



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
 PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION  
 Application for Permit for Use of Explosives in Commonwealth Waters  
 30 PA. C.S. § 2906

1. Purpose: A permit is required from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission for use of explosives in Commonwealth waters for engineering purposes. Applicants: Complete this form in its entirety. Additional instruction and information are on the back of this form. Do not go forward with the project unless and until the Commission issues a permit. Include a check or money order (no cash) in the amount of **\$50.00 for each perennial waterway** that is proposed to be impacted. Mail your application and remittance (payable to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission) to Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Division of Environmental Services, 595 East Rolling Ridge Drive, Bellefonte, PA 16823. Attach additional sheets as necessary. If the permit is denied, the fee will be returned to you.
2. Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Address of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Dates of proposed blasting: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name of project: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Location of proposed use of explosives: Attach an 8 ½" x 11" photocopy of a topographic map to show the location of waterway(s) to be impacted. This map can be printed from a site on the internet such as <http://itouchmap.com> or <http://www.topoquest.com> or a photocopy of a 7.5 minute USGS topographical quadrangle. The body of water should be clearly marked with a circle at the location of each project site.
8. Waterway information: attach a table that lists the waterway name(s), county, township, geographic coordinates of the project site, and the Chapter 93 Water Use Protected Classification. Water Use Protection Classification are identified in the Department of Environmental Protection's Chapter 93 regulations, which may be accessed at:  
  
<http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/025/chapter93/chap93toc.html>
9. Describe the overall project of which the proposed use of explosives is a part: \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Describe in detail your proposed use of explosives: \_\_\_\_\_
11. List all other permits received and the permitting agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Describe the immediate (short-term) effects you anticipate from the proposed use of explosives. Include a description of the effects on fish and aquatic life in the waters, fish habitat, the stream bed, waterways, waters, and watershed and the effects on boating:  
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The undersigned applicant, under penalty of the law, hereby certifies the above information is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

## Instructions

1. Complete all information requested on the front of this form. Attach additional sheets as necessary. Incomplete applications will be returned without action. Send the complete form together with the fee of **\$50.00 for each perennial waterway** that is proposed to be impacted to the Fish and Boat Commission, Division of Environmental Services, 595 East Rolling Ridge Drive, Bellefonte, PA 16823.
2. Applicants who are granted permits are required by law to make restitution to the Commission for all fish destroyed.
3. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission staff reviews all aspects of the use of explosives. A permit may be granted by the Executive Director, or his designee, upon a finding by the staff that the activity will have no significant adverse impacts on the fishery resources in, or boating on, the waters where the activity is to take place. The permit is valid for one (1) year following the granted date.
4. If, after review of the application, the staff concludes that there is a substantial likelihood that the proposed activity will have significant adverse impacts on fishery resources and/or boating, the Executive Director, or his designee, will cause a notice of the permit application to be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin to invite public comments, protests, or intervention responses.
5. Appeal to Commission. Any party, including the applicant, who is aggrieved by a decision of the Executive Director to grant or deny a permit under Section 2906 of the Code, may appeal the decision to the full Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. Appeals must conform to 1 Pa. Code § 35.20. The Executive Director may stay a permit upon filing of an appeal. Appeals shall be disposed of in accordance with the General Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure, as amended or supplemented by Commission rules.

**It is a misdemeanor to alter or disturb any stream bed, fish habitat, water or watershed in any manner that might cause damage to, or loss of, fish or other aquatic life without the necessary permits. It is a misdemeanor to place any explosives in any waters within or on the boundaries of Pennsylvania without a permit. It is a misdemeanor to engage in activity for which a permit is required under 30 Pa.C.S. § 2906 without first acquiring the necessary permit. The law provides severe criminal penalties to persons who use explosives in Pennsylvania waters without the required permits.**

### ACTION ON APPLICATION

\_\_\_\_\_ (Applicant) is hereby **GRANTED** a permit to use explosives in Commonwealth waters as described on the front of this form. The permit will be effective until \_\_\_\_\_.

The following additional terms and conditions apply to the permit:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Executive Director or Designee: \_\_\_\_\_