



Step 5: Detailed technical review .

- Technical staff review the application to determine if the application contains sufficient scientific and engineering information to address specific design, statutory, and regulatory requirements.
- Technical staff review engineering reports for consistency with DEP technical guidance. Where deviations from technical guidance exist, staff will review for scientific and engineering basis to justify such deviations.

For significant deficiencies, DEP will issue a denial letter citing regulatory or statutory requirements and specific deficiencies. This voids the PDG.

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY DENIAL

PDG VOIDED

NO **YES**

Complete technical information?

Step 6a: Technical Deficiency Letter

Letter issued citing the deficiencies and corresponding regulations, statutes, or technical guidance provisions and a deadline for submission of the deficient information. This will void the PDG.

Step 6b: Construction Approval

Applications that provide sufficient technical information to demonstrate they meet regulatory and statutory requirements will be approved to construct.

Step 7b: PWS constructs and schedules inspection

Once facilities are constructed consistent with the construction permit, the PWS should schedule an inspection with the permit engineer.

Step 8b: Permit engineer's inspection

Any deficiencies or inconsistencies with the construction permit are identified in a deficiency letter.

Step 9: Correct deficiencies from inspection

PWS corrects deficiencies and notifies DEP.

Step 10: Operations Permit

Issued when deficiencies have been corrected.

PERMIT ISSUED

NO **YES**

PWS responds by deadline and addresses deficiencies?

Proceed to Step 6b.

Step 7a: DEP conducts elevated review.

- Elevated review may involve face-to-face meeting with PWS and multiple DEP staff, especially for complex projects with multiple deficiencies.
- Elevated review allows 15 business days to make a final decision.
- Bureau Director or Division Chief provides direction on decision which may be denial of permit

NO

YES

Elevated review process provides sufficient information to address deficiencies?

Step 8a: Denial

After 2 technical reviews, applications which still fail to demonstrate regulatory and statutory requirements are met may be denied. All fees are forfeit and any new application must return to Step 3.

APPLICATION DENIED