IDEM Wetland Permitting:

Overview of permitting for work in Waters of the State



IDEM & the Law: Regulatory Authority

Section 401 of the Clean Water Act

Implemented by IDEM

Water Quality Certification (WQC) required from the state before a federal permit or license can be issued

State Water Quality Standards (327 IAC 2) State Regulated Wetlands Law (IC 13-18-22)

Establish General & Individual Permits for impacts in wetlands NOT under federal jurisdiction











IDEM-Regulated Activities

- Discharge of dredged or fill material into Waters of the U.S. & non-exempt Waters of the State
- All Waters of the U.S. are Waters of the State
- Isolated Wetlands Waters of the State but NOT Waters of the U.S.
- State Regulated Wetland Defined by state law as an isolated wetland located in Indiana that is not an exempt isolated wetland



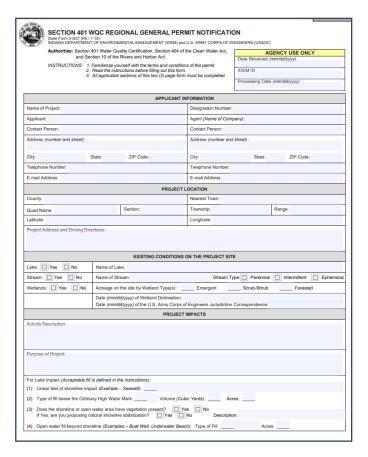


Wetland image courtesy of IDEM

Permits & Certifications

- General Permits
- Individual Section 401 WQC
- Isolated Wetland Individual Permit
- Tile Maintenance General Permit





Section 401 WQC Regional General Permit

Avoid Permitting "Surprises"

- 1. Avoid impacts to wetlands & streams, if possible
- 2. Complete a wetland delineation for all sites
- 3. Contact IDEM for early coordination site visit:

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Not sure whether a permit is required?

Waterways Inquiry Request – an online tool from IDEM & Indiana DNR to help Indiana citizens determine if a permit is needed from either agency.

Additional information at: <u>waterways.IN.gov</u>



Questions?

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