

Application Fees

There are two types of permit application fees: application fees and additional point fees based on additional work required to issue or reissue the permit.

Application fees correlate to the level of effort required by the MPCA to process the different types of permit applications and develop a permit that complies with applicable regulations and establish processes for determining that a facility is being operated in full compliance with all applicable requirements. The fees cover the cost of regulatory activities of the MPCA associated with the permit and are not limited to the cost of preparing the permit. The permit application fees are based on an assessment of the level of MPCA effort required for each type of application or activity as determined by staff responsible for these activities.

The appropriate permit application fee must be submitted with the application. Permit applications missing the correct application fee or with the incorrect permit application fee will be returned.

The application fee is determined by the application type. Refer to the table below to determine the applicable permit fee.

Application type	Points	Application fee (\$310/point)
Individual Wastewater Permit Reissuance Application for an existing permittee requesting permit reissuance. Permit reissuance is required by existing permits.	4	\$1,240
Individual Wastewater Permit Issuance Application for an individual permit for a private or municipal treatment system that does not have an existing state-issued permit. This would apply to new industrial treatment and municipal wastewater treatment facilities and existing unpermitted facilities where a permit is required by Minnesota Rules and Statutes. Example: A new housing development requiring a permit.	30	\$9,300
Individual Permit Minor Modification Requested by Permittee Application for an existing permittee requesting permit changes per Minn. R. 7001.0190, subp. 3. Example: An existing permittee is replacing their phosphorus treatment unit with a similar treatment unit (in-kind replacement).	4	\$1,240
Individual Permit Major Modification, No Construction Application for an existing permittee requesting permit changes not covered under Minn. R. 7001.0190, subp. 3. Example: Request to increase design flow without construction (treatment facility is re-rated).	8	\$2,480
Individual Permit Major Modification, Construction, No Increased Design Flow Application for an existing permittee requesting permit changes that include significant construction with no increase in design flow. Example: An existing permittee that is adding chemical treatment that requires construction of storage facilities and a system to introduce the chemicals and the changes would not increase the facility's design flow.	8	\$2,480
Individual Permit Major Modification, Construction, Increased Design Flow Application for an existing permittee requesting permit changes that include increased average wet weather design flow for municipal or private domestic facilities or increased maximum daily flow for industrial facilities.	30	\$9,300

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General Permit Issuance and Reissuance Application requesting coverage under one of the MPCA's general permits. Example: Request for coverage under the Water Treatment Plant Surface Discharge General Permit.	4	\$1,240
General Permit Modification Application requesting changes in a Notice of Coverage issued under one of the general permits. Example: Request to change types of chemical addition in a Notice of Coverage.	4	\$1,240
Individual Pretreatment Permit Application for a permit required if a facility generates industrial process wastewater that comes from metal-finishing or other industrial processes covered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency categories listed in 40 CFR pt. 413 - 471 and if this wastewater is routed to the sanitary sewer system.	8	\$2,480
Individual Dredge Material Disposal Permit Application for a permit required to apply material dredged from surface waters to land.	8	\$2,480
Individual Biosolids Treatment or Storage Permit Issuance Application for an individual permit for a new biosolids treatment or storage facility.	30	\$9,300
Transfer/Name Change Application requesting a transfer of ownership, name change of permittee, or name change of permitted facility.	0	\$0
Request for Permit Termination Application requesting a permit termination because the discharge ended, was routed to a sanitary sewer, the facility closed, or a permit is no longer required per Minnesota Rules and Statutes.	0	\$0
Sanitary Sewer Extension Permits		
a. Flow increase of 0 to 0.10 million gallons per day	1	\$310
b. Flow increase of 0.10 to 1.0 million gallons per day	2	\$620
c. Flow increase greater than 1.0 million gallons per day	3	\$930

Additional Points Fee

Minn. R. 7002.0253 requires billing for additional work required to issue or reissue permits based on a specific activity (ex. flow increase, EAW, Antidegradation, etc). Additional fees for specific permit actions reflect the additional work effort needed to accomplish specific reviews. The additional fees are associated with permit development activities that increase the demands on MPCA resources. The fees for these additional activities, like the application fees, are based on the MPCA's determination of the actual level of effort involved in performing the identified activity or activity review. **The Additional Point Fees should not be submitted with the permit application.** Permittees will receive an invoice from the MPCA when the permit is placed on public notice. The additional application fees must be paid before the permit will be issued, reissued, or modified.

Additional Point Activity	Points	Fee (\$310/point)
Individual Permit New or Increased Maximum Daily or Average Wet Weather Design Flow (Not applicable to non-contact cooling water discharges and not due to mine pit or quarry de-watering or sewer extensions):		
a. Increase from 0.0 to 0.20 mgd	0	\$0
b. Increase from 0.20 to less than 1.0 mgd	5	\$1,550
c. Increase from 1.0 to less than 5.0 mgd	10	\$3,100
d. Increase from 5.0 to less than 20.0 mgd	20	\$6,200
e. Increase from 20.0 to less than 50.0 mgd	30	\$9,300
f. Increase from 50.0 mgd or more	40	\$12,400

Individual Permit with Noncontact Cooling Water Discharge New or Increased Flow

a. Noncontact Cooling Water Flow increase less than 50 mgd	5	\$1,550
b. Noncontact Cooling Water Flow increase equal to or greater than 50 mgd	20	\$6,200
Antidegradation Review required under Minn. R. 7050.0180, 7050.0185, 7050.0186 or 7052.0300 to 7052.0330.	20	\$6,200
Variance Request under Minn. R. 7000.7000 or 7020.1900	35	\$10,850
Confidentiality Request under Minn. R. 7000.1300 (applicable any time request is made)	2	\$620
Mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) under Minn. R. 4410.4300 where MPCA is the responsible government unit. (If applicable to both AQ and WQ, check with AQ to verify cost. Permittee to pay lower of the two fees.)		
a. Complete EAW under Minn. R. 4410.4300, subp. 18 item A or 29	15	\$4,650
b. Complete EAW under Minn. R. 4410.4300, subp. 8 item A or B, 10 items A to C, 16 item A or D; 17 items A to C or E to G; or 18 item B or C	35	\$10,850
c. Complete EAW under Minn. R. 4410.4300 subp 4; 5 item A or B; 13; 15; 16 item B or C; or 17 item D	70	\$21,700

Examples

1. What is the permit application fee for a general permit reissuance of an existing non-contact cooling water discharge with no changes to the facility? Are there any additional fees?

The application type is General Permit, Reissuance which is assigned four points for a permit application fee of \$1,240. This permit does not include any additional work; therefore, no additional point's fee will be billed to the permittee.

2. What is the application fee for a modification to an existing permit for a municipal wastewater treatment facility that is proposing an upgrade with an average wet weather flow increase of 0.50 million gallons per day (mgd). Are there any additional fees?

The application type is a major modification, construction, increased design flow which is assigned 30 points for an application fee of \$9,300.

The permittee is subject to additional point fees for the increase in design flow. An increase in design flow from 0.20 mgd to 1.0 mgd is assigned five points for a fee of \$1,550. The permittee may also be required to pay for additional fees if they request a variance or if an EAW or Antidegradation Review is required, etc.

3. What is the application fee for a new sand and gravel permit that qualifies for coverage under the sand and gravel general permit MNG49? Are there any additional fees?

The application type is a general permit, issuance which is assigned four points for an application fee of \$1240.

Sand and gravel facilities that are eligible for coverage under MNG49 will not be subject to additional point fees because there is no increase in flow, confidentiality requests, EAW, etc.