



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

Environmental Permitting Fact Sheet

General Permit for Diversion of Water for Consumptive Use: Non-filing Categories

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of the state in excess of 50,000 gallons per day, whereby the withdrawal is either discharged back to its source, or is withdrawn from a substantial water body. Eligible diversions include 1) Pump and Recharge Geoexchange Systems, 2) Non-Contact Cooling withdrawals from Surface Waters, 3) Hydrostatic Testing of Pipes and Tanks, and 4) withdrawals from Long Island Sound. To be eligible for coverage under this general permit the diverter must meet all relevant general permit eligibility requirements and conditions, and obtain all other state permits, licenses or authorizations as may be required for the withdrawal, discharge, and all associated infrastructure. Such permits may include, but not be limited to, those required within sections 22a-416 through 22a-438 (Wastewater Discharge), and 22a-359 through 22a-363f (Structures, Dredging and Fill) of the Connecticut General Statutes. This general permit cannot be used for withdrawals from Long Island Sound made in conjunction with an energy production facility.

Authorizing Statutes

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

Application Process

This general permit is “non-filing”. A diversion is authorized under this general permit provided the subject activity complies with all provisions, requirements, and conditions of the general permit. No filing or application with, or notification or reporting to, the DEEP is required. However, certain operating conditions do require that specific actions be taken by the diverter to be in compliance with this general permit. This permit can be found on the DEEP website: www.ct.gov/deep/inlandwaterpermitapps

Permit Duration

This general permit is effective on January 17, 2017 and expires ten years from this date.

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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.