

213 - Environmental Permitting Overview

Environmental requirements fall under three distinct jurisdictions: federal, state and local. Jurisdiction between state and federal standards is typically coordinated through program delegation or Memoranda of Agreement, etc.

Environmental standards for permits encompass requirements that take into account issues that are unique to each specific site. Federal permits are required when the project affects Federal Land. The Permitting process can be lengthy and influence the design and construction start schedule.

Public comments at permit hearings may result in additional legally enforceable standards being incorporated into any environmental permit to satisfy local concerns.

When local standards apply, they must be addressed by incorporating them as additional conditions to the state or federal permit or, if required, as a stand-alone local permit/approval.