

WCCD FACT SHEET



Washington County Conservation District

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CHAPTER 105 GENERAL PERMITS

In order to simplify the application process for Chapter 105 Water Obstruction & Encroachment General Permits in Washington County, the Washington County Conservation District has prepared this fact sheet to provide all interested parties with the information necessary to properly prepare and submit a Chapter 105 General Permit (GP) to either the WCCD or the PA DEP.

In accordance with Title 25, Chapter 105 of PA Code, and PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) rules and regulations, all water obstruction and encroachment activities are not to commence without first obtaining a written permit or waiver from the DEP.

WHEN ARE GPs NEEDED?

GPs are needed nearly any time a project involves altering or crossing a watercourse, floodway, wetland, or body of water.

WHAT GP IS REQUIRED?

The GP numbers correspond to specific activities.

Chapter 105 Water Obstruction & Encroachment General Permits	
GP-1	Fish Habitat Enhancement Structures
GP-2	Small Docks and Boat Launching Ramps
GP-3	Bank Rehab, Protection, and Gravel Bar Removal
GP-4	Intake and Outfall Structures
GP-5	Utility Line Stream Crossings
GP-6	Agricultural Crossings and Ramps
GP-7	Minor Road Crossings
GP-8	Temporary Road Crossings
GP-9	Agricultural Activities
*GP-10	Abandoned Mine Reclamation
*GP-11	Maintenance, Testing, Repair of Obstructions / Encr.
*GP-15	Private Residential Construction in Wetlands

*GP#10, GP#11 and GP#15 are processed by the PA DEP Regional Office

WHAT MUST BE SUBMITTED?

All GP applications must include the following:

**Some GP's will require extra items (listed within permit package). Permit packages are available at the Conservation District office and website, or the DEP website.*

To County & Appropriate Municipality

- Act 14 Notifications
 - A complete copy of the General Permit Registration form.

To Washington County Conservation District

- 1 Original and 1 copy of a Complete Registration package. The required attachments to the Registration form are spelled out in the General Permit Registration directions.

HOW LONG WILL THE PROCESS TAKE?

Complete Registration packages may take up to forty three (43) business days (50 business days for GP#5). Incomplete Registration packages may take longer.

Depending upon what revisions must be made to the proposed plans, the process may take longer than expected. Plan ahead and submit applications for Ch. 105 General Permits early.

E&S REQUIREMENTS

An Erosion and Sedimentation (E&S) Plan must be submitted and approved prior to construction. The E&S Plan shall be implemented prior to, during and after construction.