Construction Permitting
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who handles permitting of public water supply systems, wastewater collection and treatment systems, and water reuse projects in Oklahoma?
The Construction Permitting Section of DEQ’s Water Quality Division is responsible for the review and permitting of all such projects in Oklahoma. DEQ construction permits must be obtained prior to beginning construction.

Q: Where can I find the construction standards for public water supply distribution and treatment systems?
The construction standards for public water distribution and treatment systems can be found in OAC 252:626, available online at https://go.usa.gov/xQCtc.

Q: Where can I find the construction standards for municipal wastewater collection and treatment systems?
The construction standards for municipal wastewater collection and treatment systems can be found in OAC 252:656, available online at https://go.usa.gov/xQCta.

Q: Who is the review engineer for my permit application and what is the status of my application?
Contact the Construction Permitting Section Administrative Assistant at (405) 702-8153, who will forward you to the engineer assigned to your application for a status update.

Q: What is the permit review time for my project?
DEQ’s targets for permit application reviews are 30 days for water and sewer line extensions, and 45 days for treatment and water reuse projects.

Q: Is there a way to expedite the time needed to review my permit application?
Permit applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. Permit review will be expedited in case of emergencies related to public health and safety.

Q: My project doesn’t meet the requirements of OAC 252:626 and/or 252:656. Can we propose a different design?
Both OAC 252:626 and OAC 252:656 allow for variances from their respective standards, subject to DEQ approval.

Q: Is it possible to try a new technology that is not covered under OAC 252:626 and/or 252:656?
A pilot study with an approved protocol may be required for new technologies. Please contact the Construction Permitting Section manager at (405) 702-8140 for guidelines regarding pilot study protocols.

For additional information on this subject please contact your local DEQ representative or the Water Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Quality at (405) 702-8100.