

Title 10—DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Division 20—Clean Water Commission Chapter 6—Permits

10 CSR 20-6.010 Construction and Operating Permits

PURPOSE: This rule sets forth the requirements and process of application for construction and operating permits, and the terms and conditions for the permits. This rule also clarifies the requirements of the permit program, improves its administration and brings the program in compliance with the latest federal regulations, 44 FedReg 32.854 (1979).

Editor's Note: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of this rule in its entirety would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. The entire text of the material referenced has been filed with the secretary of state. This material may be found at the Office of the Secretary of State or at the headquarters of the agency and is available to any interested person at a cost established by state law.

(1) Permits—General.

(A) All persons who build, erect, alter, replace, operate, use or maintain existing point sources, or intend these actions for a proposed point source, water contaminant sources or wastewater treatment facilities shall apply to the department for the permits required by the Missouri Clean Water Law and these regulations. The department issues these permits in order to enforce the Missouri Clean Water Law and regulations and administer the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program.

(B) The following are exempt from permit regulations:

1. Nonpoint source discharges;
2. Service connections to wastewater sewer systems;
3. Internal plumbing and piping or other water diversion or retention structures within a manufacturing or industrial plant or mine, which are an integral part of the industrial or manufacturing process or building or mining operation. An operating permit or general permit shall be required, if the piping, plumbing or structures result in a discharge to waters of the state;
4. Routine maintenance or repairs of any existing sewer system, wastewater treatment facility or other water contaminant or point source;
5. Single family residences; and
6. The discharge of water from an environmental emergency cleanup site under the direction of, or the direct control of, the

Missouri Department of Natural Resources or the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), provided the discharge shall not violate any condition of 10 CSR 20-7.031 Water Quality Standards;

7. Water used in constructing and maintaining a drinking water well and distribution system for public and private use, geologic test holes, exploration drill holes, groundwater monitoring wells and heat pump wells; and

8. Small scale pilot projects or demonstration projects for beneficial use, that do not exceed a period of one (1) year may be exempted by written project approval from the permitting authority. The department may extend the permit exemption for up to one (1) additional year. A permit application shall be submitted at least ninety (90) days prior to end of the demonstration period if the facility intends to continue operation, unless otherwise exempted under this rule or Chapter 6.

(C) Nothing shall prevent the department from taking action, including the requirement for issuance of any permits under the Missouri Clean Water Law and regulations, if any of the activities exempted under subsection (1)(B) should cause pollution of waters of the state or otherwise violate the Missouri Clean Water Law or these regulations.

(2) Applications.

(A) An application for, or for renewal of, a construction permit or operating permit shall be made on forms (see 10 CSR 20-6.090) provided by the department. The applications may be supplemented with copies of information submitted for other federal or state permits. The application shall include a one inch equals two thousand feet (1" = 2000') scale (or larger) map showing the location of all outfalls, as well as a flowchart indicating each process which contributes to an outfall. Each application must be accompanied by the appropriate permit fee. Alternate scale maps are allowed upon the request of the applicant and approval of the Department of Natural Resources.

(B) All applications must be signed as follows:

1. For a corporation, by an individual having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity, such as the plant manager, or by an individual having overall responsibility for environmental matters at the facility;
2. For a partnership or sole proprietorship, by a general partner or the proprietor respectively; or
3. For a municipal, state, federal or other public facility, by either a principal executive officer or by an individual having overall responsibility for environmental matters at the facility.

(C) All other reports required by the department shall be signed by a person designated in subsection (2)(B) of this rule or a duly authorized representative, if—

1. The representative so authorized is responsible for the overall operation of the facility from which the discharge occurs; and

2. The authorization is made in writing by a person designated in subsection (2)(B) of this rule and is submitted to the director.

(D) Any changes in the written authorization which occur after the issuance of a permit shall be reported to the department by submitting a new written authorization which meets the requirements of subsection (2)(C).

(3) Continuing Authorities.

(A) All applicants for construction permits or operating permits shall show, as part of their application, that a permanent organization exists which will serve as the continuing authority for the operation, maintenance and modernization of the facility for which the application is made. Construction and first-time operating permits shall not be issued unless the applicant provides such proof to the department and the continuing authority has submitted a statement indicating acceptance of the facility.

(B) Continuing authorities which can be issued permits to collect and/or treat wastewater under this regulation are listed in preferential order in the following paragraphs. An applicant may utilize a lower preference continuing authority by submitting, as part of the application, a statement waiving preferential status from each existing higher preference authority, providing the waiver does not conflict with any area-wide management plan approved under section 208 of the Federal Clean Water Act or any other regional sewage service and treatment plan approved for the higher preference authority by the department:

1. A municipality or public sewer district which has been designated as the area-wide management authority under Section 208(c)(1) of the Federal Clean Water Act;

2. A municipality, public sewer district or sewer company regulated by the Public Service Commission (PSC) which currently provides sewage collection and/or treatment services on a regional or watershed basis as outlined in 10 CSR 20-6.010(3)(C) and approved by the Clean Water Commission. Permits shall not be issued to a continuing authority regulated by the PSC until the authority has obtained a certificate of convenience and necessity from the PSC;

3. A municipality, public sewer district or sewer company regulated by the PSC other than one which qualifies under paragraph (3)(B)1. or 2. of this rule or a public water supply district. Permits shall not be issued to a continuing authority regulated by the PSC