

Section 1 – Approval by Regulatory Authority

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1. Approval by Regulatory Authority

Early consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation (DOEC) is recommended when contemplating the development of a new water supply, wastewater treatment, expansion or upgrading of existing systems. DOEC staff will assist, give direction and help the designer to meet the regulatory requirements, and thereby avoid time delays and costly revisions later in the review and permitting phases.

1.1. Submission

All plans and specifications of the works to be undertaken shall be submitted for approval to the DOEC, before any construction work may commence. The submission must be in accordance with the requirements of the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01.

The submission shall be accompanied by an official application form duly completed and signed where applicable, by the Engineer acting for the Owner/Proponent, the Owner/Proponent themselves, President of the Corporation, or other properly authorized representative of the executive group of the corporation, municipality or institution and the appropriate fee.

All items of the submission shall bear the stamp and signature of an Engineer registered in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

1.2. Review Period

A minimum period of thirty working days, from the date of receipt by the DOEC, shall be allowed for the review of the submission.

1.3. Permits

If the submission meets the requirements of the DOEC, a Permit to Construct will be issued to the Owner/Proponent by the DOEC. No changes shall be made to the approved documents without the formal approval of the DOEC.

The DOEC will also issue a separate Permit to Operate for all water and sewerage works.

1.4. Payment

In accordance with Section 65 of the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002, cW-4.01, an application fee(s) must be paid to obtain a permit as required under Sections 36 and 37 of the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002, cW-4.01.

1.5. Limits of Review and Approval

Generally speaking, the DOEC shall review and approve the following submission details:

1. Functional and sanitary features;
2. Location and layout of structures;
3. Process design;
4. Equipment;
5. Control features; and
6. Instrumentation.

It is not the responsibility of the DOEC to make a detailed check of the structural design, therefore this aspect of the design is not included in the Permit to Construct.

The DOEC recognizes advancements in research and development of innovative technologies and encourages designers to incorporate state of the art technology in their submissions when demonstrated advantage, improvement of operation, or superior performance is evident.

The DOEC shall base its Permit to Construct upon design data as submitted by the Design Engineer, and the DOEC take no responsibility for the correctness of such data.