



State of Vermont
PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION

STREAM ALTERATIONS/STREAM CROSSINGS STRUCTURE
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SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PERMIT	Permit regulates the alteration of streams. Permit review protects against creation of flood hazards and damage to fish life; protects rights of neighboring landowners and assures compliance with VT Water Quality Standards.
EXAMPLE OF REGULATED ACTIVITY	Streambank stabilization, mineral prospecting, municipal roadway improvements encroaching on streams, utility crossings under streambeds, Section 401 federal clean water act, municipal or private bridge construction or repair.
CRITERIA FOR JURISDICTION	For Title 10 Permit: Movement, excavation or fill involving 10 or more cubic yards annually in any watercourse with a drainage area greater than 10 square miles or in any designated outstanding resource water. No person may remove gravel from any watercourse, regardless of size, primarily for construction or sale. Exemption for 50 cubic yards annually for riparian landowners but must be reported to the Agency 72 hours prior to excavation. Exemptions for town's emergency protective measures with reporting requirements and for Accepted Agricultural Practices as defined by the Commissioner of Agriculture. Approval required for use of sluice boxes for mineral prospecting. Approval required for municipal or private stream crossings greater than 1.0 square mile watershed.
INFORMATION REQUIRED	Requires specific information regarding stream/river involved, location where proposed work to be done, length of stream affected, adjacent and opposite landowners, working dates, maps/drawings, plans, and fee, notification of application to adjoining landowners and the municipality.
WEB ADDRESSES	http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/permits/htm/pm_streamalt.htm http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/permits/htm/pm_streamcrossing.htm
FEES	\$225.00 for Title 10 Stream Alteration Permit. Municipalities exempt.
APPLICATION TIME FRAME	The performance standard for processing a complete application is 40 days.

**ADMINISTERING
AGENCY**

**AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
WATER QUALITY DIVISION**

[Map of the regions served by the River Management Engineers](#)

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AUTHORITY

10 VSA Chapter 41, VT Water Quality Standards

**APPEAL
PROCESS**

Effective January 31, 2005, within 30 days of the date of an act or decision, any person aggrieved by an act or decision of the secretary, or any party by right, may appeal to the environmental court in accordance with the provisions of [10 VSA Chapter 220](#).

OTHER PERMITS

Local flood zoning, Army Corps of Engineers permits, 401 Water Quality Certification (see sheet) and approvals may apply. If an alteration is related to a commercial use, contact a [Permit Specialist](#) for a Project Review Sheet.

<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/ead/pa/index.htm>