



## EPA Permitting Authority Map USER GUIDE: (last updated 4/22/26)

### OVERVIEW:

EPA works to ensure compliance with several environmental statutes that are the basis for our nation's environmental permitting programs. Although EPA directly issues some permits, many jurisdictions – such as states, territories, tribal nations and municipalities – are approved to directly implement federal environmental permit programs on EPA's behalf. This process can be referred to as delegation, assumption, authorization, approved or primacy, to tribal, state, territory and/or local agencies (entirely or in part), with EPA retaining federal oversight and/or enforcement authority, when necessary.

The **EPA Permitting Authority Map** assists with identifying which regulatory agency has the authority to review and approve permits corresponding to EPA Permitting Programs and their supporting environmental statutes.

For additional information on EPA Permitting Programs, visit [Permitting at EPA](#).

### MAP INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Navigation:** Open the 'Bookmarks' (🔖) in the side panel to find bookmarked locations (i.e. Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. Territories) outside the initial map load area or use the search bar (🔍) in the top right of the map to navigate to your location. Use the plus and minus buttons to zoom in and out.
2. **Selection:** Click on a state or territory in the map to open an 'EPA Permitting Authority' popup window (🗨️) with information on authorities for the listed environmental statutes.
3. **Layer Visibility:** Open 'Geographic Layers' (🗨️) in the side panel to turn visibility off and on (👁️) for the EPA Region and American Indian Reservation, Alaskan Native Allotments, and American Indian Off-Reservation Trust Lands boundaries.
4. **Legend:** Open 'Legend' (📖) in the side panel to review symbology for the map layers.
5. **Basemaps:** Select a new basemap under 'Basemap Gallery' (🗨️) to alter the map view.

### ENVIRONMENTAL STATUTES & EPA PERMIT PROGRAMS DEPICTED IN THE MAP:

#### [Clean Air Act \(CAA\) 42 U.S.C. §7401 et seq. \(1970\) \(CAA\):](#)

##### [CAA Permits for Construction of New or Modified Stationary Facilities](#)

- New Source Review (NSR) Major Construction Permit - Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permit
- New Source Review (NSR) Major Construction Permit - Nonattainment NSR (NNSR) Permit



- New Source Review (NSR) Minor Construction Permit - Minor NSR Permit  
**CAA Permits for Operation of New or Modified Stationary Facilities**

- Title V Permit

**CAA Permits for New or Modified Facilities in the Outer Continental Shelf**

- Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Permit

**CAA Permits for New or Modified Deepwater Ports**

- Deepwater Ports Permit

**CAA Permits types of authority:**

- EPA Implemented
- EPA Delegated
- EPA Approved State Implementation Plan (SIP), Tribal Implementation Plan (TIP) or Federal Implementation Plan (FIP)

**Clean Water Act (CWA) 33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq. (1972):**

**CWA-National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits for discharge of pollutants into waters:**

- CWA Section 402/NPDES Permit Program

**CWA NPDES Permits types of authority:**

- Qualified state, territorial, or tribal government agencies may apply for the authority to administer the NPDES program, which is comprised of five components:
  - NPDES Base Program for individual municipal and industrial facilities
  - General Permit Program
  - Pretreatment Program
  - Federal Facilities Program
  - Biosolids (Sewage Sludge) Program
- EPA remains the permitting authority until a state program is authorized by EPA. Unless otherwise indicated on the map, a state listed as authorized for the NPDES program is also authorized for the Pretreatment and Federal Facilities Programs.

**Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) 15 U.S.C. §2601 et seq. (1976):**

**RCRA Permits and authorizations for the management of hazardous materials:**

- Subtitle C – Hazardous Waste Permits

**RCRA Subtitle C Permit types of authority:**

- EPA Implemented
- State receives Authorization to implement the federal program in lieu of EPA



## **Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) 42 U.S.C. §300f et seq. (1974):**

### **SDWA Permits or exemptions for the protection of drinking water related to subsurface injection wells:**

- Underground Injection Control (UIC) Well Permits (Classes I, II, III, IV, V, VI)
- Aquifer Exemption (AE)

### **SDWA UIC Permits and AE types of authority:**

- EPA Implemented
- EPA approved Primacy

## **Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA) 33 USC §1401 et seq. (1972):**

### **MPRSA Permits for the disposition and transportation of materials in the ocean:**

- MPRSA Protection Permit (General, Research, Emergency or Special Permits)

### **MPRSA Permits types of authority:**

- EPA Implemented

### **DISCLAIMER:**

The information provided by the EPA Permitting Authority Map is not an official agency determination and does not create any legal rights, obligations, responsibilities, or defense to any person. The EPA Permitting Authority Map should be used for planning purposes only. EPA recommends reaching out to the relevant EPA [Regional offices](#) or state/tribal/local permitting authority, as appropriate, for additional guidance.