



State of Vermont
PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION

PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEM — SOURCE PERMIT

**SUMMARY
DESCRIPTION
OF PERMIT**

Public water system sources require a Source Permit from the Agency of Natural Resources, as do sources for bulk and bottled water. A Source Permit is also required for deepening, hydro-fracturing or other modifications that potentially affect the source water quantity or quality.

**EXAMPLE OF
REGULATED
ACTIVITY**

Public water systems serving 25 or more people greater than 60 days per year (such as municipalities, mobile home parks, residential developments, condominiums, offices, schools, manufacturing facilities, campgrounds, motels, restaurants), and sources for bulk and bottled water.

**CRITERIA FOR
JURISDICTION**

Sources requiring Source Permits under the Water Supply Rule:

- (a) Sources for Public Community (PCWS) water systems
Serving at least fifteen (15) service connections used by year-round residents, or regularly serve at least 25 year-round residents
- (b) Sources for Non-Transient, Non-Community (NTNC) water systems
Serving 25 or more of the same people for greater than 6 months of the year
- (c) Sources for Transient, Non-Community (TNC) water systems
Serving 25 or more people for greater than 60 days of the year
- (d) Sources for bulk water facilities
Bulk water is water delivered to consumers or water purveyors by means other than pipeline or bottled water
- (e) In-state sources for bottled water facilities
Bottled water is non-carbonated, non-flavored water placed in a sealed container for sale or distribution to the public with the express or implied intent of providing water for human consumption

**INFORMATION
REQUIRED**

The permit process for a new proposed Public Drinking Water source consists of three phases. The proposed use of, or modification to, existing water supply sources may not require the complete review and permitting process (all three phases).

Phase I: Site Evaluation

Review of the Source Permit Application, a site visit, and public notification. Evaluate project demand, proposed source type and construction, potential sources of contamination (PSOC), and define studies to evaluate PSOCs.

Phase II: Source Testing

Approve source testing proposals, undue adverse impact studies, proposals for additional studies regarding contaminant impacts, and source construction.

Phase III: Source Evaluation

Review of all previously submitted data, the source testing report, water quality data, potential interference with other water supply sources and water uses, the results of any additional studies, public notification, control of the isolation zone, and engineering plans for final development.

PUBLIC NOTICE	For all PCWS and NTNC proposed sources, the Division will provide the opportunity for two periods of public comment. The first public notice period follows Administratively Complete Determination in Phase I. The second period follows development of the Source Protection Area and issuing the Draft Source Permit in Phase III.
WEB ADDRESS	https://dec.vermont.gov/water/drinking-water/public-drinking-water-systems
FEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCWS systems and Domestic Bottled/Bulk Water will be charged \$945.00 per source to be permitted. • NTNC systems will be charged \$770.00 per source to be permitted. • TNC systems will be charged \$385.00 per source to be permitted. • Amendment to existing permit is \$150.00.
APPLICATION TIME FRAME	The performance standard for processing a complete application is 180 days for review/response time by the Division.
ADMINISTERING AGENCY	<p style="text-align: center;">AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER PROTECTION DIVISION</p> <p>CONTACT: Rodney Pingree Rodney.Pingree@vermont.gov 802-585-4912 Toll Free: 1-800-823-6500 (In Vermont only)</p> <p>ADDRESS: Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division One National Life Dr, Davis 4 Montpelier, VT 05620-3521</p>
AUTHORITY	10 VSA Chapters 48, 56 and 61 and 18 VSA § 1218
APPLICABLE RULES	<p>Vermont Environmental Protection Rules, Chapter 21, Adopted Water Supply Rule - effective December 1, 2010</p> <p>Federal Safe Drinking Water Act; 42 USC 300 f. et. seq., and 40 CFR 141, 142</p> <p>For in-state (domestic) bulk or bottled water sources both chapter 21–Vermont Water Supply Rule, and Chapter 24–Groundwater Withdrawal reporting and Permitting Rule are applied.</p>
APPEAL PROCESS	Effective January 31, 2005, within 30 days of the date of an act or decision, any person aggrieved by an act or decision of the secretary, or any party by right, may appeal to the environmental court in accordance with the provisions of 10 VSA Chapter 220 .
OTHER PERMITS	<p>New systems may require Permits to Construct, Waste Water Disposal Permits, and Operating Permits from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division (Sheets 21 & 22), and other permits from other state departments, including wetlands review (Sheets 1 & 29).</p> <p>Request a Project Review Sheet from a Permit Specialist.</p>