

Questions and Answers

Everglades Works of the District

When do I need an Everglades Works of the District (EWOD) Permit?

For activities in the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Basin, there are three permit types:

- **General**, for residential areas less than 40 acres in size, and for commercial and industrial properties less than 5 acres in size. **No paperwork has to be submitted, and there is no permit application processing fee.**
- **Individual***, a permit issued to any entity, and the owners/lessees of all parcels that discharge water tributary to the structures identified in the permit application. All participants are considered co-permittees.
- **Master***, a permit issued to a legally responsible entity for the entire EAA, to allow for achievement of compliance collectively.

For activities in the C-139 Basin, there are three permit types:

- **No Notice General**, for existing permitted and properly-operated systems not subject to the Agricultural Privilege Tax. **No paperwork has to be submitted, and there is no permit application processing fee.**
- **General**, for a single operating entity, and which has no discharge monitoring plan, and contains District-defined Best Management Practices (BMPs).
- **Individual***, for all other activities.

** indicates that Governing Board approval is required.*

For a detailed discussion of permit types, see Chapter 40E-63, F.A.C.

What is the application procedure?

The District has prepared guidebooks to assist applicants in preparing EAA and C-139 Basin permit applications:

- For EAA Basins: Form 0779 Application for a Works of the District Permit Guidebook.
- For C-139 Basin: Form 1045 Application for a C-139 Basin Works of the District Permit Guidebook.

Unless the applicant is acquainted with EWOD permitting, a pre-application meeting with District staff is recommended. During this meeting, staff will advise the applicant of information needed and potential complications.

The procedure can be complex if your project has unusual features. However, here are the typical steps:

1. After the pre-application meeting, submit your completed permit application. (See "What information will I need to provide?" below.) The District then has 30 days to review the application and ask for any necessary additional information. You, in turn, have 90 days to supply the information.
2. Sometimes more rounds of information-gathering are necessary to clarify specific points. In these cases, District staff has 30 days to request information and the applicant has 30 days to respond.

If the application is not complete within 240 days of the initial submittal, the application may be denied unless you make a written request for an extension before the deadline. If the District fails to meet the final action deadline, the permit is automatically approved.

3. Once the application is complete, the District has 60 days to issue C-139 Basin general permits and 90 days to approve all other EAA and C-139 Basin permits.

What information will I need to provide?

- For EAA Basins: Form 0779 Application for a Works of the District Permit
- For C-139 Basin: Form 1045 Application for a C-139 Basin Works of the District Permit
- All supplemental information (located in the Guidebook)
- A BMP Plan
- A Discharge Monitoring Plan (not required for C-139 Basin general permits)
- Satisfactory proof that any other necessary District permits have been either issued or applied for
- The correct permit application processing fee