



Connecticut Department of  
Energy & Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse  
Water Planning & Management Division

## *Environmental Permitting Fact Sheet*

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### **General Permit for Diversion of Water for Consumptive Use: Filing Categories**

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#### **Permit Overview**

This general permit was issued under the authority of, and administered by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEEP), Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, Water Planning and Management Division. DEEP uses both individual and general permits to regulate activities. Individual permits are issued directly to an applicant. General permits are issued to authorize similar activities by one or more applicants throughout a prescribed geographic area. Those wishing to have their particular activity authorized under an approved general permit must meet certain terms and conditions contained within the general permit. A general permit sets terms and conditions for conducting an activity which, when complied with, are protective of the environment. General permits are a faster and more cost-effective way to permit specific activities.

This general permit is available to those diverting the waters of the state in excess of 50,000 gallons per day, whereby the withdrawal is of such a minimal environmental impact that the DEEP requires the diverter to simply notify, or “file” with, the department on a prescribed form clearly demonstrating compliance with the terms and conditions of the general permit. Eligible diversions include 1) the construction of a backup water supply well, 2) withdrawal from certain large tidal rivers, 3) a small *supplemental* community or agricultural water supply well withdrawing from a bedrock aquifer, and 4) a small community or agricultural water supply system withdrawing at just above the exempted volume of 50,000 gallons per day. To be eligible for coverage under this general permit the diverter must meet all relevant general permit eligibility requirements and conditions.

#### **Authorizing Statutes**

This general permit is issued under the authority of sections 22a-6 and 22a-378a of the General Statutes.

#### **Application Process**

This is a “filing” type general permit. A diversion is authorized under this general permit upon receipt of a complete and sufficient *Request for Authorization* and appropriate fee. If the request is found to be complete and consistent with the general permit, the requestor will receive a brief notification of such finding. If the request is found to be incomplete or not consistent with the general permit, the requestor will receive a brief notification of such finding as well as an explanation of other options for authorizing your activity. A diversion is authorized under this general permit provided the subject activity complies with all provisions, requirements, and conditions of the general permit. This permit can be found on the DEEP website: [www.ct.gov/deep/inlandwaterpermitapps](http://www.ct.gov/deep/inlandwaterpermitapps)

<b>Application Fee</b>	A non-refundable fee of \$1500 is required with each request for authorization.
<b>Permit Duration</b>	This general permit is effective on January 17, 2017 and expires ten years from this date.
<b>Contact Address</b>	Water Planning and Management Division Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection 79 Elm Street Hartford, CT 06106 Phone: 860-424-3704

*This overview is designed to answer general questions and provide basic information. You should refer to the appropriate statutes and regulations for the specific regulatory language of the different permit programs. This document should not be relied upon to determine whether or not an environmental permit is required. It is your responsibility to ensure that all required permits have been obtained.*