

QR-25-B Permit Matrix

Permit/Approval	Agency	*Timeline to Obtain	Shelf Life	Recommended Application Time	Original Submittal Date	Most Recent Submittal Date Approval Date	Comments/Effort for Renewal
Documented Categorical Exclusion+A3:H14H16A3:H16A3:A3:H16	FHWA	N/A	3 years	30% Plans			Coordinate with FHWA on re-evaluation requirements.
Section 404 / Section 10	USACE Omaha District (North Dakota Regulatory Office)	1-2 months	Until 2026 NWP's expire (2031). 5-year cycle.	90% Plans			Permit extensions are done via email and typically don't take much time for approval (1-2 wks)
Section 404 / Section 10	USACE St Paul District	3-4 months	Until current TRG Permit expires (2028). 5-year cycle. If issued in 2028, would be good until 2033.	90% Plans			Permit extensions are done via email and typically don't take much time for approval (1-2 wks)
Wetland Conservation Act	Clay County Soil & Water Conservation District	maximum of 60 days	5 years	90% Plans			Approval is a decision, not a permit. Joint application would need to be resubmitted if expired after 5 years.
Sovereign Lands	NDDWR	Prescribed timeframe is 90 days; typically has taken longer (6 months)	Authorizations do no mention an expiration date. Typically covers the duration of the project.	When funding has been dedicated			NDDWR website says to allow 90 days for processing; however, it rarely gets completed within this timeframe. New staff at NDDWR may change this.
Floodway Authorization	NDDWR	1 month	No set expiration; would require review if a LOMR/remapping occurs.	90% Plans			
Public Waters	MnDNR	60 to 90 days	2-5 years. Permit will state expiration date.	When funding has been dedicated			Request extension via email approximately 1 month out from expiration date.
Watershed	Buffalo-Red River Watershed District	1-2 months --BRRWD notifies within 15 days after submittal if more information is needed. Application then brought to BRRWD Board for approval. Board meetings held once a month.	1 year after Watershed District approves the application for construction to start. Once construction started, usually good through the duration of project. Can request from the District to have the expiration date longer than a year on multi-year projects.	When funding has been dedicated			Contact BRRWD via email approximately 1 month out from expiration date. May need to reapply, but would not have to go through the BRRWD board for approval again.
Floodplain Development	City of Fargo	Typically 1 week	No set expiration; would require review if a LOMR/remapping occurs	When funding has been dedicated			
Floodplain and Floodway Development	City of Moorhead	Submitted with Conditional Use Permit	6 months if work does not commence; duration of project once commenced.	When funding has been dedicated			Renewed along with Conditional Use Permit
Conditional Use Permit	City of Moorhead	Application submitted to City. Placed on a Planning Commission meeting agenda no later than 60 days from submission. Permit granted maximum of 60 days after commission meeting.	One year unless a petition for extension has been granted.	When funding has been dedicated			Extension petition submitted 30 days before expiration date.
National Pollution Discharge Elimination System	MPCA	Submit application and SWPPP at least 30 days prior to construction start	5-year cycle. Current permit expires July 31, 2028.	Acquired by Contractor after award			Acquired by Contractor. 30 days required due to proximity to impaired water compared to normal 7 days prior.

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National Pollution Discharge Elimination System	NDDEQ	Submit application at least seven days prior to construction start.	5-year cycle. Current permit expires March 31, 2030.	Acquired by Contractor after award			Acquired by Contractor
Natural Heritage Review	MnDNR	30 days	Must be completed within 1 year of construction beginning	Prior to advertising for bids			No renewal, need to submit updated review to MnDNR
Notice of Construction or Renovation	NDDEQ	10 days prior to demolition and asbestos removal activities	Demolition must occur on the date(s) noted on the form, or need to notify NDDEQ to amend if dates change.	Acquired by Contractor after award			Acquired by Contractor
Deconstruction, Renovation, or Demolition Notification Form	MPCA	10 days prior to demolition and asbestos removal activities	Demolition must occur on the date(s) noted on the form, or need to notify MPCA to amend if dates change.	Acquired by Contractor after award			Acquired by Contractor
FAA Airspace review for proximity to Hector International Airport	FAA	Submit at least 45 days prior to construction.	18 months. Request for extension must be submitted 15-90 days prior to expiration date. Extension good for 18 months.	Acquired by Contractor after award			Acquired by Contractor. Needed if construction requires objects (usually cranes) that meet requirements in Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 77, Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace, Paragraph 77.9.
Coast Guard Notification	Coast Guard Ninth District	Submit notification 30 days prior to construction start.		Upon award			Notification and coordination only -- no Coast Guard bridge permit required per SOV response.

Information above is based on NEPA and Federal Regulations as of March 2026. If conditions change timelines and renewals may be impacted.

*Timelines based on published documentation