

Permit Type: Dewatering

Purpose: An applicant, individual or corporation must obtain a Dewatering Permit from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) prior to discharging any groundwater into the sanitary or combined sewers.

Prerequisites:

1. Applicant must be a New York State licensed Professional Engineer (PE) or Registered Architect (RA).
2. A Letter of Approval from the NYCDEP Bureau of Wastewater Treatment (BWT), Industrial Pretreatment Program (IPP), Inspection and Permit Section.
3. A Letter of Approval from the NYCDEP Bureau of Water and Sewer Operations (BWSO), Division of Connections and Permitting, if the proposed discharge exceeds 10,000 gallons per day.

To obtain a Letter of Approval from the NYCDEP BWT, IPP Inspection and Permit Section, the following documents must be submitted:

1. Applicant must be a New York State licensed PE or RA.
2. A signed cover letter describing project in details.
3. A completed Wastewater Quality Control Application originally stamped and signed by a New York State PE.
4. A Site Plan, originally stamped and signed by a New York State PE, showing, at a minimum, the project location, sewer type and size, existing and proposed sewer constructions from project site to public sewer line, adjacent streets, equipment locations, point of discharge locations, approved pretreatment system with manufacturer specifications and engineering calculations, different types of pretreatment equipment flow/layout diagram, and property lines.
5. A groundwater effluent analytical report showing the sampling date and time, sample location, chain of custody, sample preservation procedures, analytical techniques used, date of analysis, units of measurement, laboratory sample identification, and data results certified by a New York State Department of Health certified wastewater laboratory.
6. Treated effluent sample analytical results should meet the NYCDEP Limitations for Effluent to Sanitary or Combined Sewers.

To obtain a Letter of Approval from the NYCDEP BWSO Division of Permitting and Connections, the following documents must be submitted:

1. A detailed dewatering scheme including project background, discharge quantity and duration, pump number and capacity, site plan showing settlement basin, discharge pipe connection location, description, size, type, invert elevations, capacity and percentage of capacity used for dewatering.
2. A copy of the letter of approval from BWT IPP Inspection and Permit Section or from the NYSDEC.



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For groundwater discharge to storm sewers, applicant must obtain prior approval from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYCDEC) and the BWSO Division of Permitting and Connections.

Submission Process:

1. Obtain and complete the application to the NYCDEP BWT, BWSO and/or the NYSDEC, depending the amount and point of discharge.
2. Once the application is approved, the Bureau of Customer Services (BCS) will also be notified internally, which will calculate the fee and send a fee letter to the applicant.
3. The applicant will be notified and can pick up the Letter(s) of Approval from NYCDEP BWT and BWSO at the local BWSO borough office.
4. The applicant should bring Letter(s) of Approval, the fee letter, and payment to the appropriate local BCS borough office to obtain the Dewatering Permit.

Fee: To be determined on a case by case basis.

Permit Timeline: The applicant will receive a response from the NYCDEP within three weeks of submission.

Office Hours

Office Hours: The application can pick up the Letter(s) of Approval from the appropriate BWSO borough office in person from 9 am to 5 pm. The BCS is open from 9 am to 5 pm to process payment and for dewatering permit pick up.

NYCDEP BWSO Water and Sewer Permit Borough Offices - Weekdays from 9 am to 5 pm

- Bronx: 1932 Arthur Ave, Room #607; 718-579-6966/88/69/70/18
- Brooklyn: 250 Livingston Street, 8th Floor; 718-923-2671/2675
- Manhattan: 40 Worth Street, Room #338; 212-442-1904/05/06
- Queens: 120-55 Queens Boulevard, 1st Floor; 718-286-2600
- Staten Island: 10 Richmond Terrace, Room #425; 718-816-2330/35

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- Bronx: 1932 Arthur Avenue, 6th Floor; 718-579-6974
- Brooklyn: 250 Livingston Street, 8th Floor; 718-923-2600
- Manhattan: 1250 Broadway, 8th Floor; 212-643-2215
- Queens: 96-05 Horace Harding Expressway, 1st Floor; 718-595-4619/5535
- Staten Island: 60 Bay Street, 6th Floor; 718-876-6835/36



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Websites	<p>Helpful Websites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYCDEP water and sewer forms: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/forms_and_permits/wsforms.shtml • NYCDEP Water Quality Control Application: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/pdf/water_sewer/wqca.pdf • NYCDEP Procedure on Obtaining BWT IPP Letter of Approval for Groundwater Discharge to Sanitary or Combined Sewer: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/pdf/water_sewer/wqca_instructions.pdf • NYCDEP Dewatering Permit Application and Guidelines: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/pdf/water_sewer/17.pdf 	
Contacts	<p>Agency Contact:</p> <p>Sophia Rabich or Sean Hulbert NYC Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Wastewater Treatment IPP Inspection and permit Section 59-17 Junction Boulevard Flushing, NY 11373 srabich@dep.nyc.gov or shulbert@dep.nyc.gov 718-595-4707 or 718-595-4715</p> <p>Suresh Kumar NYC Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water and Sewer Operations Division of Connections & Permitting 59-17 Junction Boulevard Flushing, NY 11373 skumar@dep.nyc.gov 718-595-5205</p>	<p>OER Green Team Coordinator:</p> <p>Cavy Chu, P.E. NYC Office of Environmental Remediation 100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor New York, NY 10038 CavyC@dep.nyc.gov 212-788-3774</p>