

Transportation Permitting

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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Background

This document covers Roadway Transportation. Addressing Pennsylvania's aging transportation infrastructure is a priority to meet current and future needs in the Commonwealth. The Regional Permit Coordination Office (RPCO) works closely with both of Pennsylvania's Transportation Agencies – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC).

FAQ #1: Who processes PennDOT's 25 PA Code Chapter 102, 105 and 106 permit applications?

Due to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), PennDOT funds an environmental and engineering reviewer at each of DEP's Regional Offices as well as a 'floating' engineering review in RPCO to review and process those PennDOT's permit applications on behalf of DEP. The applications are generally reviewed by the relevant DEP Regional Funded staff, however there are instances funded staff from other Regions or RPCO may process those applications, such as when positions are vacant, or DEP is balancing the permitting workload.

DEP has a delegation agreement with County Conservation Districts (CCDs), so CCDs review and process some Chapter 102 applications in accordance with their delegation agreement.

Due to the MOU, DEP reviews and processes all Chapter 105 General Permit applications and their associated E&S Plans.

FAQ #2: Who processes the PTC's 25 PA Code Chapter 102, 105 and 106 permit application?

Due to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DEP and PTC, PTC funds an environmental and engineering reviewer in RPCO to review and process those PTC permit applications on behalf of DEP. There may be instances when other RPCO staff process those applications, such as when positions are vacant. There may be instances when

Regional staff process those applications, such as when there is an amendment to a permit the Region issued.

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Due to the MOU, DEP reviews and processes all Chapter 105 General Permit applications and their associated E&S Plans.

FAQ #3: What is the Keystone Environmental ePermitting System (KEES)?

[KEES](#) is a DEP electronic permitting system, which is housed and maintained by PennDOT. KEES is used by PennDOT to develop and submit Chapter 105 permit applications. KEES is used by DEP to review, process and take action on Chapter 105 permits. KEES communicates with DEP's database- Environment Facility Application Compliance Tracking System ([eFACTS](#)), which helps streamline DEP's reviews and avoids the need to enter duplicate information.

It is anticipated that PennDOT will utilize KEES to develop and submit Chapter 102 permit applications. The applications will then be submitted to DEP through DEP's anticipated Chapter 102 ePermitting. The KEES and ePermitting systems will communicate.

FAQ #4: Who can access KEES?

PennDOT staff, PennDOT consultant's, DEP staff and other review agencies, such as USACE, County Conservation Districts (CCDs), etc. can register and access KEES. KEES is not available to the general public due to security reasons.

FAQ #5: Why and how can County Conservation Districts (CCDs) access KEES?

It is beneficial for CCDs to register for KEES as it will allow them read only access to the system and they can view PennDOT permit applications and the associated E&S plans. It will also notify the CCD when DEP takes an action on a Chapter 105 permit application in their County. Instructions on how to register and additional information can be found on [Clean Water Academy](#). Please login to Clean Water Academy and search for the course "CCDs optional access to Keystone Environmental ePermitting System (KEES) to view PennDOT Chapter 105 permitting"

FAQ #6: How can the general public review PennDOT or PTC applications or plans?

If the general public wishes to review PennDOT or PTC applications or plans, they can refer to DEP's webpage for [Public Records](#) to do so. The easiest method is to schedule an [Informal File Review](#) with the appropriate DEP Regional Office or RPCO.