



This schedule provides processing times grouped by D.E.P. program. These times apply to applications for *new* licenses accepted as complete for processing by D.E.P. on or after November 1, 2023 that are under the commissioner’s jurisdiction. Guaranteed processing times do not apply to other application types (e.g., amendments, renewals) after the-fact license applications or applications over which the Board of Environmental Protection has jurisdiction.

The “Guaranteed Processing Time” column is measured from the date of acceptance to the date of the D.E.P. decision on the application. This is the maximum period of time the agency has to process an application before the forfeiture provisions contained in Maine Revised Statutes Title 38, Section 344-B apply. Where multiple permits for a single project are required, D.E.P. issues a single order including multiple permits, where possible. Such an order is governed by the longest of the processing times for the included permits. The ‘goal column,’ where a number is provided, is the time within which DEP strives to issue a decision. All times are in calendar days unless specifically noted otherwise.

### Air Quality

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
<b>70</b>	initial part 70 air license (c. 140)	-	548 days
<b>71</b>	new minor source license (c. 115)	-	270 days
<b>71</b>	minor modification at a minor source (c. 115)	-	270 days
<b>77</b>	minor modification at a major source (c. 115)	-	270 days
<b>77</b>	new major source license & major modifications (c. 115)	(270 days)	365 days
	general permit (c. 149, 164, & 165)	-	60 days
<b>75</b>	property or sales & use tax exemption certification	(90 days)	180 days

### Land Resources – Dams and Hydropower

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
<b>32</b>	FERC water quality certification for storage	(300 days)	365 days
<b>33</b>	FERC water quality certification, no increase in capacity	(300 days)	365 days
<b>34</b>	MWDCA maintenance/repair only	(100 days)	180 days
<b>35</b>	MWDCA new construction/expanded generating capacity	(300 days)	365 days
<b>36</b>	water level petitions	(300 days)	-
<b>3D</b>	dams, release of impoundment	--	570 days
<b>3E</b>	non-hydropower dams	(60 days)	120 days
<b>3A</b>	FERC hydropower licensing, first consultation	-	-
<b>3B</b>	FERC hydropower licensing, second consultation	-	-

### Land Resources – Mining and Excavations

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
<b>80</b>	notice of intent to comply w/borrow pit or quarry standards	-	45 days
	notice of borrow pit or quarry expansion	-	45 days
	variance from excavation standards; general	-	90 days

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
	variance from excavation standards excavation below the water table or externally drained	-	120 days
	variance from excavation standards: topsoil salvage	-	90 days
	variance from quarry standards: general	-	90 days
	variance from quarry standards: excavation below the water table or externally drained	-	120 days
	variance from quarry standards: topsoil salvage or air blasts & ground	-	90 days

## Land Resources – Natural Resources Protection Act<sup>1</sup>

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
-	NRPA permit by rule notification	-	14 days
<b>08</b>	water quality certification other than hydropower	(60 days)	120 days
<b>2A</b>	shoreline stabilization on a great pond	(60 days)	120 days
<b>2B</b>	other activity on a great pond	(60 days)	120 days
<b>2C</b>	fragile mountains areas	(60 days)	120 days
<b>2D</b>	irrigation ponds	(90 days)	150 days
<b>AP</b>	agricultural irrigation pond	(30 days)	60 days
<b>2E</b>	cranberry bogs	(90 days)	150 days
<b>CW</b>	cranberry cultivation	(45 days)	75 days
<b>2F</b>	activity adjacent to a protected natural resource	(60 days)	120 days
<b>2G</b>	fill or alteration of wetlands of special significance	(60 days)	120 days
<b>DW</b>	significant wildlife habitat: deer wintering area	(60 days)	120 days
<b>IW</b>	significant wildlife habitat: inland waterfowl area	(60 days)	120 days
<b>TW</b>	significant wildlife habitat: tidal waterfowl area	(60 days)	120 days
<b>BN</b>	significant wildlife habitat: seabird nesting island	(60 days)	120 days
<b>FS</b>	significant wildlife habitat: shorebird feeding & staging areas	(60 days)	120 days
<b>VP</b>	significant wildlife habitat: significant vernal pools	(90 days)	150 days
<b>3E</b>	non-hydropower dams	(60 days)	120 days
<b>GW</b>	significant groundwater extraction well	(90 days)	120 days
<b>OS</b>	offshore wind energy demonstration project	(60 days)	90 days
<b>OT</b>	offshore energy development	(90 days)	150 days
<b>4C</b>	coastal wetland, fill or structure >1,000 sq. ft. and below highest annual tide or over wetland vegetation	(60 days)	120 days
<b>4D</b>	shoreline stabilization in a coastal wetland	(60 days)	120 days
<b>4E</b>	other activity on a coastal wetland	(90 days)	150 days
<b>4P</b>	coastal: docks, piers & wharves	(60 days)	120 days
<b>4F</b>	sand dune: commercial structure >2,500 sq. ft.; single or multi-family residence >5000 sq. ft.; or any structure >35 ft. tall unless height related to posts	(90 days)	150 days
<b>4G</b>	sand dune: beach nourishment or restoration on a sand dune	(60 days)	120 days
<b>4H</b>	other activity on a sand dune	(60 days)	120 days
<b>4I</b>	sand dune: residential building >2,500 sq. ft. & <5000 sq. ft., and <35 ft. tall	(90 days)	150 days
<b>4J</b>	sand dune: front dune building	(90 days)	150 days
<b>4K</b>	sand dune: back dune building	(60 days)	120 days
<b>4L</b>	sand dune: front dune, new house variance	(90 days)	150 days
<b>4M</b>	sand dune: post or piling variance	(90 days)	150 days

<b>L4</b>	stream alteration, fill in floodway	(60 days)	120 days
<b>L5</b>	stream alteration, shoreline stabilization	(60 days)	120 days
<b>L6</b>	stream alteration, other	(60 days)	120 days
<b>MB</b>	mitigation bank	(90 days)	150 days
<b>MC</b>	mitigation credit	(90 days)	150 days
<b>TA</b>	freshwater wetland, Tier 1 / 0 - 4,999 sq. ft.	(40 days)	45 days
<b>TB</b>	freshwater wetland, Tier 1 / 5,000 - 9,999 sq. ft.	(40 days)	45 days
<b>TC</b>	freshwater wetland, Tier 1 / 10,000 - 14,999 sq. ft.	(40 days)	45 days
<b>TE</b>	freshwater wetland fill, Tier 2 / 15,000 - 43,560 sq. ft.	(60 days)	60 days
<b>TF</b>	freshwater wetland alteration, Tier 2 / 15,000 - 43,560 sq. ft.	(60 days)	60 days
<b>TG</b>	freshwater wetland fill, Tier 3 > 43,560 sq. ft.	(90 days)	150 days
<b>TH</b>	freshwater wetland alteration, Tier 3, > 43,560 sq. ft.	(90 days)	150 days

<sup>1</sup> All processing times for new NRPA applications are subject to winter deferral provisions. 38 M.R.S. § 480-E(4).

## Land Resources – Small-Scale Wind Energy Developments

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
<b>ES</b>	certification of small scale wind development	(150 days)	215 days

## Land Resources – Site Location of Development Act

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
<b>06</b>	delegation of authority to a municipality	(120 days)	195 days
<b>18</b>	airport development	(120 days)	195 days
<b>19</b>	medical facility development	(120 days)	195 days
<b>20</b>	paper mill development	(120 days)	195 days
<b>21</b>	lumber products sawmill development	(120 days)	195 days
<b>22</b>	school development	(90 days)	165 days
<b>23</b>	shopping center development	(120 days)	195 days
<b>24<sup>2</sup></b>	non-hydro utility development	(120 days)	150 days
<b>25</b>	warehouse development	(120 days)	195 days
<b>26</b>	other non-residential structure development	(150 days)	230 days
<b>27</b>	pipeline development	(150 days)	230 days
<b>28</b>	recreational site development	(150 days)	230 days
<b>39</b>	industrial park/commercial development	(120 days)	195 days
<b>85</b>	transient lodging development	(120 days)	195 days
<b>87</b>	multi-family or condominium development	(120 days)	195 days
<b>L0</b>	great american neighborhood	(90 days)	165 days
<b>L1</b>	residential subdivision development of affordable housing	(120 days)	195 days
<b>L2</b>	residential subdivision development with public water & sewer	(120 days)	195 days
<b>L3</b>	all other residential subdivision development	(120 days)	195 days
<b>MX</b>	mixed use:		
	residential/condo	(120 days)	195 days
	residential/non-residential	(120 days)	195 days
<b>L7</b>	metallic mining - baseline process	(150 days)	230 days
<b>PS</b>	Solar Projects	(120 days)	195 days
<b>TP</b>	MDOT/MTA	(30 days)	30 days
-	planning permit (pertains to any Site Law project except subdivisions)	-	230 days
-	notice of intent to comply, roundwood	(150 days)	90 days

<sup>2</sup>This type code does not include solar projects; they have the code PS. Additionally, pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 344(2-A)(A), processing time for an expedited wind energy project is 185 days.

## Land Resources – Solar Decommissioning

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
<b>DP</b>	review of solar energy development decommissioning plan	(45 days)	90 days

## Land Resources – Maine Construction General Permit

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
<b>E1</b>	NOI - 1 to 3 acres	-	14 days
<b>E2</b>	NOI - 3 to 5 acres	-	14 days

## Land Resources – Stormwater Management Law

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
<b>NA</b>	stormwater (sw) at risk - solely vegetative	(30 days)	45 days
<b>NB</b>	sw at risk – structural	(60 days)	90 days
<b>NI</b>	sw, all other - solely vegetative	(30 days)	45 days
<b>NJ</b>	sw, all other – structural	(60 days)	90 days
-	sw permit by rule (all)	-	14 days

## Water Quality – Industrial Stormwater

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
<b>MN</b>	NOI – multi-sector general permit – industrial facilities	-	30 days

## Water Quality – Wastewater Discharge

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing
<b>5A</b>	residential OBD up to 600 GPD	(60 days)	90 days
<b>5B</b>	residential OBD over 600 GPD	(60 days)	90 days
<b>5C</b>	commercial OBD	(120 days)	180 days
<b>5D</b>	publicly owned OBD up to 6,000 GPD	(120 days)	180 days
<b>5J</b>	sanitary wastewater, commercial (non-OBD)	(120 days)	180 days
<b>6A</b>	POTW, <10K GPD, no sig. industrial waste	(120 days)	180 days
<b>6B</b>	POTW, 10K to 100K GPD, no sig. industrial waste	(120 days)	180 days
<b>6C</b>	POTW, 100K to 1M GPD, no sig. industrial waste	(120 days)	180 days
<b>6D</b>	POTW, 1M to 5M GPD, no sig. industrial waste	(120 days)	180 days
<b>5M</b>	POTW over 5 MGD or with significant industrial waste	(150 days)	270 days
<b>5N</b>	major industrial facility/process wastewater	(150 days)	270 days
<b>5O</b>	minor industrial facility/process wastewater	(120 days)	210 days
<b>5P</b>	food handling or packaging wastewater	(120 days)	210 days
<b>6E</b>	fish rearing facility <100K GPD	(120 days)	180 days
<b>6F</b>	fish rearing facility >100K GPD	(150 days)	270 days
<b>5R</b>	non-contact cooling water	(120 days)	180 days
<b>5S</b>	ind. or comm. sources/misc. or incidental non-process	(120 days)	180 days

<b>5T</b>	municipal combined sewer overflow	(120 days)	180 days
<b>5U</b>	aquatic pesticide application	(45 days)	180 days
<b>5V</b>	snow dumps	(60 days)	90 days
<b>5W</b>	salt and sand storage pile	(120 days)	180 days
<b>5X</b>	log storage permit	(60 days)	90 days
<b>5Y</b>	general permit for storm water discharges	(150 days)	270 days
<b>5Z</b>	experimental discharge license	(150 days)	270 days
<b>51</b>	creation of mixing zone	(180 days)	210 days
<b>54</b>	formation of sanitary district	(90 days)	120 days
<b>6G</b>	marine aquaculture facility	(150 days)	270 days
<b>6H</b>	marine aquaculture - general permit	(14 days)	31 days
<b>63</b>	property tax exemption certification	(60 days)	120 days
<b>64</b>	sales & use tax exemption certification	(60 days)	120 days
<b>68</b>	water quality certification--NPDES permit	(60 days)	180 days

## Remediation & Waste Management – Oil

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
<b>90</b>	vessels at anchorage	(190 days)	240 days
<b>91</b>	oil terminal - existing fixed facility	(145 days)	180 days
<b>91</b>	oil terminal - new fixed facility	(290 days)	365 days
<b>92</b>	oil terminal – vessel	(145 days)	180 days
<b>93</b>	underground petroleum tank removal waiver	(70 days)	90 days
<b>94</b>	underground petroleum tank siting variance	(70 days)	90 days

## Remediation & Waste Management - Biomedical Waste

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
<b>BA</b>	biomedical waste transfer facility	(215 days)	270 days
<b>BB</b>	biomedical waste transfer facility/lbr	(145 days)	180 days
<b>BC</b>	biomedical waste treatment facility	(365 days)	450 days
<b>BD</b>	biomedical waste treatment facility - site law	(430 days)	540 days
<b>BG</b>	petition to use alternate treatment	(300 days)	365 days
<b>BWGS</b>	biomedical waste generator registration – very small (<10 lb./mo.)		
<b>BWGM</b>	biomedical waste generator registration – small (10-50 lb./mo.)		

## Remediation & Waste Management - Hazardous Waste

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
<b>HK</b>	hw - interim license	(45 days)	120 days
<b>HL</b>	abbreviated license ("al") for beneficial reuse on-site	(145 days)	180 days
<b>HM</b>	al - beneficial reuse off-site	(145 days)	180 days
<b>HN</b>	al - Elementary Neutralization	(145 days)	180 days
<b>HO</b>	al - thermal treatment	(145 days)	180 days
<b>HP</b>	al - discharge to POTWS	(145 days)	180 days
<b>HQ</b>	al - reuse in wastewater treatment	(145 days)	180 days
<b>HR</b>	al - transfer facility	(145 days)	180 days
<b>HS</b>	al - PCB storage	(145 days)	180 days
<b>HT</b>	al - precious metal recovery	(145 days)	180 days

<b>HU</b>	al - volume reduction unit	(145 days)	180 days
<b>HV</b>	al - other facility treatment in tank	(145 days)	180 days
<b>RA</b>	al - reuse of hazardous waste in solid form	(145 days)	180 days
<b>RB</b>	al - electronics demanufacturing facility	(145 days)	180 days

## Remediation & Waste Management - Solid Waste

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
<b>WB</b>	existing non-secure municipal landfill <15,000 people	-	540 days
<b>WC</b>	existing non-secure municipal landfill >15,000 people	-	540 days
<b>WD</b>	secure landfill	-	540 days
<b>WE</b>	secure landfill for woodwaste, land clearing, and demolition debris	-	540 days
<b>WF</b>	non-secure woodwaste, land clearing, and demolition debris ≤6 acres	-	270 days
<b>WN</b>	landfill - closing plan for secure	-	365 days
<b>WO</b>	landfill - closing plan for non-secure	-	365 days
<b>W1</b>	landfill - alternative approval of a municipal closing plan	-	90 days
<b>WP</b>	application for an approval of a closure modification	(60 days)	90 days
<b>WQ</b>	landfill - preliminary information reports	-	60 days
<b>WR</b>	landfill - license transfer	(90 days)	120 days
<b>W5</b>	public benefit determination	-	60 days
<b>WG</b>	incineration - msw/special waste	-	540 days
<b>WW</b>	incineration – license transfers	-	120 days
<b>WH</b>	reduced and full procedure for transfer stations & storage facilities	(120 days)	180 days
<b>WH</b>	permit-by-rule <2-acre wood waste storage area		24 days
<b>WI</b>	tire storage facility	(120 days)	180 days
<b>WI</b>	permit-by-rule tire storage		24 days
<b>WK</b>	processing facility other than composting	(270 days)	365 days
<b>WK</b>	permit-by-rule processing soils contaminated with virgin oil		18 working days
<b>WK</b>	permit-by-rule manufacture of flowable fill		18 working days
<b>WK</b>	permit-by-rule processing wood wastes		18 working days
<b>WV</b>	beneficial use - fuel substitution	(120 days)	180 days
<b>WL</b>	on-going beneficial use other than utilization without risk-assessment	(120 days)	180 days
<b>WM</b>	on-going beneficial use other than utilization with risk-assessment	(120 days)	180 days
<b>W2</b>	authorization through notification for beneficial use of encapsulated petroleum contaminated soil when certified by a P.E.		5 working days
<b>W3</b>	one-time beneficial use other than utilization without risk-assessment	(120 days)	180 days
<b>W3</b>	permit-by-rule beneficial use of tire chips as construction fill		24 days
<b>W3</b>	permit-by-rule beneficial use of tires in structures		24 days
<b>W3</b>	permit-by-rule beneficial use of 6,400 tons or less of encapsulated petroleum contaminated soil as construction fill		24 days
<b>W4</b>	one-time beneficial use other than utilization with risk-assessment	(120 days)	180 days
<b>W7</b>	Beneficial use - reduced procedure - on going		90 days
<b>W8</b>	Beneficial use - reduced procedure – one time		90 days
<b>WS</b>	special waste disposal - one time ≤6 cubic yards	-	30 days
<b>WT</b>	special waste disposal - one time >6 cubic yards	-	60 days
<b>WT</b>	permit-by-rule cull potato disposal		5 working days
<b>WU</b>	special waste disposal – routine	-	90 days
<b>WX</b>	transfer - all other than landfill or incineration facility	(60 days)	90 days
<b>WZ</b>	pilot project	(120 days)	180 days
<b>88</b>	experimental license	(120 days)	180 days

## Remediation & Waste Management – Asbestos Abatement and Licensing

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
--	projects involving more than 100 sq. ft. or 100 linear ft. of ACM or any combination thereof, but less than 500 sq. ft. or 2,500 linear ft. of ACM	(14 days)	45 days
--	projects involving more than 500 sq. ft. or 2,500 linear feet of ACM, but less than 1,000 sq. ft. or 5,000 linear feet of ACM	(14 days)	45 days
--	projects involving more than 1,000 sq. ft. or 5,000 linear ft. of ACM or any combination thereof of ACM	(14 days)	45 days
--	asbestos abatement contractor	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos consultant	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos analytical laboratory	(14 days)	-
--	in-house asbestos abatement unit	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos training provider	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos abatement worker	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos abatement project supervisor	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos air monitor	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos inspector	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos abatement design consultant	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos air analyst	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos bulk analyst	(14 days)	-
--	asbestos management planner	(14 days)	-
--	reissuance of a certificate or photo ID card	(14 days)	-

## Remediation & Waste Management – Lead Abatement Licensing and Certification

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
--	lead abatement worker	(14 days)	-
--	lead abatement project supervisor	(14 days)	-
--	lead inspector	(14 days)	-
--	lead design consultant	(14 days)	-
--	lead risk assessor	(14 days)	-
--	lead abatement contractor	(14 days)	-
--	lead consulting firm	(14 days)	-
--	lead training provider	(14 days)	-

## Remediation & Waste Management - Septage Facilities

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
<b>S1</b>	municipal septage management compliance (septage designation)	(45 days)	60 days
<b>S2</b>	septage non-utilization site (disposal)	(270 days)	365 days
<b>S3</b>	septage utilization site	(270 days)	365 days
<b>S4</b>	septage storage site	(60 days)	90 days
<b>S7</b>	septage license transfer	(60 days)	90 days

## Remediation & Waste Management - Sludge & Residuals

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
<b>SB</b>	industrial sludge utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
<b>SH</b>	industrial sludge utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
<b>SC</b>	municipal sludge utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
<b>SI</b>	municipal sludge utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
<b>SD</b>	bioash utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
<b>SJ</b>	bioash utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
<b>SE</b>	wood ash utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
<b>SK</b>	wood ash utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
<b>SF</b>	food waste utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
<b>SL</b>	food waste utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
<b>SG</b>	other waste utilization program approval	(180 days)	270 days
<b>SM</b>	other waste utilization with program approval	(120 days)	180 days
<b>ST</b>	utilization storage <3,500 cubic yards	(120 days)	180 days
<b>SU</b>	utilization storage ≥3,500 cubic yards	(120 days)	180 days
<b>SV</b>	utilization – other	(180 days)	270 days
<b>SX</b>	utilization - license transfer	(60 days)	90 days
<b>SY</b>	utilization - one-time	(120 days)	180 days
<b>SZ</b>	utilization - pilot project	(60 days)	90 days

## Remediation & Waste Management - Composting & Residual Processing

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
<b>CB</b>	type IA leaf and yard waste	(120 days)	180 days
<b>CF</b>	type 1B & 1C residual <750 yds <sup>3</sup> /yr	-	365 days
<b>CG</b>	type 1B & 1C residual >750 yds <sup>3</sup> /yr	-	365 days
<b>CH</b>	type II <3500 yds <sup>3</sup> /yr	-	365 days
<b>CI</b>	type II >3500 yds <sup>3</sup> /yr	-	365 days
<b>CJ</b>	type III <3500 yds <sup>3</sup> /yr	-	365 days
<b>CK</b>	type III >3500 yds <sup>3</sup> /yr	-	365 days
<b>CL</b>	septage processing <750 yds <sup>3</sup> /yr	-	365 days
<b>CM</b>	septage processing >750 yds <sup>3</sup> /yr	-	365 days
<b>CX</b>	C&R license transfer	-	365 days
<b>CB</b>	permit-by-rule composting wood, leaf and yard wastes	-	15 working days
<b>CZ</b>	C&R processing pilot project	(120 days)	180 days

## Remediation & Waste Management – Bottle Bill

Code	Description	(Goals)	Guaranteed Processing Time
<b>K3</b>	initiator of deposit license fee for brewer/vintner and small beverage manufacturers producing less than 50,000 gallons annually	(60 days)	-
<b>K4</b>	initiator of deposit license fee for water bottlers producing less than 250,000 containers annually	(60 days)	-



<b>K5</b>	initiator of deposit license fee for all others	(60 days)	-
<b>K6</b>	contracted agent licensing fee	(60 days)	-
<b>K7</b>	redemption center licensing fee	(90 days)	-