



Montana Department of Environmental Quality - Timelines Associated with Regulatory Action

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State Action	Other Time Limits in Law?	Decision Deadline*	Triggering Event
Air Quality Oil and Gas Registration	Y	NA - Programmatic Review	Adoption of registration rules
Air Quality Portable Registration	Y	NA - Programmatic Review	Adoption of registration rules
Air Quality Permit	Y	115-130 days	Receipt of complete application
Air Quality Permit - EIS required	N	MEPA time limits in 75-1-208, MCA, apply	
Air Quality Permit - With MFSA certificate	Y	270 days	Determination of acceptability
Coal Mine Permit / Reclamation Plan - New or Major Revision	Y	165 days (EIS must be issued 15 days before decision)	Receipt of administratively complete application
Coal Mine Permit / Reclamation Plan - Minor Revision	Y	60 days	Receipt of application and revised reclamation plan
Hard Rock Mine Exploration	N	MEPA time limits in 75-1-208, MCA, apply	
Hard Rock Mine Operating Permit - New or Major Amendment	Y	365 days	Determination of completeness and issuance of draft permit
Hard Rock Mine Operating Permit - Minor Revision or Minor Amendment	Y	30 days	Receipt of application
Opencut Mining Dryland Permit	Y	15 days	Receipt of complete application
Opencut Mining Standard Permit	Y	30-45 days	Receipt of complete application
Major Facility Siting Act Certificate	Y	270 days	Determination of acceptability
Asbestos Demolition Notice	Y	10 working days	Receipt of application
Asbestos Project Permit	Y	10 working days	Receipt of application
Asbestos Project Permit - Cost of \$3,000 or less	Y	7 calendar days	Receipt of complete application and fee
Asbestos Small Project Permit - As defined in 75-2-505, MCA	Y	5 working days	Receipt of complete application and fee
Hazardous Waste Permit	Y	90 days	Receipt of complete application
Motor Vehicle Wrecking Facility License	N	MEPA time limits in 75-1-208, MCA, apply	
Septic Tank Pumper Land Application	N	MEPA time limits in 75-1-208, MCA, apply	
Solid Waste Management Facility License	N	MEPA time limits in 75-1-208, MCA, apply	
Underground Storage Tanks - New Facility Permit	Y	30 days	Receipt of complete application
Certificate of Subdivision Approval - No MEPA, or as defined in 76-4-136, MCA	Y	40 days	Receipt of complete application
Certificate of Subdivision Approval - EA required	Y	130 days	Receipt of complete application
Certificate of Subdivision Approval - EIS required	Y	160 days	Receipt of complete application
Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System Permit	Y	60-90 days	Receipt of complete application
Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permits	Y	NA - Programmatic Review	Renewal of general permit
Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Individual Permit	Y	30 days	Receipt of complete application
Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Storm Water General Permits	Y	NA - Programmatic Review	Renewal of general permit
Public Water Supply Systems	Y	60 days	Receipt of engineering documents
Water Quality Authorization to Degrade	Y	90 days	Notification of adequacy

* For the purposes of this table, decision deadlines are the sum of all applicable time limits provided for environmental review and may include multiple consecutive steps in the review process. The timelines in this document do not include time any time that may be allowed at the beginning of the process for completeness review and any associated deficiency process.

Red text indicates a timeline is shorter than the time limit MEPA allows for preparation of an environmental assessment.