



MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY STORMWATER AND SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

KEY INFORMATION TO KNOW

MDEQ issues a variety of permits necessary for economic development projects including permits required for ground disturbing activities (stormwater construction) and the crossing or filling of waterbodies (Water Quality Certification).

SMALL CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER PERMIT

This permit is required for projects disturbing one acre or more but less than five acres. Applicants seeking coverage under the SCGP must complete a Small Construction Notice of Intent (SCNOI), develop a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), and maintain any other relevant documents required by the SCGP. These documents should only be submitted upon MDEQ's request and must be maintained on-site as specified by the SCGP. No MDEQ approval is required prior to construction.

LARGE CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER PERMIT

This permit is required for projects disturbing five acres or more. Applicants must submit a Large Construction Notice of Intent (LCNOI), a SWPPP, and any other relevant documents required by the LCGP. Applicants can submit to MDEQ via the online portal at www.mdeq.ms.gov/noi_esubmittals/. Additionally, hard copies are required to be mailed to: Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Permits Division, P.O. Box 2261 Jackson, MS 39225-2261.

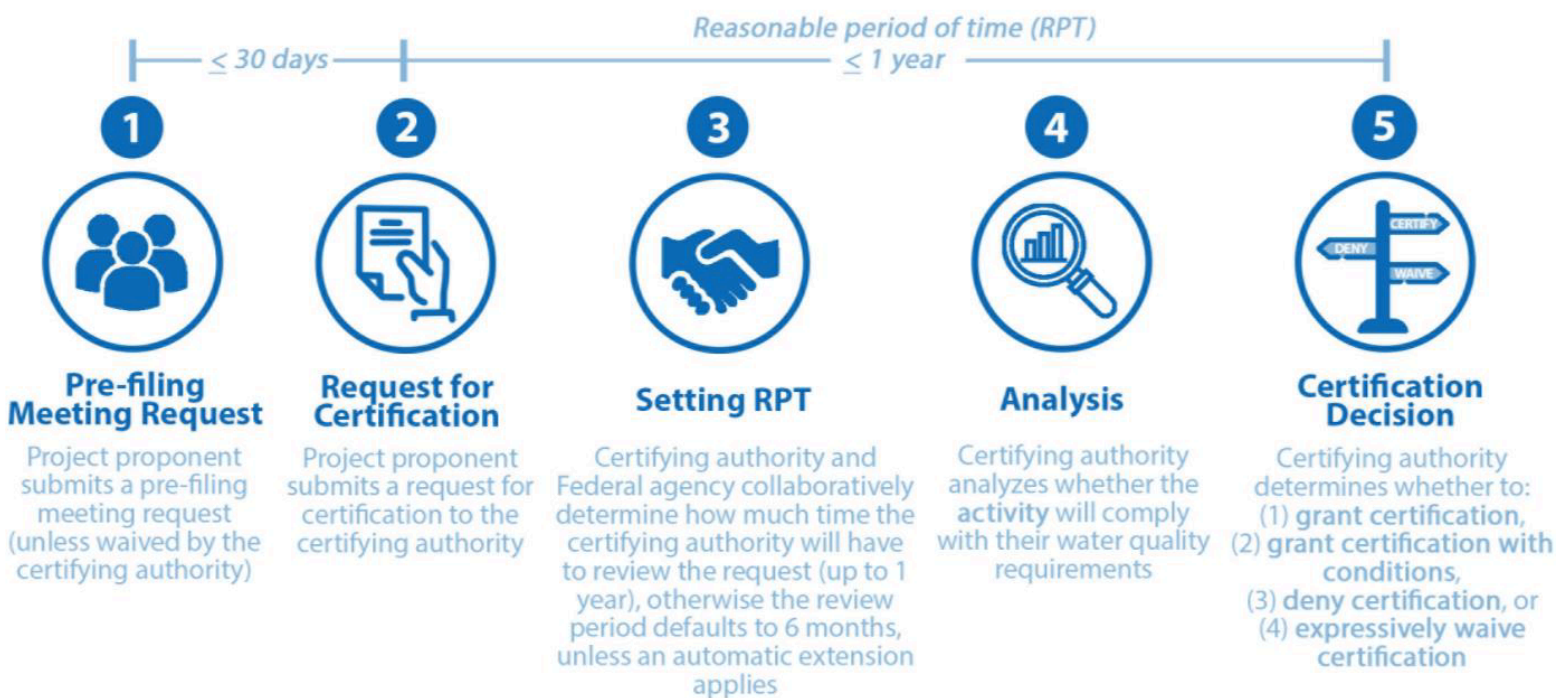


SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION (401 WQC)



A Section 401 Water Quality Certification (401 WQC) is required for projects that must obtain a federal permit for filling or dredging a Water of the U.S. (Section 404 Permit from the US Army Corp of Engineers Applicants). The first step in the 401 WQC process is submitting Profile Meeting Request at <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/prefiling-meeting/>. Individual 401 WQC are typically issued 3 to 6 months from the receipt of a complete application.

SECTION 401 PROCESS



COST AND TIMELINE

There is no fee for storm water permits or water quality certifications. Applicants may voluntarily cover costs for contractual assistance in reviewing an application. MDEQ focuses on efficient processing for all projects and strives for timely reviews.

If you have any questions or need assistance, you can contact MDEQ's Environmental Permits Division at (601) 961-5171. For more detailed information or specific forms, visit the MDEQ Environmental Permits Division at www.mdeq.ms.gov/environmental-permits-division/.

