

Environmental Permitting in Ohio

If you are starting or expanding a business in Ohio, it is very important for you to determine whether you need environmental permits for your operations. Failure to understand and comply with Ohio EPA's permitting requirements can result in serious delays that can cost you time, money and lead to violations.

Many companies think the process of getting an environmental permit, such as an air or water permit, is quick and easy, like getting a routine construction permit. This is not usually the case.

Most environmental permits are specifically written for each facility or source and, at best, the permitting process will take a few months. If the permit is technically complex and/or for a major project or source, more time will be needed. Because of this, one of the most important things you can do is evaluate your environmental permitting needs when you are first beginning to get serious about your project.

With proper planning, applying for and obtaining environmental permits does not have to be a difficult process. Ohio EPA will work with you from start to finish to make sure your environmental permitting experience goes as smoothly as possible.

To help businesses get started with the environmental permitting process, Ohio EPA has developed the [Guide to Environmental Permitting in Ohio](#). This guide provides information to help determine what permits you need, why you need them and how to get them.

Depending on what type of business or project you are planning, you may need to get multiple permits. To provide you with a quick summary of permits needed for various business types and projects, we have developed a chart as part of the permitting guide that outlines possible permitting requirements. The chart is linked so that you can easily click on a selected item to be taken directly to the applicable Ohio EPA Web site where permit requirements and application materials are located. To go directly to the chart, [click here](#).

To view the entire guide, including the chart, [click here](#) (will add link to OCAPP page that houses the guide). Adobe Acrobat Reader is needed to view the permitting guide and chart. If you do not already have this program on your computer, it is available free from Adobe Systems by [clicking here](#).

For more help with your permitting requirements, start by contacting your [local district office](#) or Ohio EPA's [Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention](#).