



## Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality State Water Alteration Program Conditional Exemption Certification Form



This form is for conditionally exempt activities impacting waters of the State exclusively. This form must be completed prior to commencement of the activity, maintained at the site or locally available, and made available to MDEQ only upon request. This form and all records related to this conditional exemption must be maintained for three (3) years. This form is not required for any activity covered under a Section 401 Water Quality Certification.

<b>Section 1: Contact Information</b>	Contact Name:		<input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Operator	
	First	Last		
	Mailing Address:			
	Street	City	State	Zip
	Phone:	Email:		
Prepared by:			Date Prepared:	

<b>Section 2: Site Information</b>	Site Name:			
	Site Location:			
	Physical Address:			
	Street	City	State	Zip
	Latitude/Longitude:    °   ‘   “   N ,   °   ‘   “   W	Total Proposed Project Size:                      (acres)		
	Description of Activity:			
	Total quantity of waters of the State impacted:		Linear feet of streams, rivers, ephemeral drains, waterways, and other linear waters	
			Acres of swamps, marshes, bogs, wetlands, estuaries, lakes, ponds, reservoirs, or other surface impoundments of water	
Nearest named receiving stream:				
Will this project require a Section 401 Water Quality Certification?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (if Yes, Conditional Exemption not applicable)		

<b>Section 3: Conditional Exemption</b>	<b>Indicate which Conditional Exemption(s) will be used and complete the box for each. (Check all that apply.)</b>		
	<u>Conditional Exemption</u>		<u>Quantity of Water of the State Impacted from this Activity</u>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Linear Transportation Activities		Linear feet of streams, rivers, ephemeral drains, waterways, and other linear waters
			Acres of swamps, marshes, bogs, wetlands, estuaries, lakes, ponds, reservoirs, or other surface impoundments of water
	<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Line Activities		Linear feet of streams, rivers, ephemeral drains, waterways, and other linear waters
			Acres of swamps, marshes, bogs, wetlands, estuaries, lakes, ponds, reservoirs, or other surface impoundments of water
<input type="checkbox"/> Residential, Commercial, and Institutional Development Activities		Linear feet of streams, rivers, ephemeral drains, waterways, and other linear waters	
		Acres of swamps, marshes, bogs, wetlands, estuaries, lakes, ponds, reservoirs, or other surface impoundments of water	

Section 4: Qualifying Questions	<b>Answer the following questions.</b>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Have you read the Applicability / Eligibility section of the appropriate Conditional Exemption(s) and determined that all activities will be eligible?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Will each individual conditionally exempt activity impact less than 0.5 acres of swamps, marshes, bogs, wetlands, estuaries, lakes, ponds, reservoirs, or other surface impoundments of water and less than 500 linear feet of streams, rivers, ephemeral drains, waterways, and other linear waters?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Has the practicable alternative with the least adverse impacts been selected?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Has the activity been designed and will be constructed to avoid and minimize adverse effects, both temporary and permanent, to waters of the State to the maximum extent practicable at the project site?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Will all fill or dredge material be a suitable material as required by the Conditional Exemption(s)?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Will this activity avoid impacting any Outstanding Mississippi Waters (OMW), Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRW), or Wild and Scenic Rivers?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Will this activity avoid jeopardizing the continued existence of any species listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) or listed as rare, threatened, or endangered under the State of Mississippi's Natural Heritage Program?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Will this project comply with all general and specific conditions outlined in each applicable Conditional Exemption(s)?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Is a site map that is required by the Conditional Exemption(s) attached with this form?	
<b>NOTE: Selecting "No" in response to any of the above questions deems the project ineligible for the Conditional Exemption(s).</b>			

Section 5: Certification	<p>I certify (I am the responsible official) as defined by 11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 6, R. 1.1.2.C(1) and have the authority to undertake the work described above.</p> <p>I certify under penalty of law that I have read and understand the eligibility requirements and qualify for this conditional exemption from obtaining a permit from MDEQ.</p> <p>Additionally, I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to ensure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.</p>	
	Signature	
	Name (Print)	
	Title	
Date		