

Estimated Timeline for ESC/Plan Review and Approval

NEPA Review 2 weeks

- During this time every Program at DPW-Environmental will review the plans to ensure environmental compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.
- A comment matrix will be returned to project proponent.

Changes and Updates

~2-8 weeks to Months+
depending on project and changes needed

- Please take into account the time needed to address comments submitted during the NEPA process.
- Every subsequent NEPA submittal will have the same review time of 2 weeks.
- The total time will depend on how many submittals are required until plans are approved by DPW-Environmental, and the turnaround time for document correction by the designer.

VADEQ Approval

~15-120 days +
depending on project and changes needed

- Per 9VAC25-870-108, VADEQ has 15 calendar days to determine if plan is complete, 60 calendar days to review initial submittal and 45 days to review for each subsequent resubmittal.
- Based on past plan submittals, this process takes an average of three months to obtain VADEQ approval.
- Approval time may be less, dependent upon the size of the project, amount of VADEQ comments, and the turnaround time for document correction by the designer.

DPW-Environmental Final Approval – Issuance of Land Disturbance Letter 2 weeks +

after all required documents have been submitted

- Once all project documentation has been received by the DPW-Environmental Division Stormwater POC, the Land Disturbance Letter (LDL) will be prepared and staffed for Directors final approval and signature.
- Approved plans will also be staffed for Directors signature.
- Staffing may take up to 2 weeks or longer during special circumstances.
- Refer to MS4 Bulletin #1 Section C.5.c for a list of required documents.
- Please also allow 2 weeks for the approval of the Excavation Permit (DIG Permit which is processed by the BOID office.)
- *Note the LDL will be held until dig permit approval. Ensure the dig permit application is submitted along with the required documents. This process (LDL application and Dig permit application) should occur simultaneously.*

Please refer to MS4 Bulletin #1 for more details. Most up to date Version can be found here:
<https://home.army.mil/belvoir/index.php/about/Garrison/directorate-public-works/environmental-division>