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| ***Overview***  *When a company applies for a solid waste landfill permit, several steps are involved. Progressing from the application stage to a final permit for a new landfill can often take more than two years. Part A of the permitting process for the landfill facility is outlined below.* |
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**What is the permitting process for a proposed solid waste disposal facility?**

Part A of a landfill application process requires the applicant to coordinate with various agencies on specific siting requirements. These requirements include:

* **Existing surface or groundwater public water intakes or reservoirs** – Virginia Department of Health (VDH)
* **Impounding structures (dams)** – Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)
* **Tourism opportunities** – DCR
* **Park and recreational areas** – DCR
* **Wildlife management areas** – DCR’s Division of Natural Heritage
* **Fish and wildlife** – Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF)
* **Seismic Impact Zones fault lines** – U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
* **Airports** – Virginia Department of Aviation (DOAV) and Federal Aviation Administration
* **Marine resources** – Applicable local, state or federal agencies
* **Wetlands** – USGS and Federal Emergency Management Agency
* **Historic sites** – Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR)
* **Transportation adequacy report** – Virginia Department of Transportation

**Are there any additional requirements?**

Yes. The applicant must coordinate and address any permitting for wetlands through DEQ’s Virginia Water Protection Program and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Additional information about DEQ’s wetlands permitting can be found here: [www.DEQ.Virginia.gov/programs/water/wetlandsstreams/permits.aspx](https://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WetlandsStreams/Permits.aspx). Additional information about the USACE program can be found here: [www.nao.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory](http://www.nao.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory). The wetlands permitting element is the other primary permitting requirement for new facilities.

If a landfill is approved and constructed, additional permitting may be required for stormwater, erosion and sediment control, and air.

**Are other state or federal agencies involved in the permitting process?**

Yes. During the application review process, DEQ coordinates with other organizations as necessary to address questions or issues that may rest within their respective jurisdiction. This may involve direct coordination, or require the applicant to follow-up or obtain additional information from the organization.

For major permitting actions, including new permits, DEQ may notify:

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| * DOAV | * U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |
| * DCR | * Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services |
| * VDH | * Virginia Department of Economic Development Partnership |
| * DGIF | * Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy |