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SCDES Permits that Require a Pre-application Meeting

Pre-application meetings help streamline the permitting process by proactively discussing the scope of a project and identifying the regulatory standards that apply to an individual application. The SCDES permits that require pre-application meetings include those listed below.

Air

- Construction Permits
  - Energy Infrastructure Projects
  - Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD)
  - 112(g) - Case by case MACT
  - Synthetic Minor
  - Projects with large public interest

Coastal

- Energy Infrastructure Projects
- Tidelands:
  - Floating Mariculture projects
  - Living Shorelines
  - Marinas
  - Transportation projects with critical area impacts
- Beachfront:
  - Renourishment and restoration projects
- Coastal Stormwater:
  - Development projects electing to participate in the Expedited Review Program
  - Development projects seeking to reduce the construction site buffer
  - Development projects, located outside of an MS4 area, proposing to disturb 50 acres or more of land
- Coastal Zone Consistency (CZC):
  - Development projects with potential coastal resource impacts (freshwater wetland, cultural resource, protected State species)
  - Development projects within close proximity (<1000') to shellfish beds

Water

- Land Application
- NPDES Wastewater Individual Permits
- Navigable Water Individual Permits
- Dam Safety Permits
- Non-coastal Stormwater:
  - Energy Infrastructure Projects
  - Projects electing to participate in the Expedited Review Program
  - Projects seeking a stormwater detention or other waiver
  - Projects seeking to reduce the construction site buffer
  - Projects located outside of an MS4 area, proposing to disturb 100 acres or more of land

Land & Waste Management

- Solid Waste Class 1 Landfills - New
- Solid Waste Class 2 - New and Substantial Modifications
- Solid Waste Class 3 - New and Substantial Modifications
- Mine Operating Permit
- UST Permit to Install (coastal counties only)
- RCRA Hazardous Waste Management Facilities

Regional

- Option #5 Large Systems >1500 GPD (Septic Tank Application)
- Oil & Gas Terminal Facilities

Visit **des.sc.gov/permits** to learn how to request a pre-application meeting.

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