

**RULES
OF
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD**

**CHAPTER 1200-04-11
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND FEES**

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1200-04-11-.01 GENERAL.

(1) General

- (a) Pursuant to T.C.A. §68-203-101 et seq. the Department of Environment and Conservation, hereafter referred to as the Department, shall charge fees for the various services and functions it performs under statutes, including the Water Quality Control Act of 1977. Fees under the Act are to be adopted as regulations by the Water Quality Control Board. This regulation prescribes those fees applicable to categories of applicants for and holders of permits issued under authority of the Act. The Board is further required to establish a schedule for timely action by the Department on permit applications where a permit processing fee is established. This regulation sets out such a schedule.
- (b) Purpose, Scope, and Applicability – This Rule provides definitions of terms, general standards and procedures, and overview information applicable to these Rules.
- (c) Use of the Number and Gender – As used in these Rules:
 - 1. Words in the masculine gender also include the feminine and neuter genders; and
 - 2. Words in the singular include the plural; and
 - 3. Words in the plural include the singular.
- (d) Rule Structure

These Rules are organized, numbered, and referenced according to the following outline form:

(1) paragraph

(a) subparagraph

1. part

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(l) item

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A. section

(A) subsection

(2) Definitions

- (a) Definitions - When used in Rules 1200–04–11–.01 through .03, the following terms have the meanings given below unless otherwise specified:

“Act” means the Water Quality Control Act, as amended, T.C.A. §69–3–101 et seq.

“Application” means those forms supplied by the Department, properly completed, together with such technical reports, plans and specifications as may be required to apply for permit.

“ARAP” means Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit, a permit that authorizes the alteration of properties of the waters of the State resulting from activities other than point source wastewater discharges.

“Board” means the Water Quality Control Board.

“Clean Water Act (CWA)” is the common name for the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Public law 92–500; 33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq.; the legislation, which provides statutory authority for both NPDES and Pretreatment Programs.

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation or the commissioner’s duly authorized representative and, in the event of the commissioner’s absence or a vacancy in the Office of Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner.

“Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO),” means an animal feeding operation that may discharge to waters of the United States, impact groundwater or otherwise adversely impact the water resources of Tennessee.

“Construction Activity” means the disturbance of soils associated with clearing, grading, excavating, filling of land, or other similar activities which may result in soil erosion. Construction activity does not include agriculture and silvicultural practices.

“Control Authority” means:

1. the POTW if the POTW’s submission for its pretreatment program has been approved; or
2. the Division if the submission has not been approved.

“Department” means the Department of Environment and Conservation.

“Director” means the Director of the Division of Water Pollution Control.

“Division” means the Division of Water Pollution Control

“Facility”, in the context of stormwater industrial discharges, means those portions of the property on which industrial activity occurs.

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“Family Farm” means one or more tracts of land, used for agricultural purposes, that are held in private ownership by one or more people related by birth or marriage.

“Federal Water Pollution Control Act” means the federal law promulgated to control and eliminate pollutants, also known as the Clean Water Act, as amended. 33 U.S.C. 1251, et seq.

“Incorporated Place” means a city, town, metropolitan government, township, or village that is incorporated under the laws of Tennessee.

“Indirect Discharge” means introduction of pollutants into a POTW from any non-domestic source regulated by the Clean Water Act.

“Industrial Facility” means an activity or facility that is issued a permit for discharge of wastewater other than domestic or municipal wastewater.

“Industrial Flow” means the daily effluent flow occurring on days when the facility is in operation, averaged over the 12 month period preceding the billing date for Permit Annual Maintenance Fees.

“Industrial User ” means the facility that is the source of an Indirect Discharge.

“Large Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System” means all municipal separate storm sewers which, are either:

1. Located in an incorporated place with a population of 250,000 or more as determined by the latest Decennial census by the Bureau of Census; or
2. Located in the counties with unincorporated urbanized areas with a population of 250,000 or more according to the latest Decennial census by the Bureau of Census except municipal separate storm sewers that are located in the incorporated places, townships or towns within such counties; or
3. Owned or operated by a municipality other than those described in part 1 or 2 of this definition and that are designated by the Director as part of the large or medium municipal separate storm sewer system due to the interrelationship between the discharges of the designated storm sewer and the discharges from municipal separate storm sewers described under part 1 or 2 of this definition; or
4. Designated by the Director, upon petition, as a large municipal separate storm sewer system, if the municipal separate storm sewers located within the boundaries of a region defined by a storm water management regional authority based on a jurisdictional, watershed, or other appropriate basis includes one or more of the systems described in parts 1, 2, or 3 of this definition.

“Large Pretreatment Program” means an approved program which has issued permits, for the purpose of controlling the discharge of process wastewater, to twenty or more significant industrial users.

“Major” means an NPDES permit classified as such by the Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, or the Director of the Division of Water Pollution Control.

“Medium Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System” means all municipal separate storm sewers that are either:

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1. Located in an incorporated place with a population of 100,000 or more but less than 250,000, as determined by the latest Decennial Census by the Bureau of Census; or
2. Located in counties with unincorporated urbanized areas greater than 100,000, but less than 250,000, as determined by the latest Decennial Census by the Bureau of Census, except municipal separate storm sewers that are located in the incorporated places, townships or towns within such counties; or
3. Owned or operated by a municipality other than those described in part 1 or 2 of this definition and that are designated by the Director as part of the medium municipal separate storm sewer system due to the interrelationship between the discharges of the designated storm sewer and the discharges from municipal separate storm sewers described under part 1 or 2 of this definition; or
4. Designated by the Director upon petition, as a medium municipal separate storm sewer system, if the municipal separate storm sewers located within the boundaries of a region defined by a storm water management regional authority based on a jurisdictional, watershed, or other appropriate basis that includes one or more of the systems described in parts 1, 2, or 3 of this definition.

“Medium Pretreatment Program” means an approved program which has issued permits, for the purpose of controlling the discharge of process wastewater, to eight or more, but less than twenty, significant industrial users.

“Mining” means a permit for discharge of wastewater from mining operations, including operations to obtain minerals, limestone, coal, marble, chert, gravel, sand, sandstone, dimension stone, phosphate, barite, shale, clay, fullers earth and those mining operations regulated by T.C.A. §59-8-201 et seq.

“Mining Reclamation” means an NPDES permit for the reclamation phase of mining operation.

“Minor” means an NPDES permit not classified as a major by the Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, in conjunction with the Director of the Division of Water Pollution Control.

“Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System” means a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, or storm drains):

Owned or operated by a state, city, town, county, metropolitan government, utility district, or other public body (created by or pursuant to State law) having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, storm water, or other wastes, including special districts under state law, or a designated and approved management agency that discharges to waters of the United States:

Designed or used for collecting or conveying storm water;

Which is not a combined sewer; and,

Which is not part of a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW).

“National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)” is the national program for issuing, modifying, revoking and terminating permits for wastewater discharges to

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waters of the state and imposing conditions for those discharges, including pretreatment requirements.

“Natural Person” means an individual distinguished from an artificial person such as a corporation.

“Non-Discharging System” means a system issued a permit under the Act for treatment and disposal of wastewater by means other than discharge to waters of the State. Such means may include, but are not limited to, recycle, irrigation, and evaporation.

“Owner or Operator” means any person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises a source.

“Permit” means a permit issued under authority of T.C.A. §69-3-108 of the Act.

“Permit Annual Maintenance Fee” means a fee, which is due to be paid annually by a person issued a permit.

“Permit Application Fee” means a fee which is required to be paid upon application for a permit or a notice of intent to be covered by a general permit.

“Person” means any and all persons, including individuals, firms, partnerships, associations, public or private institutions, state and federal agencies, municipalities or political subdivisions, or officers thereof, departments, agencies, or instrumentalities, or public or private corporations or officers thereof, organized or existing under the laws of this or any state or country.

“Personal Residence” means a natural person’s primary place of abode.

“Pretreatment Program” means a program that has been authorized by the Division in which a POTW regulates indirect discharges.

“Process Wastewater” means any water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, by product, or waste product. This does not include sanitary, boiler blow-down, or non-contact cooling water.

“Project” in the context of 401 certification, ARAP, and construction stormwater, means the area in which vegetation is removed, or excavation or grading occurs.

“Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)” means a treatment works as defined by Section 212 of the Clean Water Act, which is owned by a state, city, town, county, utility district, metropolitan government or other public body (created by or pursuant to State law). This definition includes any devices and systems used in the storage and reclamation of municipal sewage or industrial wastes of a liquid nature. It also includes sewers, pipes and other conveyances only if they convey wastewater to a POTW treatment plant.

“Regional Administrator” means the Regional Administrator of EPA’s Region IV office in Atlanta, Georgia.

“Sewage Treatment Facility” means a treatment works that has been issued a permit for discharge of municipal or domestic wastewater.

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“Sewage Treatment Facility Flow” means the average daily effluent flow over the 12-month period preceding the fee billing date. The averaging basis shall include all days during which the treatment facility was in operation, whether or not there was any discharge.

“Significant Industrial User” means:

1. all industrial users subject to Categorical Standards under 40 CFR 403.6 and 40 CFR Chapter I, Subchapter N, and
2. any other industrial user that:
 - (i) discharges an average of 25,000 gallons per day or more of process wastewater to the POTW (excluding sanitary, non-contact cooling and boiler blow-down wastewater) or;
 - (ii) contributes a process wastestream which makes up 5 percent or more of the average dry weather hydraulic or organic capacity of the POTW treatment plant or;
 - (iii) is designated as such by the Control Authority on the basis that the industrial user has a reasonable potential for adversely affecting the POTW's operation or for violating any pretreatment standard or requirement.

“Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System” means all separate storm sewers that are:

1. Owned or operated by the United States, a State Agency, city, town, county, utility district, metropolitan government, or other public body (created by or pursuant to State law) having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, storm water, or other wastes, including special districts under State law or a designated and approved management agency that discharges to waters of the United States; and,
2. Not defined as “large” or “medium” municipal separate storm sewer systems.

(Note: This term includes systems similar to separate storm sewer systems in municipalities, such as systems at military bases, large hospital or prison complexes, and highways and other thoroughfares. The term does not include separate storm sewers in very discrete areas, such as individual buildings.)

“Small Pretreatment Program” means an approved program, which has issued permits, for the purpose of controlling the discharge of process wastewater, to less than eight significant industrial users.

“Stormwater” means rain water, snow melt, and surface runoff and drainage.

“Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity” means the discharge from any conveyance which is used for collecting and conveying stormwater and which is directly related to construction activity.

“Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity” means the discharge from any conveyance which is used for collecting and conveying stormwater and which is directly related to manufacturing, processing or raw materials storage area at an industrial plant.

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“Treated Washwater Discharge” means treated wastewater from a washing process such as a laundromat, but not including rinsewater from manufacturing processes.

“Urbanized Area (UA)” means a land area comprising one or more places-central place(s) and the adjacent densely settled surrounding area-that together have a residential population of at least 50,000 and an overall population density of at least 1,000 people per square mile.

“Watershed District” means a nonprofit corporation composed of not less than twenty percent (20%) of such landowners who represent at least twenty five percent (25%) of the acreage within the defined geographic area, and recognized by the state soil conservation committee.

“Watershed District Project” means a project sponsored or conducted by a watershed district.

“401 Certification” means certification under section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, for activities that require permits issued by the U.S. Corps of Engineers for discharges of dredge and fill material under section 404 of that Act.

Authority: T.C.A. §§69-3-105(b) and 4-5-201 et seq. and 68-203-101 et seq. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 9, 1991; effective September 23, 1991. Amendment filed August 12, 1992; effective September 26, 1992. Amendment filed September 26, 1995; effective December 10, 1995. Amendment filed November 15, 2000; effective January 30, 2001. Amendment filed May 22, 2007; effective August 5, 2007.

1200-04-11-.02 FEES.

(1) Types of Fees

- (a) Application fees for permit issuance or renewal shall be paid in full upon submittal of an application. The Department will not process an application without having received the fee. No refunds of permit application fees may be made for any reason, other than as required by T.C.A. §68-203-101 et seq.
- (b) Fees for 401 Certification of permits issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers shall be sent to the Department by the applicant with either a copy of or reference to the application filed with the Corps.
- (c) Permit annual maintenance fees shall be paid to the Department for every year the permit is in effect by the permittee. The annual maintenance fee shall be due within 45 days of issuance of an invoice.
- (d) Plan review fees must be submitted before the review will be conducted or approval granted.

(2) Schedule of Fees

- (a) The Application Fees for the processing of applications for 401 certifications and ARAP permits shall be as follows:
 1. 401 Certification of 404 permit or ARAP (Capped at \$5,000):
 - (i) Projects equal to or greater than 10 acres or equal to

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	or greater than 1,000 feet linear	\$2,500
(ii)	Projects less than 10 acres or less than 1,000 feet linear	\$1,000
(iii)	Watershed District Projects	\$ 750
(iv)	Personal Residence or Family Farm	\$ 50
(v)	Projects that replace, restore or repair public infrastructure or remediate damages from flooding or storm events and qualify for federal disaster assistance are exempt from Rules 1200-04-11-.02(2)(a)1(i), (ii), (iii) and (iv).	
(b)	Construction Stormwater permits:	
1.	Projects equal to or greater than 150 acres	\$7,500
2.	Projects equal to or greater than 50 acres and less than 150 acres	\$4,000
3.	Projects equal to or greater than 5 acres and less than 50 acres	\$1,000
4.	Projects equal to or greater than 1 acre and less than 5 acres	\$ 250
5.	Projects less than 1 acre	\$ 0
(c)	Permit Annual Maintenance Fees shall be as follows for these categories of permitted activities (Capped at \$15,000):	
1.	Gravel Dredging	\$ 140*
2.	Gravel Dredging for Personal Residence or Family Farm	\$ 0
3.	Major Industrial Treatment Facility:	
(i)	Flow equal to or greater than 10 MGD	\$ 10,380*
(ii)	Flow equal to or greater than 1 MGD and less than 10 MGD	\$ 8,650*
(iii)	Flow equal to or greater than 0.5 MGD and less than 1 MG	\$ 6,920*
(iv)	Flow equal to or greater than 0.1 MGD and less than 0.5 MGD	\$ 5,190*
(v)	Flow less than 0.1 MGD	\$ 3,460*
4.	Minor Industrial Treatment Facility:	
(i)	Flow equal to or greater than 10 MGD	\$ 6,920*
(ii)	Flow equal to or greater than 1 MGD and less than 10 MGD	\$ 5,190*

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(iii)	Flow equal to or greater than 0.5 MGD and less than 1 MGD	\$ 3,460*
(iv)	Flow equal to or greater than 0.1 MGD and less than 0.5 MGD	\$ 1,380*
(v)	Flow less than 0.1 MGD	\$ 690*
5.	Treated Wastewater Dischargers with flows <0.001 MGD	\$ 140*
6.	Stormwater Discharge Permits associated with Industrial Activities:	
(i)	Facilities equal to or greater than 500 acre	\$ 970*
(ii)	Facilities equal to or greater than 400 acres and less than 500 acres	\$ 900*
(iii)	Facilities equal to or greater than 300 acres and less than 400 acres	\$ 830*
(iv)	Facilities equal to or greater than 200 acres and less than 300 acres	\$ 760*
(v)	Facilities equal to or greater than 100 acres and less than 200 acres	\$ 690*
(vi)	Facilities equal to or greater than 50 acres and less than 100 acres	\$ 620*
(vii)	Facilities equal to or greater than 25 acres and less than 50 acres	\$ 550*
(viii)	Facilities equal to or greater than 10 acres and less than 25 acres	\$ 480*
(ix)	Facilities equal to or greater than 5 acres and less than 10 acres	\$ 420*
(x)	Facilities equal to or greater than 1 acres and less than 5 acres	\$ 350*
(xi)	Facilities equal to or greater than 0 acres and less than 1 acre	\$ 0
7.	Sewage Treatment Facility Flow:	
(i)	Flow equal to or greater than 5 MGD	\$10,380*
(ii)	Flow equal to or greater than 4.5 MGD and less than 5 MGD	\$10,030*
(iii)	Flow equal to or greater than 4 MGD and less than 4.5 MGD	\$ 9,690*
(iv)	Flow equal to or greater than 3.5 MGD	

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	and less than 4 MGD	\$ 9,340*
(v)	Flow equal to or greater than 3 MGD and less than 3.5 MGD	\$ 9,000*
(vi)	Flow equal to or greater than 2.5 MGD and less than 3 MGD	\$ 8,300*
(vii)	Flow equal to or greater than 2 MGD and less than 2.5 MGD	\$ 7,610*
(viii)	Flow equal to or greater than 1.5 MGD and less than 2 MGD	\$ 6,920*
(ix)	Flow equal to or greater than 1 MGD and less than 1.5 MGD	\$ 6,230*
(x)	Flow equal to or greater than 0.75 MGD and less than 1 MGD	\$ 5,540*
(xi)	Flow equal to or greater than 0.5 MGD and less than 0.75 MGD	\$ 4,840*
(xii)	Flow equal to or greater than 0.25 MGD and less than 0.5 MGD	\$ 3,460*
(xiii)	Flow equal to or greater than 0.1 MGD and less than 0.25 MGD	\$ 1,730*
(xiv)	Flow equal to or greater than 0.075 MGD and less than 0.1 MGD	\$ 1,040*
8.	Small Mechanical Facility flow less than 0.075 MGD	\$ 690*
9.	Small Non-Mechanical Facility flow less than 0.075 MGD	\$ 350*
10.	Non-Discharging Facility:	
(i)	Influent flow equal to or greater than 0.5 MGD	\$ 4,840*
(ii)	Influent flow equal to or greater than 0.1 MGD and less than 0.5 MGD	\$ 2,770*
(iii)	Influent flow equal to or greater than 0.075 MGD and less than 0.1 MGD	\$ 1,380*
(iv)	Influent flow less than 0.075 MGD	\$ 350*
(v)	Satellite collection systems	\$ 1,380*
(vi)	Pump and haul	\$ 350*
11.	Other Waste or Wastewater Operations Requiring Permit	\$ 1,380*
12.	General Permits (sources other than stormwater or concentrated animal feeding operation)	\$ 350*

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13.	Concentrated animal feeding operations covered by an individual permit	\$ 350*
14.	Municipal Pretreatment Programs as defined in Rule 1200-04-11-.01(2)(a):	
	(i) Large Pretreatment Program	\$ 6,920*
	(ii) Medium Pretreatment Program	\$ 4,150*
	(iii) Small Pretreatment Program	\$ 1,380*
15.	Mining:	
	(i) Area equal to or greater than 500 acres	\$ 6,920*
	(ii) Area equal to or greater than 400 acres and less than 500 acres	\$ 6,230*
	(iii) Area equal to or greater than 300 acres and less than 400 acres	\$ 5,540*
	(iv) Area equal to or greater than 200 acres and less than 300 acres	\$ 4,840*
	(v) Area equal to or greater than 100 acres and less than 200 acres	\$ 4,150*
	(vi) Area equal to or greater than 75 acres and less than 100 acres	\$ 3,460*
	(vii) Area equal to or greater than 50 acres and less than 75 acres	\$ 2,770*
	(viii) Area equal to or greater than 25 acres and less than 50 acres	\$ 2,080*
	(ix) Area equal to or greater than 10 acres and less than 25 acres	\$ 1,380*
	(x) Area equal to or greater than 5 acres and less than 10 acres	\$ 1,040*
	(xi) Area less than 5 acres	\$ 690*
	(Note: Fees are based on area being mined or area not yet reclaimed.)	
16.	Mining Reclamation	\$ 350*
17.	Stormwater Discharge Permits for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4):	
	(i) Large MS4s	\$ 10,380*
	(ii) Medium MS4s	\$ 6,920*

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(iii) Small MS4s \$ 3,460*

*This fee increase will be phased in as follows. Those permittees whose annual maintenance fee falls due from July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009, will have to pay, at that due date, only the amount they would have paid under these rules prior to this increase and the payment for the difference between that amount and the total shown above will be due in January, 2010. For those permittees whose annual maintenance fee falls due in the second half of the fiscal year 09-10, payment of the entire amount shown above shall be due on the due date.

(d) Plan Review Fees shall apply to new facilities as well as the expansion or modification of existing facilities. If the submittal includes more than one listed category, the fee will be the sum of the fees listed for each individual category. Review of plans documents will not commence until all fees required by these rules are paid in full. Plan Review Fees shall be as follows (Capped at \$1,500):

1. Major Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility:
 - (i) Flow equal to or greater than 5 MGD \$1,500
 - (ii) Flow less than 5 MGD \$1,000
2. Minor Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility:
 - (i) Flow equal to or greater than 0.1 MGD \$ 500
 - (ii) Flow less than 0.1 MGD \$ 250
3. Sewage Treatment Facility:
 - (i) Flow equal to or greater than 5 MGD \$1,500
 - (ii) Flow equal to or greater than 1MGD and less than 5 MGD \$1,000
 - (iii) Flow equal to or greater than 0 .075 MGD and less than 1 MGD \$ 500
 - (iv) Flow less than 0.075 MGD \$ 250
4. Collection Systems:
 - (i) Collection Lines — \$25.00 per 250 feet or portion thereof of sewage collection line excluding service laterals. Total fee not to exceed \$1,500.
5. Equalization Basins:
 - (i) Holding capacity equal to or greater than 5 million gallons (MG) \$ 300
 - (ii) Holding capacity equal to or greater than 1 MG and less than 5 MG \$ 200
 - (iii) Holding capacity equal to or greater than 0.075 MG and less than 1 MG \$ 100

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| (iv) | Holding capacity less than 0.075 MG | \$ 50 |
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6. Pumping Stations:
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| (i) | Design capacity equal to or greater than 5 MGD | \$ 300 |
| (ii) | Design capacity equal to or greater than 1 MGD and less than 5 MGD | \$ 200 |
| (iii) | Design capacity equal to or greater than 0.075 MGD and less than 1 MGD | \$ 100 |
| (iv) | Design capacity less than 0.075 MGD (Does not include grinder pumps for septic tanks and septic tank effluent pumps) | \$ 50 |
7. Mining Operations:
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| (i) | Coal | \$ 250 |
| (ii) | Non-Coal — \$25.00 per acre, not to exceed | \$1,500 |
| (iii) | Reclamation | \$ 250 |
| (iv) | Quarries | \$ 250 |
8. Wastewater Plant and/or Collection System Modification:
- The plans review fee for modifications to wastewater plants and/or collection systems shall be 20% of the full review fee based on the category and size of the resulting facility.
- (e) Delegated Plans Review Authority:
- Units of local government, which have been granted plans review authority, shall pay an annual fee of \$1,000. Failure of local government to pay this fee will be cause for the revocation of plans review authority.
- (3) Collection of Fees
- (a) Fees resulting from application for a permit, maintenance of a permit or plans review, shall be made Payable and Mailed to the Department of Environment and Conservation; Attention: Environmental Protection Fees — Water Pollution Control.
- (b) Payments shall be clearly identified as to the permit, application, or plans to which they apply.
- (c) Fees are to be paid in full by the due date or, if required, at time of application.
- (4) Penalties
- (a) Any unpaid fee or portion thereof is subject to penalty.
- (b) For any part of any fee imposed but not paid within the specified period of fifteen (15) days of the due date, a penalty of five percent (5%) of the amount due shall at once

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accrue and be added thereto. Thereafter, on the first day of each month during which any part of any fee or any prior accrued penalty remains unpaid, an additional penalty of five percent (5%) of the then unpaid balance shall accrue and be added thereto. In addition, the fees not paid within fifteen (15) days after the due date shall bear interest at the maximum lawful rate from the due date to the date paid. However, the total of the penalties and interest that accrue pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed three (3) times the amount of the original fee.

- (c) The Commissioner of Environment and Conservation may file an action in the Chancery Court of Davidson County or any Court of competent jurisdiction for a judgment in the amount owed the State under the Water Quality Control Act, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-3-101 et seq.
- (5) Hearings
- (a) Any person required to pay any fee specified in this rule, who disagrees with the calculation or applicability of the fee, may petition the Water Quality Control Board for a hearing. In order to perfect a hearing, the objecting party must present to the Technical Secretary of the Board, not later than fifteen (15) days after the fee due date:
 - 1. a petition for hearing, and
 - 2. the total amount of the fee.
 - (b) Such hearing shall be in accordance with contested case provisions set forth in Title 4, Chapter 5, Tennessee Code Annotated.
 - (c) If the fee was improperly assessed, the Technical Secretary shall return the amount determined to be improperly assessed plus interest on the excess accrued from the date the fee was presented to the Technical Secretary.

Rulemaking Authority: T.C.A. §69-3-105(b), 4-5-201 et seq. and 68-203-101 et seq. HB2389/SB2357, Sections 1 through 10. **Substantive Authority:** T.C.A. §68-203-101 et seq. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 9, 1991; effective September 23, 1991. Amendment filed August 12, 1992; effective September 26, 1992. Amendment filed September 26, 1995; effective December 10, 1995. Amendment filed November 15, 2000; effective January 30, 2001. Amendment filed May 22, 2007; effective August 5, 2007. Repeal and new rule filed March 31, 2008; effective June 14, 2008. Public necessity rule filed June 30, 2009; effective through December 12, 2009.

1200-04-11-.03 SCHEDULE FOR TIMELY ACTION.

- (1) General
 - (a) Permits required under Rule 1200-04-11-.02 (2)(a)1 shall be issued or denied within 90 days of receipt of the application. If a public hearing is scheduled, in response to comments by interested parties or the applicant requests additional time, an additional 90 days may be added to the allowable timeframe.
 - (b) Permits required under Rule 1200-04-11-.02 (2)(a)2 shall be issued or denied within 30 days of receipt of the application.
 - (c) Permits for major industries or sewage treatment facilities with flow over 1 MGD shall be issued or denied within 1 year of receipt of the application. If a public hearing is scheduled, in response to comments by interested parties, additional time is requested by the applicant, or EPA requests additional time, an additional 90 days may be added to the allowable timeframe.

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- (d) All other permits for wastewater treatment systems required under Rule 1200-4-11-.02 (b) shall be issued or denied within 180 days of receipt of the application. If a public hearing is scheduled, in response to comments by interested parties, additional time is requested by the applicant, or additional time is requested by EPA, an additional 90 days may be added to the allowable timeframe.
- (e) The Division shall complete its review of plan documents within 30 days of receipt, provided the plans contain sufficient information to make the necessary determinations.
- (f) If the Division fails to issue or deny the permit or review plans within the time frames specified above, the permit application filing/processing fee and/or plans review fee will be refunded to the applicant.
- (g) A quarterly report will be provided to the Water Quality Control Board. The report shall contain information on the timeliness of permit processing and plans review.

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