



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: Reauthorization Categories**

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#### **Permit Overview**

This general permit was issued under the authority of, and administered by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP's) 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 intended for use by those needing to continue their existing coverage obtained under the following general permits:

- General Permit for Diversion of Water for Consumptive Use: Authorization Required Categories (DEP-IWRD-GP-012) issued March 29, 2007;
- General Permit for Diversion of Water for Consumptive Use: Filing Only Categories (DEP-IWRD-GP-011) issued March 15, 2007;
- General Permit for Diversion of Water for Consumptive Use: Reauthorization Categories (DEP-IWRD-GP-01R) issued March 15, 2007.

Eligible diversion categories authorized under the above general permits include:

- Interconnection and Transfer of up to 1,000,000 gpd
- Withdrawal of up to 250,000 gpd – Surface Water / Stratified Drift Aquifer
- Withdrawal of up to 250,000 gpd – Bedrock Aquifer
- Backup Wells
- Small Supplemental Bedrock Well
- Small Water Supply System
- Large Tidally-Influenced Rivers
- Water Supply Interconnections
- Unregistered Water Supply Systems
- Diversion of up to 250,000 gpd New Water
- Restoration of Lost Capacity

To be eligible for coverage under this general permit the requestor must demonstrate that the requested withdrawal is equal to or less than that previously approved. The requestor's environmental compliance history will also be considered upon receipt of the request for coverage.

<b>Authorizing Statutes</b>	This general permit is issued under the authority of sections 22a-6 and 22a-378a of the General Statutes.
<b>Application Process</b>	This is a "filing" type general permit. A diversion is authorized under this general permit upon receipt of a complete and sufficient <i>Request for Reauthorization</i> and appropriate fee. <b>Any registrant currently authorized under any of the above referenced general permits shall continue to be so authorized for a period of ninety (90) days after the issuance date of this new Reauthorization general permit, or upon receipt of a complete request for reauthorization and appropriate fee as required by this Reauthorization general permit, whichever is sooner.</b> 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 with instructions on how to remain in compliance with water diversion law. This permit can be found on the DEEP website: <a href="http://www.ct.gov/deep/inlandwaterpermitapps">www.ct.gov/deep/inlandwaterpermitapps</a>
<b>Application Fee</b>	A non-refundable fee of \$ 2500 is required with each request for authorization.
<b>Average Processing Time</b>	For this permit program, processing time for a typical application, based upon recent experience is less than 60 days. Past performance is not a guarantee of future processing timeframes. In order to increase the efficiency of application processing, we recommend that you assure that your application package is properly completed at the time of submittal, and that you promptly reply to any requests for information.
<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.*