



Environment Act Permits

Permits are issued under nine regulations made pursuant to Yukon's *Environment Act* covering various activities having potential environmental impacts, such as the handling of special wastes, the application of pesticides and the management of contaminated sites. Permits contain both standard and site-specific conditions relating to the activity.

The following is a general list of permits issued under *Environment Act* regulations and the types of activities for which permits may be required. This is not an exhaustive list; each regulation contains intricacies which must be considered when determining whether a permit is required for a given activity. Contact the Environmental Programs Branch for information on permit requirements for specific activities, as well as application forms for all permits.

Air Emissions Regulations

- **Air Emissions Permit:** Required for manufacturing asphalt; production and exploration of oil and natural gas; quarrying, crushing or screening; processing coal; operating equipment using or generating 5 MBTU/hour or more of heat energy; burning of garbage; incineration of hazardous waste or contaminated soil; operation of electricity generating facilities; handling of solid, liquid or gaseous materials; or use of fuel with sulphur content over 1.1%.

Beverage Container Regulations

- **Producer registration:** Required to supply a beverage in a beverage container.
- **Depot permit:** Required for the operation of a depot used to collect empty beverage containers and issue refunds under the regulations.

Contaminated Sites Regulation

- **Relocation Permit:** Required to relocate soil or water contaminated above the standards in the Contaminated Sites Regulation for any contaminant.
- **Land Treatment Facility Permit:** Required for the construction and operation of a Land Treatment Facility.
- **Permit for the Use of Risk-Based Restoration Standards:** Required to use risk-based restoration standards at a contaminated site (as opposed to Generic Numerical, Matrix Numerical or Site-Specific standards).

Designated Materials Regulation

- **Producer registration:** Required for the sale or supply of new designated materials.
- **Depot permit:** Required for the collection of designated materials.

Ozone Depleting Substances and Other Halocarbons Regulation

- **ODS/OH Permit:** Required to handle ozone depleting substances (ODS) or other halocarbons (OH) for the purpose of servicing residential or commercial air-conditioning or refrigeration equipment or motor vehicle air conditioning equipment, or to purchase or possess ODS or OH for the purpose of servicing equipment.

Pesticides Regulations

- **Pesticide Use/Service Permit:** Required to handle, use or apply commercial or restricted pesticides.
- **Pesticide Vendor Permit:** Required to sell (provide) commercial or restricted pesticides at wholesale or retail level.

Solid Waste Regulations

- **Commercial Dump Permit:** Required for commercial operation of a waste facility or for a waste facility operated only for commercial waste.
- **Public Solid Waste Management Facility Permit:** Required for construction and operation of a dump for the disposal of solid waste by the public.

Special Waste Regulations

- **Generator Permit:** Required by businesses or individuals generating, storing, or handling a special waste in excess of amounts specified in the Yukon Special Waste Regulations.
- **Disposal Permit:** Required for the disposal of special wastes generated by the permit holder.
- **Facility Permit:** Required for the collection, storage or handling of special wastes generated by businesses or individuals other than the permit holder.

Storage Tank Regulations (administered by the Fire Marshal's Office)

- **Operation Permit:** Required for the operation of a storage tank system.
- **Permit for Installing, Altering, Removing or Abandoning:** Required for the installation, alteration (including enlargement, reduction or upgrading), removal, closure, decommissioning or abandonment in place of a storage tank system.

Inspections

Inspections of permitted activities are conducted by Environmental Protection Officers appointed under the Environment Act. Inspections can occur prior to the issuance of a permit, on a routine basis once a permit has been issued, or as a result of information received by the Department of Environment, such as a report of a spill or a public complaint.

Enforcement

Enforcement action under permits is undertaken in accordance with the Department of Environment's Enforcement and Compliance Policy. Enforcement actions include requests to comply with the conditions of a permit, summary convictions tickets for contraventions of the regulations, environmental protection orders and prosecutions.

Other Topics

Fact Sheets are also available on each of the regulations under the Environment Act.

For permit application forms and more information on the permits issued under the Environment Act, please contact:

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