

Construction Permitting Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who handles permitting of public water supply systems, wastewater collection and treatment systems, and water reuse projects in Oklahoma?

The Construction Permitting Section of DEQ's Water Quality Division is responsible for the review and permitting of all such projects in Oklahoma. DEQ construction permits must be obtained prior to beginning construction.

Q: Where can I find the construction standards for public water supply distribution and treatment systems?

The construction standards for public water distribution and treatment systems can be found in OAC 252:626, available online at <https://go.usa.gov/xQCtc>.

Q: Where can I find the construction standards for municipal wastewater collection and treatment systems?

The construction standards for municipal wastewater collection and treatment systems can be found in OAC 252:656, available online at <https://go.usa.gov/xQCta>.

Q: Who is the review engineer for my permit application and what is the status of my application?

Contact the Construction Permitting Section Administrative Assistant at (405) 702-8181, who will forward you to the engineer assigned to your application for a status update.

Q: What is the permit review fee for my project?

Please refer to the fee schedule, available at <https://go.usa.gov/xtupR>.

Q: Where can I find the forms needed for my construction permit application?

Forms can be found under the tab titled "Construction Permitting Application Forms" at <https://go.usa.gov/xtupR>.

Q: What is the permit review time for my project?

Once a permit application packet has been deemed administratively complete, including the receipt of all properly executed documents, such as the permit application Form 583-B, construction plans, project specifications, engineering reports, payment of the permit application review fees and any relevant/supporting documents, DEQ's targets for permit application reviews time are 30 days for water and sewer line extensions, and 45 days for treatment and water reuse projects.

Q: Is there a way to expedite the time needed to review my permit application?

Permit applications are reviewed on a first come, first-served basis. Permit review will be expedited in case of emergencies related to public health and safety.



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Q: My project doesn't meet the requirements of OAC 252:626 and/or 252:656. Can we propose a different design?

If the proposed design does not meet the requirements of OAC 252:626 and/or OAC 252:656, DEQ will issue a notice of deficiencies (NOD) within 30 days for water and sewer line extensions, and 45 days for treatment and water reuse projects. This NOD will identify the aspects of the project design that do not meet the applicable DEQ standards. The applicant and their engineer will have 180 days from the date of the NOD to correct the deficiencies and resubmit the project to DEQ for review. DEQ's targets for resubmitted permit application reviews are 30 days for water and sewer line extensions, and 45 days for treatment and water reuse projects.

Q: Can we request a variance from the requirements of OAC 252:626 and/or OAC 252:656?

Both OAC 252:626 and OAC 252:656 allow for variances from their respective standards. The applicant and their consulting engineer must justify the requested variance by submitting data showing the proposed processes or equipment will equal or exceed the performance of processes or equipment known to perform the same function according to the standards contained in OAC 252:626 and/or OAC 252:656. All variance requests are subject to DEQ review and approval.

Q: Is it possible to try a new technology that is not covered under OAC 252:626 and/or 252:656?

A pilot study with an approved protocol may be required for new technologies. Please contact the Construction Permitting Section manager at **(405) 702-8140** for guidelines regarding pilot study protocols.

For additional information on this subject please contact your local DEQ representative or the Water Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Quality at **(405) 702-8100**.