(120 days)	195 days
87	multi-family or condominium development	(120 days)	195 days
L0	great american neighborhood	(90 days)	165 days

L1	residential subdivision development of affordable housing	(120 days)	195 days
L2	residential subdivision development with public water & sewer	(120 days)	195 days
L3	all other residential subdivision development	(120 days)	195 days
MX	mixed use:		
	residential/condo	(120 days)	195 days
	residential/non-residential	(120 days)	195 days
L7	metallic mining - baseline process	(150 days)	230 days
PS	Solar Projects	(120 days)	195 days
TP	MDOT/MTA	(30 days)	30 days
-	planning permit (pertains to any Site Law project except subdivisions)	-	230 days
-	notice of intent to comply, roundwood	(150 days)	90 days

²This type code does not include solar projects; they have the code PS. Additionally, pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 344(2-A)(A), processing time for an expedited wind energy project is 185 days.

Land Resources – Solar Decommissioning

Code	Description	(Goals)	Processing Time
DP	review of solar energy development decommissioning plan	(45 days)	90 days

Land Resources – Maine Construction General Permit

Code	Description	(Goals)	Processing Time
E1	NOI - 1 to 3 acres	-	14 days
E2	NOI - 3 to 5 acres	-	14 days

Land Resources – Stormwater Management Law

Code	Description	(Goals)	Processing Time
NA	stormwater (sw) at risk - solely vegetative	(30 days)	45 days
NB	sw at risk – structural	(60 days)	90 days
NI	sw, all other - solely vegetative	(30 days)	45 days
NJ	sw, all other – structural	(60 days)	90 days
-	sw permit by rule (all)	-	14 days

Water Quality – Industrial Stormwater

Code	Description	(Goals)	Processing Time
MN	NOI – multi-sector general permit – industrial facilities	-	30 days

Water Quality – Wastewater Discharge

Code	Description	(Goals)	Processing Time
5A	residential OBD up to 600 GPD	(60 days)	90 days
5B	residential OBD over 600 GPD	(60 days)	90 days
5C	commercial OBD	(120 days)	180 days
5D	publicly owned OBD up to 6,000 GPD	(120 days)	180 days
5J	sanitary wastewater, commercial (non-OBD)	(120 days)	180 days
6A	POTW, <10K GPD, no sig. industrial waste	(120 days)	180 days

6B	POTW, 10K to 100K GPD, no sig. industrial waste	(120 days)	180 days
6C	POTW, 100K to 1M GPD, no sig. industrial waste	(120 days)	180 days
6D	POTW, 1M to 5M GPD, no sig. industrial waste	(120 days)	180 days
5M	POTW over 5 MGD or with significant industrial waste	(150 days)	270 days
5N	major industrial facility/process wastewater	(150 days)	270 days
5O	minor industrial facility/process wastewater	(120 days)	210 days
5P	food handling or packaging wastewater	(120 days)	210 days
6E	fish rearing facility <100K GPD	(120 days)	180 days
6F	fish rearing facility >100K GPD	(150 days)	270 days
5R	non-contact cooling water	(120 days)	180 days
5S	ind. or comm. sources/misc. or incidental non-process	(120 days)	180 days
5T	municipal combined sewer overflow	(120 days)	180 days
5U	aquatic pesticide application	(45 days)	180 days
5V	snow dumps	(60 days)	90 days
5W	salt and sand storage pile	(120 days)	180 days
5X	log storage permit	(60 days)	90 days
5Y	general permit for storm water discharges	(150 days)	270 days
5Z	experimental discharge license	(150 days)	270 days
51	creation of mixing zone	(180 days)	210 days
54	formation of sanitary district	(90 days)	120 days
6G	marine aquaculture facility	(150 days)	270 days
6H	marine aquaculture - general permit	(14 days)	31 days
63	property tax exemption certification	(60 days)	120 days
64	sales & use tax exemption certification	(60 days)	120 days
68	water quality certification--NPDES permit	(60 days)	180 days

Remediation & Waste Management – Oil

Code	Description	(Goals)	Processing Time
90	vessels at anchorage	(190 days)	240 days
91	oil terminal - existing fixed facility	(145 days)	180 days
91	oil terminal - new fixed facility	(290 days)	365 days
92	oil terminal – vessel	(145 days)	180 days
93	underground petroleum tank removal waiver	(70 days)	90 days
94	underground petroleum tank siting variance	(70 days)	90 days

Remediation & Waste Management - Biomedical Waste

Code	Description	(Goals)	Processing Time
BA	biomedical waste transfer facility	(215 days)	270 days
BB	biomedical waste transfer facility/lbr	(145 days)	180 days
BC	biomedical waste treatment facility	(365 days)	450 days
BD	biomedical waste treatment facility - site law	(430 days)	540 days
BG	petition to use alternate treatment	(300 days)	365 days
BWGS	biomedical waste generator registration – very small (<10 lb./mo.)		
BWGM	biomedical waste generator registration – small (10-50 lb./mo.)		

Remediation & Waste Management - Hazardous Waste

Code	Description	(Goals)	Processing Time
HK	hw - interim license	(45 days)	120 days
HL	abbreviated license ("al") for beneficial reuse on-site	(145 days)	180 days
HM	al - beneficial reuse off-site	(145 days)	180 days
HN	al - Elementary Neutralization	(145 days)	180 days
HO	al - thermal treatment	(145 days)	180 days
HP	al - discharge to POTWS	(145 days)	180 days
HQ	al - reuse in wastewater treatment	(145 days)	180 days
HR	al - transfer facility	(145 days)	180 days
HS	al - PCB storage	(145 days)	180 days
HT	al - precious metal recovery	(145 days)	180 days
HU	al - volume reduction unit	(145 days)	180 days
HV	al - other facility treatment in tank	(145 days)	180 days
RA	al - reuse of hazardous waste in solid form	(145 days)	180 days
RB	al - electronics demanufacturing facility	(145 days)	180 days

Remediation & Waste Management - Solid Waste

Code	Description	(Goals)	Processing Time
WB	existing non-secure municipal landfill <15,000 people	-	540 days
WC	existing non-secure municipal landfill >15,000 people	-	540 days
WD	secure landfill	-	540 days
WE	secure landfill for woodwaste, land clearing, and demolition debris	-	540 days
WF	non-secure woodwaste, land clearing, and demolition debris ≤6 acres	-	270 days
WN	landfill - closing plan for secure	-	365 days
WO	landfill - closing plan for non-secure	-	365 days
W1	landfill - alternative approval of a municipal closing plan	-	90 days
WP	application for an approval of a closure modification	(60 days)	90 days
WQ	landfill - preliminary information reports	-	60 days
WR	landfill - license transfer	(90 days)	120 days
W5	public benefit determination	-	60 days
WG	incineration - msw/special waste	-	540 days
WW	incineration – license transfers	-	120 days
WH	reduced and full procedure for transfer stations & storage facilities	(120 days)	180 days
WH	permit-by-rule <2-acre wood waste storage area		24 days
WI	tire storage facility	(120 days)	180 days
WI	permit-by-rule tire storage		24 days
WK	processing facility other than composting	(270 days)	365 days
WK	permit-by-rule processing soils contaminated with virgin oil		18 working days
WK	permit-by-rule manufacture of flowable fill		18 working days
WK	permit-by-rule processing wood wastes		18 working days
WV	beneficial use - fuel substitution	(120 days)	180 days
WL	on-going beneficial use other than utilization without risk-assessment	(120 days)	180 days
WM	on-going beneficial use other than utilization with risk-assessment	(120 days)	180 days
W2	authorization through notification for beneficial use of encapsulated petroleum contaminated soil when certified by a P.E.		5 working days
W3	one-time beneficial use other than utilization without risk-assessment	(120 days)	180 days
W3	permit-by-rule beneficial use of tire chips as construction fill		24 days
W3	permit-by-rule beneficial use of tires in structures		24 days

W3	permit-by-rule beneficial use of 6,400 tons or less of encapsulated petroleum contaminated soil as construction fill		24 days
W4	one-time beneficial use other than utilization with risk-assessment	(120 days)	180 days
W7	Beneficial use - reduced procedure - on going		90 days
W8	Beneficial use - reduced procedure – one time		90 days
WS	special waste disposal - one time ≤ 6 cubic yards	-	30 days
WT	special waste disposal - one time > 6 cubic yards	-	60 days
WT	permit-by-rule cull potato disposal		5 working days
WU	special waste disposal – routine	-	90 days
WX	transfer - all other than landfill or incineration facility	(60 days)	90 days
WZ	pilot project	(120 days)	180 days
88	experimental license	(120 days)	180 days

Remediation & Waste Management – Asbestos Abatement and Licensing

Code	Description	(Goals)	Processing Time
--	projects involving more than 100 sq. ft. or 100 linear ft. of ACM or any combination thereof, but less than 500 sq. ft. or 2,500 linear ft. of ACM	(14 days)	45 days
--	projects involving more than 500 sq. ft. or 2,500 linear feet of ACM, but less than 1,000 sq. ft. or 5,000 linear feet of ACM	(14 days)	45 days
--	projects involving more than 1,000 sq. ft. or 5,000 linear ft. of ACM or any combination thereof of ACM	(14 days)	45 days
--	asbestos abatement contractor	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos consultant	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos analytical laboratory	(14 days)	-
--	in-house asbestos abatement unit	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos training provider	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos abatement worker	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos abatement project supervisor	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos air monitor	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos inspector	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos abatement design consultant	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos air analyst	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos bulk analyst	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos management planner	(14 days)	-
--	reissuance of a certificate or photo ID card	(14 days)	-

Remediation & Waste Management – Lead Abatement Licensing and Certification

Code	Description	(Goals)	Processing Time
--	lead abatement worker	(14 days)	-
--	lead abatement project supervisor	(14 days)	-
--	lead inspector	(14 days)	-
--	lead design consultant	(14 days)	-
--	lead risk assessor	(14 days)	-
--	lead abatement contractor	(14 days)	-

--	lead consulting firm	(14 days)	-
--	lead training provider	(14 days)	-

Remediation & Waste Management - Septage Facilities

Code	Description	(Goals)	Processing Time
S1	municipal septage management compliance (septage designation)	(45 days)	60 days
S2	septage non-utilization site (disposal)	(270 days)	365 days
S3	septage utilization site	(270 days)	365 days
S4	septage storage site	(60 days)	90 days
S7	septage license transfer	(60 days)	90 days

Remediation & Waste Management - Sludge & Residuals

Code	Description	(Goals)	Processing Time
SB	industrial sludge utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SH	industrial sludge utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
SC	municipal sludge utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SI	municipal sludge utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
SD	bioash utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SJ	bioash utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
SE	wood ash utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SK	wood ash utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
SF	food waste utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SL	food waste utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
SG	other waste utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
SM	other waste utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
ST	utilization storage <3,500 cubic yards	(120 days)	180 days
SU	utilization storage ≥3,500 cubic yards	(120 days)	180 days
SV	utilization – other	(180 days)	270 days
SX	utilization - license transfer	(60 days)	90 days
SY	utilization - one-time	(120 days)	180 days
SZ	utilization - pilot project	(60 days)	90 days

Remediation & Waste Management - Composting & Residual Processing

Code	Description	(Goals)	Processing Time
CB	type IA leaf and yard waste	(120 days)	180 days
CF	type 1B & 1C residual <750 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days
CG	type 1B & 1C residual >750 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days
CH	type II <3500 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days
CI	type II >3500 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days
CJ	type III <3500 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days
CK	type III >3500 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days
CL	septage processing <750 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days
CM	septage processing >750 yds ³ /yr	-	365 days

CX	C&R license transfer	-	365 days
CB	permit-by-rule composting wood, leaf and yard wastes	-	15 working days
CZ	C&R processing pilot project	(120 days)	180 days

Remediation & Waste Management – Bottle Bill

Code	Description	(Goals)	Processing Time
K3	initiator of deposit license fee for brewer/vintner and small beverage manufacturers producing less than 50,000 gallons annually	(60 days)	-
K4	initiator of deposit license fee for water bottlers producing less than 250,000 containers annually	(60 days)	-
K5	initiator of deposit license fee for all others	(60 days)	-
K6	contracted agent licensing fee	(60 days)	-
K7	redemption center licensing fee	(90 days)	-