

2.2 Permitting Framework and Scope/Scope and Purpose

Applicability:

This page summarizes the scope and purpose of a permit.

Content:

The Missouri Clean Water Law and related rules state that it is unlawful for any person to build, erect, alter, replace, operate, use or maintain a water contaminant source, point source or wastewater treatment facility unless a permit is in effect. The requirements result in the issuance of several types of operating permits and construction permits. See Legal References below for the statutory and regulatory citations.

An operating permit basically consists of five parts: 1) Certificate Page, 2) Effluent Limitations, 3) Monitoring and Reporting Requirements, 4) Special Conditions and 5) Standard Conditions. These essential parts of a permit are described in this manual separately for each type of permit offered. See Site-Specific Permits (Section 3.2), General Permits (Section 3.3), and No-discharge Permits (Section 3.5).

Site-specific permits will also have a Fact Sheet attached with the permit. In addition a Water Quality and Antidegradation Review may also be attached to the permit if produced. Also, all developmental documents produced during the permit application review period are also considered as an integral part of a permit.

The purpose of a permit is to document the performance requirements and to establish the standards for a facility that discharges or otherwise disposes (e.g. irrigates) wastewater. Once issued, a permit is enforceable by the department, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and by private citizens (through appropriate legal channels).

In addition to the several types of operating permits, the Clean Water Law and regulations require a construction permit be in effect before wastewater collection, treatment or disposal facilities are built new or modified if existing. A construction permit consists of a cover page and attachments that describe the facilities to be built or modified. See Section 3.7 Construction Permits and Section 3.8 Sewer Extensions.

Legal References:

Missouri Clean Water Law, Chapter 644, RSMo

644.051.2 Prohibited acts--permits required, when, fee--bond required of
and .3 permit holders, when--permit application procedures--rulemaking--
limitation on use of permit fee moneys--permit shield provisions.

Code of State Regulations:

10 CSR 20-2.010 Definitions
10 CSR 20-6.010(1), Construction and Operating Permits
(4), (5) and (6) (1) General
(4) Construction Permits (CP)
(5) Operating Permits (OP)
(6) Sewer Extensions

Other Links: