

Dam Safety Permitting Fact Sheet

General Permit to Conduct Repairs and Alterations to Dams

GP-015 Filing-Only Categories

General Permits Overview. General permits are issued to authorize in advance, certain defined categories of minor activities which are expected to have minimal environmental impacts. This “general” authorization is valid throughout a prescribed geographic area for the duration of that permit.

Those wishing to conduct an activity which conforms with the activities described and authorized by a general permit must meet the terms and conditions contained within that general permit. A general permit sets terms and conditions for conducting an activity which, when complied with, are protective of the environment and public safety. General permits are a faster and more cost-effective way to permit specific activities. Because these permits have already been publically noticed and issued, persons utilizing general permits are not required to publish newspaper notices of application and the authorization is granted without additional newspaper notice, comment period, or hearing.

There are three types of general permits in use. Refer to the [Dam Safety General Permit Authorization Table](#) available on the DEEP website.

- The non-filing category means that no filing or application is required in order to obtain authorization for the activities described in the permit. See fact sheet GP-014 for more information.
- The permit described in this fact sheet is a filing-only category permit which requires a filing to DEEP and a notice to the municipality before beginning the authorized activity. This permit authorizes two intermediate levels of minor repairs and alterations to dams and removal of remnants of dams. The first level authorizes dam owners to take care of a variety of maintenance and minor repair or alteration activities on smaller dams without professional engineering oversight and the second level authorizes increased amounts of work on any size dam but requires professional engineering oversight. This allows dam owner to undertake activities not listed in the non-filing permit or at increased levels / quantity of work.
- The approval of filing category authorizes more work than the non-filing or filing only and requires a filing to DEEP, a notice to the municipality, and written approval of that filing before beginning the authorized activity. See fact sheet GP-016 for more information.

Dam Safety General Permits are administered by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, Inland Water Resources Division. DEEP uses both

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individual and general permits to regulate activities. Individual permits are issued directly to an applicant in response to detailed applications and can authorize complex projects.

This filing-only general permit authorizes the following minor categories of activities on a dam:

Without Professional Engineering oversight – Use form DEEP-IWRD-GP-015-3(a)1

Dams 15 feet high or less /storing 50 ac-ft. of water or less:
Replacing up to 25 square yards of riprap; restoring eroded areas, filling up to 15 animal burrows;
Quantity limited Concrete and Masonry Repairs.

With Professional Engineering oversight – Use form DEEP-IWRD-GP-015-3(a)2

Installing up to 200' of New Toe Drains; Minor Repairs to Trash Racks, Gates, Valves No Excavation;
Placing up to 75 Square Yards of Riprap; Removing Tree Root Systems (low tree density); Filling up to 20 Animal Burrows; Increased Limited Amounts of Minor Concrete and Masonry Repair, Sliplining up to a 36" Diameter Outlet Pipe, Grouting Voids; Installing Bridges Over Spillways not Requiring a Center Support; Digging Test Pits, Drilling Soil Borings, Installing Piezometers, and Removal of Remnants of Dams no Longer Impounding Water or Collecting Sediment.

Authorizing Statutes This general permit is issued under the authority of sections 22a-6 and 22a-411 of the General Statutes.

Application Process This is a “filing” type general permit. Eligible activities are authorized under this general permit upon receipt of a complete and sufficient *Request for Authorization* and appropriate fee. 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 as well as an explanation of other options for authorizing your activity. Eligible activities are authorized under this general permit provided the activities comply with all provisions, requirements, and conditions of the general permit.

Application Fee A non-refundable fee of \$100 is required with each request for authorization. The application fee for Municipalities is \$50.

Permit Duration This general permit is effective on October 16, 2015 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 a Dam Safety permit is required. It is *your* responsibility to ensure that all required permits have been obtained.