



Prefiling Meeting Request for CWA §401 Water Quality Certification

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Why is this Pre-Filing Meeting Request Required?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification Rule in the Federal Register on July 13, 2020, which became effective on September 11, 2020. The federal rule requires all project proponents to submit a pre-filing meeting request to the certifying authority at least 30 days prior to submitting a Section 401 Water Quality Certification request (certification request). DEC has prepared this pre-filing meeting request form to help project proponents comply with the federal rule requirements.

Next Steps:

DEC will review your request for a pre-filing meeting to determine whether it is necessary or appropriate for a specific project. Completing this form will help with DEC’s determination. Thank you for using this form.

1. Please submit this request form and a project location map to DEC’s Storm Water & Wetlands permitting section at DEC-401Cert@alaska.gov. All requests submitted after regular business hours will be considered received the next business day.
2. If a pre-filing meeting is scheduled, the meeting may be held in person or remotely. Please be prepared to discuss the project and potential water quality impacts.
3. If you do not receive a response to your request for a pre-filing meeting and at least 30 days have passed, you may submit the certification request to DEC if a Section 401 is required for your project.

For more information regarding EPA’s CWA §401 rule: www.epa.gov/cwa-401/final-rule-clean-water-act-section-401-certification-rule.

I. Identify the applicable federal license or permit

Permit License Number
(if known): _____

Federal Agency: USACE, FERC, or Other: _____

Is the project a modification to an existing permit? If so, describe below: _____

II. Name, Location, and Description of Project or Activity (Note: Please attach a project location map when submitting this form.)

Project Name or Title (required) _____

Project Street Address (if applicable) _____

City _____

AK
State

Zip _____

Longitude

(Decimal Degrees, 6 places)

Latitude

(Decimal Degrees, 6 places)

(Use www.latlong.net if needed for online tool for lat/long)

Land ownership (check all that apply): Private, State, Federal, Other: _____

Waterbody (including wetlands) that the project is in or adjacent to: _____

Nature of Activity: (Brief description of project and scope, include total quantities of fill and excavation in waters/wetlands, other direct and indirect impacts to waterbodies and wetlands, type of wetlands, and whether adjacent to contaminated soil/sediment. Attach additional drawings that may also describe your project)

What is your anticipated timeline for construction and operation?

If you have already worked with any government agencies (Federal, state, local), list them below.

Agency Name	Contact Name	Phone	Email

Do you have any specific questions for DEC?:

Provide a couple of dates you are available for a meeting:

III. Certification Statement:

By digitally signing below, I certify that I have read and understood that per the Federal Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification Rule the following statements:

- This form completes the requirement of the Pre-Filing Meeting Request in the Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification Rule.
- I understand by signing this form that I cannot submit my application until 30 calendar days after this pre-filing meeting request.
- I also understand that DEC is not required to respond or grant the meeting request.

Your project's thirty-day clock starts upon receipt of this application. All requests submitted after regular business hours will be considered received the next business day. You will receive notification regarding meeting location and time if a meeting is necessary.

IV. Applicant / Agent Information

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
First (required)	Middle	Last (required)	Company	Title (Required)		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mailing Address Street or PO Box	City	State	Zip	Email (required)	Phone (Required)	Fax (optional)
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Agent Name (Optional)		Agent Email (Optional)		Agent Phone (optional)		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Signature		Date				

Submit the CWA §401 Certification Prefiling Meeting Request to DEC-401Cert@alaska.gov.
Include in the subject line the following: "Prefiling Meeting Request - CWA §401 Certification – [include project title]".