



## Permit Durations

*The Permit Term, Fee and Technical Review Amendment Regulation* was enacted under the *Environment Act* in August 2014. This regulation allows the Environmental Programs Branch to issue permits under the *Environment Act* for up to 10 years (as compared to the previous three-year maximum).

As a result, the permits issued by the Branch will now be separated into three duration categories to maintain simplicity while recognizing differences in risk level and associated planning periods:

**1-Year permits:** Issued for one-time activities.

**5-Year permits:** Issued for most permit types. This allows Standards & Approvals to regularly review and update the permit terms and conditions while improving administrative efficiency.

**10-Year permits:** Issued for activities whose potential human health and environmental risk is low or negligible; or sites that operate indefinitely (e.g. waste disposal facilities and risk-based restoration).

The three groups of permits and accompanying rationale are shown in table 1 on the next page.

## Permit Durations Policy

Permits will be issued to match the shortest of:

- The typical maximum permit duration stated in policy;
- The temporal scope of the YESAA assessment (if applicable); or
- The proposed project duration (including closure and reclamation activities, if applicable).

Standards & Approvals may also choose to issue a shorter or longer duration permit than the typical maximum duration. Reasons for deviating from the system outlined above include:

- Location of the activity;
- Permittee has a demonstrated history of non-compliance;
- Level of public concern;
- Environmental Risk; and
- Other site or activity-specific factors.

**Table 1: Maximum Permit Durations**

<u>Permit Type</u>	<u>Maximum duration unless discretionary factors are applied</u>
Relocation Structure burning	1 year
Commercial dump Composting of slaughter waste Special waste facility Land treatment facility Pesticide service Pesticide use Incineration of solid waste Quarrying Asphalt manufacturing Schedule 1.9 of Air Emissions Regulations	5 years
Solid waste disposal facility Special waste generator Special waste disposal (waste oil) Oil and gas exploration Oil and gas operation Diesel electricity generation Ozone-depleting substances Designated materials Pesticide vendor Risk-based restoration	10 years

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## Permits Issued by the Fire Marshal's Office

*The Permit Term, Fee and Technical Review Amendment Regulation* resulted in changes to the Storage Tank permits issued by the Fire Marshal's Office. The Fire Marshal's Office will issue permits with the following maximum durations:

1. **1-year permits for the decommissioning and removal or storage tanks.** The duration of this permit may be subject to extension.
2. **10-Year permits for the operation of storage tanks.**

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