



State of Vermont  
**PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION**

**AIR QUALITY & CLIMATE DIVISION PERMITS TO CONSTRUCT:  
 NEW OR MODIFIED STATIONARY AIR CONTAMINANT SOURCES**

**SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PERMIT**                      The primary objective of the review and permitting of stationary air contaminant sources is the attainment and maintenance of such levels of air quality as will protect human health and the environment. This goal is achieved by evaluating discharges of air contaminants to the ambient air. Projects must demonstrate compliance with both state and federal pollution control requirements, emissions standards, and air quality standards. New stationary sources of air contaminants, as well as modifications to existing stationary sources are subject to these requirements.

**EXAMPLE OF REGULATED ACTIVITY**                      Projects that are classified as a stationary source of air contaminants or modifications to existing stationary sources require permits. These include: incinerators (process and crematories), industrial processes (wood furniture manufacturing, plastics, coating operations, plywood and veneer manufacturing, concrete batching, hot mix asphalt production), fuel burning equipment (diesel engines, digesters, and boilers and gas turbines depending on size and fuel type), and mineral processing operations (rock crushing and/or screening operations).

**CRITERIA FOR JURISDICTION**                      The source is classified under Section 5-401 of the *Vermont Air Pollution Control Regulations*.

**INFORMATION REQUIRED**

- i. General information regarding the project and source;
- ii. Descriptions of processes and equipment specifications;
- iii. Quantification of pollutant emissions;
- iv. Control technology analysis (where required), including analysis of prevention techniques; and
- v. Ambient air quality impact evaluations (where required), including the results of pre-construction monitoring.

**WEB ADDRESS**                      <http://dec.vermont.gov/air-quality/permits>

| <b>FEES</b> | <u>Type of Application</u>               | <u>Fee</u> |
|-------------|--|------------|
|             | New Major Source/Major Modification      | \$15,000   |
|             | Administrative Amendments                | \$ 150     |
|             | Transfer of Permit Ownership             | \$ 150     |
|             | New Minor Source/Minor Modification      |            |
|             | Base Fee                                 | \$ 2,000   |
|             | Supplementary Fees (as applicable):      |            |
|             | Engineering Review                       | \$ 2,000   |
|             | Air Quality Impact Evaluation (Modeling) | \$ 2,000   |
|             | Emission Testing Requirements            | \$ 2,000   |

**APPLICATION TIME FRAME**

The performance standard for processing a complete application is  
(i) Major Source/Major Modification - 175 days  
(ii) Minor Source/Minor Modification - 150 days  
(iii) Administrative Amendment/Transfer - 30 days

**ADMINISTERING AGENCY**

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| <b>AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES<br/>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION<br/>AIR QUALITY &amp; CLIMATE DIVISION</b> |   |
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**AUTHORITY**

10 V.S.A. Section 556

**APPLICABLE RULES**

Environmental Protection Regulations Chapter 5 Air Pollution Control Sections 5-401, 5-501, 5-502, and 5-504.

**APPEAL PROCESS**

Any person aggrieved by an act or decision of the Secretary may appeal to the Environmental Court within 30 days of the date of the act or decision in accordance with 10 V.S. A. Chapter 220 and the Vermont Rules of Environmental Court Proceedings.

**OTHER PERMITS**

The [DEC Environmental Assistance Office](#) provides general permit assistance through Permit Specialists located in the Agency of Natural Resources' (ANR) five regional offices. The Permit Specialist's primary job duty is to serve as the initial state contact for applicants and assist them in identifying all necessary state permits or approvals for any given project. This allows applicants to make informed business decisions about the cost and length of time required to comply with all state regulations. This also increases the likelihood that projects will meet requirements ensuring environmental and public health protection.