

Instructions for Completing the Permit Application Form to Add a Regulated Activity to a Registered Facility in an Aquifer Protection Area

Use these instructions to complete the application form for regulated activities in Aquifer Protection Areas. These instructions are not a substitute for the requirements of any relevant statutes or regulations. You should review all applicable laws prior to completing the application form. Remember, it is your responsibility to comply with all applicable laws.

A completed application form must be submitted for each separate facility (or non-contiguous property).

Introduction

The Aquifer Protection Area Program was established to protect large public water supply wells from contamination through land use controls. In accordance with the Norwalk Aquifer Protection Area Regulations, Section 9, new activities using quantities of hazardous materials are prohibited from locating within Aquifer Protection Areas, while existing facilities are required to register their use. Registration allows the facility to continue to operate at that site. In addition, a registrant may apply for a permit to add (or change to) a new regulated activity. Basic best management practices for handling and storage of hazardous materials are required. The facility must develop and implement a materials management plan and a stormwater management plan which are maintained at the facility and submitted to the Aquifer Protection Agency. Guidance for developing such plans is available from the Norwalk Aquifer Protection Agency and the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP).

Any questions that you may have regarding the Aquifer Protection Area should be directed to the Norwalk Conservation Office Staff at 203-854-7744.

Who May Apply for a Permit to Add a Regulated Activity to a Registered Facility?

Any person may apply for a permit to add or change a regulated activity at a facility that currently holds a Registration for Regulated Activities in Aquifer Protection Areas.

Time Frame for Permits

A permit to add a regulated activity to a registered facility must be obtained prior to commencement of the new regulated activity. To allow sufficient time for processing, such permit application should be submitted to Norwalk Aquifer Protection Agency at least 180 days prior to the anticipated commencement date of such regulated activity.

A permit will expire ten (10) years from the date of issuance of the permit.

Any person proposing to continue a previously permitted regulated activity must apply for renewal of the existing permit by submitting a sufficient application at least one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the expiration date of the existing permit.

If a renewal application is not submitted prior to the expiration date of the existing permit, then the existing permit is deemed to have expired.

How To Apply

Your application must include the following:

- A *Permit Application Form to Add a Regulated Activity to a Registered Facility in an Aquifer Protection Area* and all supporting documents,
- The applicable application fee, paid by check or money order, made payable to the "City of Norwalk".

You must submit the above materials together as a package to:

Aquifer Protection Agency
 Norwalk City Hall
 Conservation Office
 125 East Avenue
 Norwalk, CT 06856-5125

The applicant shall mail a copy of the completed permit application form to the following:

- 1) **Commissioner of the DEEP,**
- 2) **the Commissioner of Public Health, and**
- 3) **the affected water company.**

See Appendix C of these instructions for specific DEEP, Department of Public Health and water company contacts.

When submitting your application, label your supporting documents as directed on your application form and always include, on each document, the applicant's name. When additional space is necessary to answer a question stated in the application, please insert additional sheets by the appropriate question. Label each sheet with the applicant's name, along with the corresponding part number and question number indicated on the application form. You should retain a copy of all documents for your files.

Part I: Application Type

Check the appropriate box to specify if the application is for a *new* permit, a *renewal* of an existing permit, or a *modification* of an existing permit. Please provide the existing aquifer protection registration number in the space provided. If you are applying for a renewal or modification of an existing permit, or if a permit has been obtained for a new regulated activity at the facility, please provide the existing aquifer protection permit number in the space provided. Please note that if you are seeking a *modification*, you should consult the Norwalk Aquifer Protection Agency prior to submitting an application to determine whether completing an application form is necessary.

Part II: Fee Information

A fee of \$1,000.00 must be submitted for each permit you are seeking. Each separate facility (or non-contiguous property) requires a separate application and fee. The application will not be processed without the fee. The payment should be in the form of a check or money order made payable to "City of Norwalk".

Part III: Applicant Information

When completing this part, please use the following standards:

- *Name* - Provide the full, legal *company/firm* name. If identifying an entity registered with the Secretary of the State, fill in the name exactly as it is shown on such application. If identifying an *individual*, provide the full legal name (include title and suffix) in the following format: Title (Ms, Dr, etc.); First Name; Middle Initial; Last Name; Suffix
 - *Phone* - Unless otherwise indicated, the phone number provided should be the number where the individual can be contacted during the daytime business hours.
 - *Contact Person* - Provide the name of the specific individual within the company whom the Municipal Aquifer Protection Agency may contact.
1. *Applicant* - Fill in the applicant's name, mailing address and phone number. Check the boxes describing the applicant's interest

in the property or facility. Provide the company name. Indicate if there are co-applicants and if so, provide the required information for each applicant.

2. *Primary Contact* - If you have authorized a consultant, engineer, attorney or other individual to act for you during the processing of this application, complete this section. The municipality will direct copies of all correspondence and inquiries to this primary contact.
3. *Attorney* - It is not required that an applicant be represented by an *attorney* or any other agent. If you do have an attorney representing you for this application, complete this section.
4. *Facility Operator* - If the applicant is not the operator of the affected facility complete this section.
5. *Facility Owner* - If the applicant is not the owner of the affected facility complete this section.
6. *Engineers or Consultants* - List any engineers or other consultants employed or retained to assist in preparing the application or to design, construct or operate the proposed activity. Be sure to identify the service that is being provided by each.

Part IV: Registrant Information

Registrant – Complete the following if different than the applicant: Fill in the registrant’s name, mailing address and phone number. Check the boxes describing the registrant’s interest in the property or facility. Provide the company name. Indicate if there are co-registrants and if so, provide the required information for each registrant.

Part V: Facility Information

1. The facility name should be the name by which the facility is commonly known and/or uniquely identified.

The “facility” (as defined in Section 2 of the Aquifer Protection Area Regulations) means property where a regulated activity is conducted by any person, including without limitation any buildings located on the property that are owned or leased by that person; and includes contiguous land owned, leased, or for which there is an option to purchase by that person.

The information provided as the location address should be the address of the property at which the regulated activity takes place. Include the street address and municipality. If the property does not have a street number, describe the location in terms of the distance and direction from an obvious landmark such as an intersection with another roadway, a bridge, or a river. For example, “... on River Street, approximately 1000 feet north of its intersection with Bear Swamp Road.”

2. In the appropriate column of the table, check *all* regulated activities that a) are **registered** at the facility, b) are registered and will **continue** to be conducted at the facility, c) are not registered, but are **proposed** to be conducted at the facility as a permitted activity.

Note that the descriptions listed in the application form are simplified. The full descriptions, which include some exceptions, are provided in Section 2 of the Aquifer Protection Area Regulations, reproduced in this document as Appendix A. These regulated activities are further modified by exceptions listed in Section 4 of the Aquifer Protection Area Regulations, also included in Appendix A of these instructions, which exempts residential activities, volumes of hazardous materials below given thresholds, agricultural activities, as well as several other minor categories.

Part VI: Best Management Practices

Applicants must certify that the regulated activities at the facility are in compliance with the best management practices (BMPs) specified in Section 12 of the Aquifer Protection

Area Regulations in order to complete the application form. A copy of the BMPs is attached as Appendix B of these instructions. Most registered facilities will already be in compliance with the basic BMPs in Section 12 of the Aquifer Protection Area Regulations. Please note however, that development and approval of a materials management plan and a stormwater management plan are required by Section 9 of the Aquifer Protection Area Regulations. A brief guidance document and sample plans are available from the Norwalk Aquifer Protection Agency or on the DEP web site at www.ct.gov/dep/aquiferprotection. The materials management plan and stormwater management plan must be submitted with the application. Refer to these instructions under Attachments C and D. In addition, the plans must be maintained at the facility and made available for inspection if requested by the Municipal Aquifer Protection Agency.

The applicant must check the box by **each** of the five BMPs as verification that the facility is in compliance with all of the BMPs. The applicant and the operator, if different from the applicant, must sign the certification.

Part VII: Supporting Documents

Check the appropriate box by each attachment as verification that all *applicable* attachments have been submitted.

Please label all attachments as referenced in the application form and these instructions and be sure to include the name of the applicant.

Attachment A: A Facility Boundary Map

Submit a copy of the registered facility boundary map as it was submitted with the original registration.

Note: The permitted activities must take place within the registered facility boundary.

Attachment B: Materials Management Plan

Submit a Materials Management Plan, required by Section 12 of the Aquifer Protection Area

Regulations, as Attachment B. A copy of the Materials Management Plan must be maintained on-site. A Materials Management Plan shall be developed and implemented in accordance with Section 12 of the Aquifer Protection Area Regulations.

Attachment C: Stormwater Management Plan

Submit a Stormwater Management Plan, required by Section 12 of the Aquifer Protection Area Regulations, as Attachment C. A copy of the Stormwater Management Plan must be maintained on-site. A Stormwater Management Plan shall be implemented to assure that stormwater-runoff generated by the subject regulated activity is managed in a manner so as to prevent pollution of ground water and shall comply with all of the Stormwater Management Plan requirements of the DEP's General Permit for the Discharge of Storm Water Associated with a Commercial Activity.

Attachment D: Environmental Compliance Information Form

Provide the applicant's record of compliance with the environmental laws of Connecticut, any other state and the federal government. The applicant's environmental compliance record may be considered by the Agency when reviewing a permit application. All permit applications must include a completed *Environmental Compliance Information Form* as Attachment D.

Part VIII: Land Owner Information

In the event the land owner is not the facility owner, registrant, or facility operator, the land owner must consent to the application and by their signature, attest that they consent to the application.

Part IX : Applicant Certification

After the application has been completed it must be reviewed and signed by both the applicant and the individual(s) who actually prepared the application. By their signature, they certify that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the

information contained in the application, including all attachments, is true, accurate and complete.

The certification of the application package shall be signed as follows:

1. For an individual(s) or sole proprietorship: by the individual(s) or proprietor, respectively;
2. For a corporation: by a principal executive officer of at least the level of vice president;
3. For a limited liability company (LLC): a manager, if management of the LLC is vested in a manager(s) in accordance with the company's "Articles of Organization" or a member of the LLC if no authority is vested in a manager(s);
4. For a partnership: by a general partner;
5. For a municipal, state, or federal agency or department: by either a principal executive officer, a ranking elected official, or by other representatives of such applicant authorized by law.

An application will be considered incomplete unless all required signatures are provided.

Appendix A: Regulations of the City of Norwalk Section 2

Definition of a regulated activity

(34) "Regulated activity" means any of the following activities, which are located or conducted, wholly or partially, in an aquifer protection area, except as provided for in sections 22a-354i-5(c) and 22a-354i-6 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies:

(A) underground storage or transmission of oil or petroleum, to the extent such activity is not pre-empted by federal law, or hazardous material, except for (i) an underground storage tank that contains number two (2) fuel oil and is located more than five hundred (500) feet from a public supply well subject to regulation under section 22a-354c or section 22a-354z of the Connecticut General Statutes, or (ii) underground electrical facilities such as transformers, breakers, or cables containing oil for cooling or insulation purposes which are owned and operated by a public service company,

(B) oil or petroleum dispensing for the purpose of retail, wholesale or fleet use,

(C) on-site storage of hazardous materials for the purpose of wholesale sale,

(D) repair or maintenance of vehicles or internal combustion engines of vehicles, involving the use, storage or disposal of hazardous materials, including solvents, lubricants, paints, brake fluids, transmission fluids or the generation of hazardous wastes,

(E) salvage operations of metal or vehicle parts,

(F) wastewater discharges to ground water other than domestic sewage and stormwater, except for discharges from the following that have received a permit issued by the Commissioner pursuant to section 22a-430 of the Connecticut General Statutes: (i) a pump and treat system for ground water remediation, (ii) a potable water

treatment system, (iii) heat pump system, (iv) non-contact cooling water system, or (v) swimming pools,

(G) car or truck washing, unless all waste waters from such activity are lawfully disposed of through a connection to a publicly owned treatment works,

(H) production or refining of chemicals, including without limitation hazardous materials or asphalt,

(I) clothes or cloth cleaning service which involves the use, storage or disposal of hazardous materials including without limitation dry-cleaning solvents,

(J) industrial laundry service which involves the cleaning of clothes or cloth contaminated by hazardous material, unless all waste waters from such activity are lawfully disposed of through a connection to a publicly owned treatment works,

(K) generation of electrical power by means of fossil fuels, except for (i) generation of electrical power by an emergency engine as defined by section 22a-174-22(a)(3) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, or (ii) generation of electrical power by means of natural gas or propane,

(L) production of electronic boards, electrical components, or other electrical equipment involving the use, storage or disposal of any hazardous material or involving metal plating, degreasing of parts or equipment, or etching operations,

(M) embalming or crematory services which involve the use, storage or disposal of hazardous material, unless all waste waters from such activity are lawfully disposed of through a connection to a publicly owned treatment works,

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(N) furniture stripping operations which involve the use, storage or disposal of hazardous materials,

(O) furniture finishing operations which involve the use, storage or disposal of hazardous materials, unless all waste waters from such activity are lawfully disposed of through a connection to a publicly owned treatment works,

(P) storage, treatment or disposal of hazardous waste subject to a permit under sections 22a-449(c)-100 to 22a-449(c)-110, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies,

(Q) biological or chemical testing, analysis or research which involves the use, storage or disposal of hazardous material, unless all waste waters from such activity are lawfully disposed of through a connection to a publicly owned treatment works, and provided that on-site testing of a public supply well by a public water utility is not a regulated activity,

(R) pest control services which involve storage, mixing or loading of pesticides or other hazardous materials,

(S) photographic finishing which involves the use, storage or disposal of hazardous materials, unless all waste water from such activity are lawfully disposed of through a connection to a publicly owned treatment works,

(T) production or fabrication of metal products which involves the use, storage or disposal of hazardous materials including (i) metal cleaning or degreasing with industrial solvents, (ii) metal plating, or (iii) metal etching,

(U) printing, plate making, lithography, photoengraving, or gravure, which involves the

use, storage or disposal of hazardous materials,

(V) accumulation or storage of waste oil, anti-freeze or spent lead-acid batteries which are subject to a general permit issued under sections 22a-208(i) and 22a-454(e)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes,

(W) production of rubber, resin cements, elastomers or plastic, which involves the use, storage or disposal of hazardous materials,

(X) storage of de-icing chemicals, unless such storage takes place within a weather-tight water-proof structure for the purpose of retail sale or for the purpose of de-icing parking areas or access roads to parking areas,

(Y) accumulation, storage, handling, recycling, disposal, reduction, processing, burning, transfer or composting of solid waste which is subject to a permit issued by the Commissioner pursuant to sections 22a-207b, 22a-208a, and 22a-208c of the Connecticut General Statutes, except for a potable water treatment sludge disposal area,

(Z) dyeing, coating or printing of textiles, or tanning or finishing of leather, which activity involves the use, storage or disposal of hazardous materials,

(AA) production of wood veneer, plywood, reconstituted wood or pressure-treated wood, which involves the use, storage or disposal of hazardous material, W) production of rubber, resin cements, elastomers or plastic, which involves the use, storage or disposal of hazardous materials,

(BB) pulp production processes that involve bleaching.

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(c) The following are **not** regulated activities:

(1) Any activity conducted at a residence without compensation;

(2) any activity involving the use or storage of no more than two and one-half (2.5) gallons of each type of hazardous material on-site at any one time, provided the total of all hazardous materials on-site does not exceed fifty-five (55) gallons at any one time;

(3) any agricultural activity regulated pursuant to section 22a-354m(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(4) any activity provided all the following conditions are satisfied:

(A) such activity takes place solely within an enclosed building in an area with an impermeable floor,

(B) such activity involves no more than 10% of the floor area in the building where the activity takes place,

(C) any hazardous material used in connection with such activity is stored in such building at all times,

(D) all waste waters generated by such activity are lawfully disposed through a connection to a publicly owned treatment works, and

(E) such activity does not involve (i) repair or maintenance of internal combustion engines, including without limitation, vehicles, or equipment associated with such vehicles, (ii) underground storage of any hazardous material, or (iii) above ground storage of more than one hundred and ten (110) gallons of hazardous materials;

(5) any activity solely involving the use of lubricating oil provided all the following conditions are satisfied:

(A) such activity does not involve cleaning of metals with chlorinated solvents at the facility,

(B) such activity takes place solely within an enclosed building in an area with an impermeable floor,

(C) any hazardous material used in connection with such activity is stored in such building at all times, and

(D) such activity does not involve (i) repair or maintenance of internal combustion engines, including without limitation, vehicles, or equipment associated with such vehicles, (ii) underground storage of any hazardous material, or (iii) above ground storage of more than 110 gallons of such lubricating oil and associated hazardous waste; and

(6) any activity involving the dispensing of oil or petroleum from an above-ground storage tank or tanks with an aggregate volume of 2000 gallons or less provided all the following conditions are satisfied:

(A) such dispensing activity takes place solely on a paved surface which is covered by a roof,

(B) the above-ground storage tank (or tanks) is a double-walled tank with overfill alarms, and

(C) all associated piping is either above ground, or has secondary containment.

Appendix B: Regulations of the City of Norwalk, Section 12

Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Regulated Activities

[Insert Additional BMP's As Required By Each Municipality; The Following Are The State BMP's; Regulations Of Connecticut State Agencies Section 22a-354i-9(A)]

(a) Every regulated activity shall be conducted in accordance with the following:

(1) Hazardous materials may be stored above ground within an aquifer protection area only in accordance with the following conditions:

(A) hazardous material shall be stored in a building or under a roof that minimizes storm water entry to the hazardous material storage area, except that a roof is not required for a bulk storage facility as defined in section 22a-354i-1(6) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies,

(B) floors within a building or under a roof where hazardous material may be stored shall be constructed or treated to protect the surface of the floor from deterioration due to spillage of any such material,

(C) a structure which may be used for storage or transfer of hazardous material shall be protected from storm water run-on, and ground water intrusion,

(D) hazardous material shall be stored within an impermeable containment area which is capable of containing at least the volume of the largest container of such hazardous material present in such area, or 10% of the total volume of all such containers in such area, whichever

is larger, without overflow of released hazardous material from the containment area,

(E) hazardous material shall not be stored with other hazardous materials that are incompatible and may create a hazard of fire, explosion or generation of toxic substances,

(F) hazardous material shall be stored only in a container that has been certified by a state or federal agency or the American Society of Testing Materials as suitable for the transport or storage of such material,

(G) hazardous material shall be stored only in an area that is secured against un-authorized entry by the public, and

(H) the requirements of this subdivision are intended to supplement, and not to supersede, any other applicable requirements of federal, state, or local law, including applicable requirements of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended;

(2) no person shall increase the number of underground storage tanks used to store hazardous materials;

(3) an underground storage tank used to store hazardous materials shall not be replaced with a larger tank unless (A) there is no more than a 25% increase in volume of the larger replacement tank, and (B) the larger replacement tank is a double-walled tank with co-axial piping, both meeting new installation component standards pursuant to

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22a-449(d)-1(e) and 22a-449(d)-102 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and with interstitial monitoring;

(4) no person shall use, maintain or install floor drains, dry wells or other infiltration devices or appurtenances which allow the release of waste waters to the ground, unless such release is permitted by the Commissioner in accordance with sections 22a-430 or 22a-430b of the Connecticut General Statutes; and

(5) a materials management plan shall be developed and implemented in accordance with the following:

(A) A materials management plan shall contain, at a minimum, the following information with respect to the subject regulated activity:

(i) A pollution prevention assessment consisting of a detailed evaluation of alternatives to the use of hazardous materials or processes and practices that would reduce or eliminate the use of hazardous materials, and implementation of such alternatives where possible and feasible,

(ii) a description of any operations or practices which may pose a threat of pollution to the aquifer, which shall include the following:

(a) a process flow diagram identifying where hazardous materials are stored, disposed and used, and where hazardous wastes are generated and subsequently stored and

disposed,

(b) an inventory of all hazardous materials which are likely to be or will be manufactured, produced, stored, utilized or otherwise handled, and

(c) a description of waste, including waste waters generated, and a description of how such wastes are handled, stored and disposed,

(iii) the name, street address, mailing address, title and telephone number of the individual(s) responsible for implementing the materials management plan and the individual(s) who should be contacted in an emergency,

(iv) a record-keeping system to account for the types, quantities, and disposition of hazardous materials which are manufactured, produced, utilized, stored, or otherwise handled or which are discharged or emitted; such record-keeping system shall be maintained at the subject facility and shall be made available thereat for inspection during normal business hours by the Commissioner and the municipal aquifer protection agency, and

(v) an emergency response plan for responding to a release of hazardous materials. Such plan shall describe how each such release could result in

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pollution to the underlying aquifer and shall set forth the methods used or to be used to prevent and abate any such a release;

(B) when a materials management plan is required under either section 22a-354i-7(d) or 22a-354i-8(c), such materials management plan shall be completed and certified by a professional engineer or a certified hazardous materials manager, or, if the facility where the regulated activity is conducted has received and maintained an ISO 14001 environmental management system certification, then the registrant may complete and certify the materials management plan; and

(C) the materials management plan shall be maintained at the subject facility and shall be made available thereat for inspection during normal business hours by the Commissioner and the municipal aquifer protection agency.

(b) The development and implementation of a storm water management plan required for regulated activities in accordance with sections 8(c) and 9(d) of the APA Regulations, shall be as follows: A storm water management plan shall assure that storm water run-off generated by the subject regulated activity is (i) managed in a manner so as to prevent pollution of ground water, and (ii) shall comply with all of the requirements for the General Permit of the Discharge of Storm Water Associated with a Commercial Activity issued pursuant to section 22a-430b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Appendix C: Contacts

Department of Environmental Protection

Copies of forms being submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection shall be directed to:

Aquifer Protection Program
Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

Department of Public Health

Copies of forms being submitted to the Department of Public Health shall be directed to:

Drinking Water Division
Connecticut Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, MS#51 WAT
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

Water Company

Copies of forms shall be sent to the affected water company.

First Taxing District Water Department
12 New Canaan Avenue
P.O. Box 27
Norwalk, CT 06852