

Chapter 105 Update

Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetlands
AAB Meeting - 12/11/2025





What has BWEW been up to?

1. General Permit Modernization & Improvements (June 2024 – ongoing)
 - a. Forms, Instructions and GP Aquatic Resource Table
 - b. GP drawings (GP-8 completed – announced 10/16/25. Others ongoing)
 - c. Working with Administration on further improvements
2. Updated and Improved SOPs (June 2024 – ongoing)
 - a. Ch. 105 Permits: JPA, EA, GPs
 - b. Dam Safety Permits
 - c. Also, SOPs for Pilot* and SPEED*



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3. Ch. 105 Pilot for Joint Permits (Sept. 2024 – ongoing)

- a. Launched Sept. 2024
- b. June 2025 – 1st project approved in SCRO which cut process time in half
- c. Several other projects in the queue. Looking for others.

4. SPEED Preparation and Implementation

- a. For BWEW – includes **Chapter 105 Joint Permits** and **Dam Safety Permits**
- b. Lots of work happening in the background
- c. Updated training for Clean Water Academy on Permit Processing
- d. All permit programs went live this summer. Most applications received have been for Ch. 102.

5. Guidelines for Temporary Pipeline and Water Withdrawals

1. Updated 2010 guidance to include clarification for water withdrawals for Ag Operations. (6/24/2025)



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6. Technology & Permitting Efficiencies (ongoing)
 - a. ePermitting (for Ch. 105 GPs) - becoming the go-to method for receiving GPs statewide
 - b. Public Upload with Payment – becoming the go-to method for receiving JPAs and other authorization types.
7. Dam Safety
 - a. Field Engineering Section (2024)
 - b. Low Head Dams (2025)
8. Flooding
 - a. [Guidelines for Maintaining Streams in Your Community](#)
 - b. Remaining vigilant and collaborating
 - c. [Senate Approves Bills Addressing Stream Maintenance](#)



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9. 105 Rulemaking Process

1. **Restarted** June 18, 2025. Revisiting a lot of previously proposed changes from 2020-22 effort.
2. BWEW provided last update on Ch. 105 Regulatory Revisions on [1/27/2020](#).
3. Two prong approach:
 - A. Basic update – same Purpose as before.
 - Clarify existing requirements
 - Delete or update obsolete requirements and references
 - Incorporate new or revised sections and definitions to codify existing practices
 - Correct typographical errors
 - B. Proposal to add a new Section on Restoration – coming soon.
4. BWEW **will return** at next meeting for a more detailed update.



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