



PFBC-UOE-175
(04/23)

Use of Explosives in Commonwealth Waters Permit Application

A permit is required from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission for use of explosives in Commonwealth waters for engineering purposes per 30 PA. C.S. § 2906.

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Name:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Email:	Phone:	
If applicant is an entity, jurisdiction under the laws of which the applicant was created or organized:		
Preparer name, if different from applicant:		
B. PROJECT INFORMATION		
Name of project:		
Dates of proposed blasting:		
Describe the overall project of which the proposed use of explosives is a part.		
Describe in detail your proposed use of explosives.		
List all other permits received and the permitting agency.		
Describe the immediate (short-term) anticipated effects from the proposed use of explosives, including those on fish and aquatic life in the waters, fish habitat, the stream bed, waterways, waters, and watershed and on boating.		

C. WATERWAY INFORMATION			
Project Site #1			
Waterway Name:			
County:		Township:	
Coordinates of the project site	Lat:	Long:	
Chapter 93 Water Use Protected Classification:			
Project Site #2			
Waterway Name:			
County:		Township:	
Coordinates of the project site	Lat:	Long:	
Chapter 93 Water Use Protected Classification:			
Project Site #3			
Waterway Name:			
County:		Township:	
Coordinates of the project site	Lat:	Long:	
Chapter 93 Water Use Protected Classification:			
Project Site #4			
Waterway Name:			
County:		Township:	
Coordinates of the project site	Lat:	Long:	
Chapter 93 Water Use Protected Classification:			
Project Site #5			
Waterway Name:			
County:		Township:	
Coordinates of the project site	Lat:	Long:	
Chapter 93 Water Use Protected Classification:			

CERTIFICATION and SIGNATURE

I certify that the information contained in the application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. This certification is made subject to the penalty of Section 4904 of Crimes Code (18 Pa. C.S.A. § 4904) (relating to Unsworn Falsification to Authorities) and Section 908 of the Fish and Boat Code (30 Pa. C.S. § 908) (relating to False Identification or False or Fraudulent Statements on Reports).

I consent to receive electronic correspondence from PFBC regarding this permit application and related regulation.

Date: _____ **Signature of Applicant or Form Preparer:** _____

Form PFBC-UOE-175, Use of Explosives Permit Application Instructions

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.

1. Complete all sections fully. If the applicant is a corporation, trust, association, or other organized group, enter the entity's legal name in the applicant's name field. List the address of the entity's principal place of business. List the jurisdiction under the laws of which the entity was created or organized, usually the state where legally housed.
2. List details for each project site which is proposed to be impacted by explosives on page 2. Water Use Protection Classification identified in the Department of Environmental Protection's Chapter 93 regulations may be accessed at <http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/025/chapter93/chap93toc.html>. Attach additional sheets as necessary, or a separate table may be submitted with the permit application.
3. Send a completed paper application form and any supporting documents together with the fee of **\$60.00 for each perennial waterway** that is proposed to be impacted to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Division of Environmental Services, 595 East Rolling Ridge Drive, Bellefonte, PA 16823. If the permit is denied, the fee will be returned to you.
4. Incomplete applications will be returned without action.
5. Applicants who are granted permits are required by law to make restitution to the Commission for all fish destroyed.
6. 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 until December 31 of the year issued.
7. 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.
8. 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.