

Chapter 17. Permit Qualifications and Requirements

§1701. Requirements for Obtaining a Permit

A. In addition to meeting the requirements for permits outlined in the applicable sections of the environmental quality regulations, an applicant shall:

1. have no history of environmental violation(s) that demonstrates to the department an unwillingness or inability to achieve and maintain compliance with the permit for which the application is being made, unless the department determines that the applicant's history of environmental violation(s) can be adequately addressed by permit conditions;
2. if required, register with the Secretary of State;
3. owe no outstanding fees or final penalties to the department; and
4. if under a compliance schedule, be making satisfactory progress in meeting the conditions of the compliance schedule.

B. Before issuing any permit or transfer of ownership of a permit, the administrative authority may conduct an evaluation of the applicant related to the management of any facilities or activities subject to regulation under any applicable air, water, solid waste, hazardous waste, radiation control, or other environmental programs administered by the various states of the United States or by the federal government. If, pursuant to this evaluation, the administrative authority determines that the applicant has demonstrated an unwillingness or inability to achieve and maintain compliance with the permit for which application is being made, the administrative authority may:

1. include such conditions in the permit as reasonably deemed necessary for the protection of human health and the environment; or
2. deny any application for the issuance or transfer of the permit.

C. The applicant shall provide to the Office of Environmental Services a list of the state(s) where he or she has federal or state environmental permits identical to, or of a similar nature to, the permit for which application is being made. This information shall be provided for all individuals, partnerships, corporations, or other entities who own a controlling interest (50 percent or more) in the company or who participate in the environmental management of the facility for an entity applying for a permit or an ownership interest.

D. In addition to providing the information required in Subsection C of this Section, the applicant shall submit a written statement to the Office of Environmental Services as part of the permit application, to certify that:

1. if required, the applicant has registered with the secretary of state; and
2. no outstanding fees or final penalties are owed to the department.

E. The administrative authority may require the submission of additional information if the administrative authority deems such information necessary in order to make a determination under this Chapter.

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