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Permit Application Type	Applicability	LAC Review/Comment Due	For More Information:
Wetlands - Agricultural	Applies to maintenance or improvement of existing crop or pasture land for continued agricultural use.	25 days (May be longer if Con Comm investigates)	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/permit-min-impact-agric.htm
Wetlands - Expedited	Applies to Minimum Impact Projects that qualify for Expedited Review.	25 days (May be longer if Con Comm investigates)	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/permit-min-impact-expedited.htm
Wetlands - Standard	Applies to Minor and Major Impact Projects	40 days (Inform NHDES that the LAC plans to review)	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/permit-standard-dredge-fill.htm
Wetlands - Forestry Notification	Applies to forest management or timber harvesting activities regulated under the Notice of Intent to Cut Wood requirements of RSA 79:10	None ; notification only	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/permit-forest-timber-harv.htm
Wetlands - Permit by Notification	Applies to minimum impact projects qualifying for Permit by Notification.	None ; notification only (Contact NHDES within 8 days if activity does not qualify for PBN)	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/permit-by-notification.htm
Wetlands - Recreational Mineral Dredging Notification	Applies to minimum impact projects for small motor mineral dredging.	None ; notification only	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/permit-rec-mineral-dredging.htm
Wetlands - Seasonal Dock Notification for Lakes and Ponds	Allows for construction of a seasonal dock on lake or pond frontages over 75 linear feet in length that currently do not have a docking structure.	None ; notification only	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/permit-seasonal-dock.htm
Wetlands - Routine Roadway & Railway Maintenance Notification	Applies to Minimum Impact Projects involving the maintenance of existing roadways or railway corridors that are not located within Designated River corridors. Within the Designated River Corridor these become expedited or standard permits.	Not Applicable	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/permit-roadway-railway-maint.htm
Wetlands - Trail Notification	Applies to Minimum Impact Projects involving the construction or maintenance of recreational trails.	None ; notification only	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/permit-min-impact-trail.htm

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Wetlands - Emergency Authorization	Applicants may request, and DES may authorize, work within jurisdiction when there is a threat to public safety, public health or significant damage to private property is imminent and the event causing the emergency occurred within the previous five days.	None for the EA - notification only; After the Fact Permit - 40 days for Standard Wetlands Permit	WD-WB-9 Obtaining Authorization for Emergency Wetlands Impacts
Wetlands - Utility Maintenance Notification	Applies to maintenance (inspection) and repair of existing utility services within existing rights of way.	None ; notification only	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/permit-utility-maintenance.htm
Shoreland - Shoreland Impact	Required for projects involving excavation, fill, or construction activities within 250 feet of "reference line" for lakes and ponds greater than 10 acres in size, rivers which are fourth order or greater, rivers designated under RSA-483, and tidal waters. Exemptions exist for agriculture and forestry.	25 days (Inform NHDES that the LAC plans to review)	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/cspa/permit_shoreland_impact.htm
Shoreland - Permit by Notification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Construction, excavation, filing, or other activity that impacts less than 1,500 sq. ft. and adds no more than 900 sq. ft. of impervious area within a protected shoreland area. -Construction, excavation and fill directly related to stormwater management improvements and erosion control projects or environmental restoration or enhancement projects. -Maintenance, repairs, and improvements of public utilities, public roads, and public access facilities. -Similar activities defined as qualified for a PBN by Env-Wq 1406.05. 	None ; notification only	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/cspa/permit-by-notification.htm
Alteration of Terrain Permit	Required for projects disturbing more than 100,000 sq. ft. of contiguous terrain (or 50,000 sq. ft. within the protected shoreland as defined by RSA 483-B), or for disturbance of any area having a 25% or steeper land slope and is within 50 feet of any surface water.	40 days	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/aot/permit_aot.htm
Dam Permit	Applies to non-permitted existing dams, the repair or reconstruction of dams, and the construction of new dams and hydro-energy production facilities.	50 days	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dam/permit_dam.htm

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Dam Removal	Applies to any person who seeks to remove a dam.	50 days	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dam/damremoval/permit_dam_removal.htm
Groundwater - Discharge Permit	All discharges to ground or groundwater that are not permitted by Subsurface Systems Bureau; over 20,000 gallons per day from single source; discharges using other than subsurface leaching; aquifer recharge; or discharging treated contaminated wastewater.	80 days	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/gw_discharge/permit_ground_water_disch.htm
Groundwater - Temporary Groundwater Discharge	Temporary (120 days or less) discharges to the ground or groundwater.	No time for comments on temporary permits	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/gw_discharge/permit_temp_grndwtr_disch.htm
Groundwater - Temporary Surface Water Discharge	Temporary (120 days or less) discharges to the ground or groundwater with the potential to contaminate surface water or wetlands.	No time for comments on temporary permits	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/gw_discharge/permit_temp_surface_water_disch.htm
Drinking Water - Large Groundwater Withdrawal	Required for any withdrawal from groundwater of 57,600 gallons or more of water in any 24-hour period from a well or wells installed after July 1998 at a single property or place of business.	If a public hearing is held - 45 day comment period following the hearing. If a public hearing is not held - 45 day comment period following application or report submittal.	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/lg_withdrawals/permit_lgw_withdrawal.htm
Drinking Water - Public Water System Permit to Operate	Applies to privately- and federally-owned community water systems, and privately- and federally-owned non-transient non-community water systems. Annual permit.	None	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/permit_pws_pto.htm
Solid Waste - Standard Permit	To provide regulatory controls to assure proper construction, operation, and closure of solid waste facilities in order to protect the environment, public health and safety. Applies to most types of solid waste management facilities and all solid waste facilities that accept 30 tons of waste or more per day, including landfills, transfer stations/recycling facilities, and processing/treatment facilities such as incinerators, composting facilities, and material recovery facilities.	During public hearing or comment period	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swmb/pdrs/permit_sw_standard.htm

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Solid Waste - Permit by Notification	Certain small-scale facilities that receive 30 tons per day or less and that pose little or no threat to human health or the environment. Applies to solid waste limited public transfer stations, collection centers for select recyclables, scrap metal collection and recycling centers, truck transfer stations, centers producing certified waste derived products, small food waste composting facilities, and asbestos waste holding facilities for abatement contractors.	25 days	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swmb/pdrs/permit_sw_by_notification.htm
Solid Waste - Research and Development Projects	Applies to research and development projects, as defined in Env-Sw 104.	25 days	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swmb/pdrs/permit-sw-research-dev-proj.htm
Hazardous Waste - Emergency Permit	May be issued for a non-permitted facility to treat, store or dispose of hazardous waste; or for a permitted facility to treat, store or dispose of hazardous waste not covered by an existing permit.	None ; Must be followed by a regular Hazardous Waste application within 5 days	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/hwcb/hwcs/permit_hw_emergency.htm
Hazardous Waste - Limited Permit	To allow businesses or individuals that generate hazardous waste to treat those wastes onsite.	25 days	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/hwcb/hwcs/permit_hw_limited.htm
Hazardous Waste - Standard Permit	To establish conditions under which hazardous wastes can be safely treated, stored or disposed. Applies to facilities that treat, store or dispose hazardous wastes, also called TSD facilities.	90 days (Review by required committees may take 1-2 years)	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/hwcb/hwcs/permit_hw_standard.htm
Hazardous Waste - Transfer Facility Permit	To establish conditions to safely store, bulk or consolidate hazardous waste.	90 days	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/hwcb/hwcs/permit_hw_transfer_facility.htm
Wastewater - Sludge Site Permit	To ensure that sludge which is land-applied for beneficial reuse will protect human health and the environment.	90 days	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wweb/permit_sludge_site.htm
Wastewater - Sludge Facility Permit	Allows for independent sludge treatment facilities to process sludge in an environmentally safe manner.	90 days	http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wweb/permit_sludge_facility.htm

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Underground Storage Tanks	To prevent and minimize contamination of the land and waters of the state due to the storage and handling of heating oils, hazardous substances, lubricating oils, motor fuels and other petroleum and contaminated liquids.	Will Hold until Comment Received (Inform NHDES that LAC intends to comment)	http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/orcb/ocs/ustp/categories/overview.htm
Aboveground Storage Tanks	To prevent releases of oil from Aboveground petroleum Storage Tanks (ASTs) in New Hampshire.	Will Hold until Comment Received (Inform NHDES that LAC intends to comment)	http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/orcb/ocs/astp/categories/overview.htm
Boat Navigation and Operating Restrictions for Watercraft - NH Dept. of Safety	Applies to changes or adoption of rules governing the maximum horsepower of boat engines and outboard motors or prescribing maximum speed limits for the operation of such boats or outboard motors applicable to or upon all or any portion of the public waters of this state.	During public hearing or comment period; 2 week notice of hearing required. Hearings are held June - September.	http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/XXI/270/270-12.htm http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/nhsp/fob/marine-patrol/index.html
Mining and Reclamation - NH Dept. of Resources & Economic Development	Applies to the mining and extraction of mineral resources and dimensional stone. Permits are required when the mining activity disturbs more than 5 acres or greater than 2,000 cubic yards of material is excavated per year.	During public hearing or comment period; no less than 5-day notice of the hearing date required to every abutter and holder of conservation, preservation, or agricultural preservation restrictions shall be notified by certified mail.	For RSA 12-E Mining and Reclamation
Insects Pests & Plant Diseases - NH Dept. of Agriculture, Markets and Food	Applies to all pesticide and herbicide applications that could affect any designated river or river segment where such applications are subject to the need for a special permit issued by the division of pesticide control.	30 days, unless additional time requested/required. The Division of Pesticide Control will allow additional time to review and comment, if needed.	For RSA 430 Insects, Pests & Plant Diseases http://www.agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/pesticide-control/index.htm

483:12-a State Action; Notification of Rivers Coordinator; Petition for Review. –

I. Any state agency considering any action affecting any river or segment designated under this chapter shall notify the rivers coordinator prior to taking any such action.

RSA 485-A: Water Pollution and Waste Disposal Act

RSA 485-C: Groundwater Protection Act

RSA 483-B: Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act

RSA 12-E: Mining and Reclamation Act

RSA 270:12: Operating Restrictions for Watercraft