



**Call the
Development Advisory Service
Telephone No. 302-739-6400
Fax No. 302-739-6242**

What is the Development Advisory Service?

The Development Advisory Service (DAS) is comprised of representatives of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, the Department of Health and Social Services, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of State, the Public Service Commission, the State Fire Marshal, and the Delaware Economic Development Office - state agencies that can help you with environmental permits and other requirements for major development projects in the state.

The DAS was established by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) in December, 1981 to cut red tape for people seeking information about environmental permit requirements. It has since expanded to include other state agencies having related concerns and requirements.

What are the Types of Development Projects Considered by the DAS?

The types of projects considered by the DAS include residential developments and commercial, industrial or utility projects. Such projects include but are not limited to the following:

Residential

subdivisions
townhouses
condominiums

Industrial

manufacturing plants
light industry
solid waste or hazardous waste facilities or operations

Commercial

shopping centers
office complexes

Recreational

marinas
campgrounds

What Can the DAS Do For You?

The DAS Coordinator can arrange for you to meet with representatives of all agencies requiring environmental permits and other approvals.

The DAS members can advise you of all permit requirements, standards to be met, and procedures to follow.

The DAS can refer you to other federal, state, or local agencies if necessary.

How Does the DAS Benefit You?

The DAS saves you the time and effort. Instead of trying on your own to locate the appropriate state agencies and meet with the right people, the DAS brings the right people to you in a one-step personal meeting.

The DAS keeps you from discovering too late in the development project that a permit or approval has been overlooked.

By using the DAS early in the planning stages, you may avoid the expense of having plans redesigned to meet state requirements.

When Should You Contact the DAS?

When you are considering purchasing property for a development.

When you are in the **first** phase of **planning** a major development requiring any state environmental permit, license or other approval.

When you are considering expanding your present development or operation.

When you are considering relocating or establishing a new industrial or commercial operation in Delaware.

Prior to obtaining approvals from local jurisdictions in Delaware.

Composition of the DAS

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control

Office of the Secretary

- Business and Permitting Assistance/Pollution Prevention Program
- Land Use Planning Act review
- Coastal Zone Act status decisions and permits for industrial development within the coastal zone

Division of Air and Waste Management

Air Quality Management Section

- construction and operating permits for air contaminant emissions sources

Waste Management Section

Hazardous Waste Branch

- construction and operating permits and approvals for hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facilities, and transfer stations
- regulatory requirements on generators of hazardous waste, particularly small quantity generators

Solid Waste Branch

- permits and approvals for all recycling operations
- permits and approvals for construction and operation of any solid waste management facility
- debris disposal issues

Site Investigation and Restoration Branch

- investigates potential hazardous waste sites to determine if site cleanup is required
- directs Superfund site investigations and remedial cleanup activities for sites placed on the National Priorities List
- provides opportunities and incentives to encourage the investigation and, if necessary, the remediation of potential hazardous waste sites which are vacant or unoccupied to yield economic revitalization and redevelopment within the state

Underground Storage Tank Branch

- regulates underground storage tanks
- evaluates groundwater information and conducts investigations relating to petroleum and chemical releases

Division of Fish and Wildlife

Fisheries Section

- fish habitat protection
- endangered species

Mosquito Control Section

- minimizes mosquito breeding areas that may be created during and after construction

Wildlife Section

- wildlife habitat protection
- endangered species
- rare plant inventories

Division of Parks and Recreation

- recreation advisory services
- greenways planning
- open space preservation - natural areas, land acquisition, conservation easements

Division of Soil and Water Conservation

Conservation District Operations

- nonpoint source pollution program
- sediment and stormwater management program
- county conservation districts

Delaware Coastal Management Program

- federal grant program for addressing coastal issues
- DNERR Program
- federal consistency review

Drainage Section

- drainage plans and easements
- tax ditches and public ditches

Shoreline and Waterway Management Section

- beach construction permits
- floodplain management
- state dredge program

Division of Water Resources

Management Section

- administers the water utility franchise program
- customer services office prompts and monitors service delivery initiatives and provides financial assistance for water pollution abatement practices/facilities; infrastructure planning assistance for wastewater and water systems; and enhanced public access to the Division through a staff community liaison

Surface Water Discharges Section

- permits and regulates industrial and municipal wastewater treatment systems (including stormwater) and sludge management
- provides technical assistance directly to wastewater treatment facilities to help address operational problems

Groundwater Discharges Section

- issues permits for septic systems, underground injection wells, spray irrigation wastewater systems and other systems associated with on-site wastewater treatment
- issues waste transporter permits and licenses designers, percolation testers, site evaluators and system installers.

Water Supply Section

- issues well and water allocation permits and licenses well contractors
- monitor groundwater quality

Watershed Assessment Section

- monitors the health of the State's aquatic resources and protects the health of swimmers and shellfish consumers
- analyzes watersheds

Wetlands and Subaqueous Lands Section

- provides permitting services for subaqueous lands, tidal wetlands and water quality certification

Department of Health and Social Services

Division of Public Health

Bureau of Environmental Health

- drinking water quality standards
- water system construction approvals
- recreation waters
- recreation camp plan approvals

Department of Transportation

Division of Highways

Plans, Specifications and Estimates Section

- traffic impact
- stormwater runoff
- street design standards
- entrance permits/bond approval

Public Service Commission

- regulates franchised public utilities such as water, telephone, gas and power (except for those in municipalities)

Delaware Economic Development Office

- assists new or expanding businesses

Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Lands Preservation Section

- reviews proposed development plans, zoning and subdivision proposals to evaluate adverse impacts on agriculture and forestry
- provides consultation services to private concerns regarding possible agricultural and forestry impacts of development plans prior to formal applications.

Department of State

Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs

State Historic Preservation Office

- inventories historic, architectural and archaeological resources
- lists properties to the National Register of Historic Places
- assists in federal compliance of National Historic Preservation Act
- assists in certification for tax credits under Economic Recovery Act
- Administers the "Discovery of Unmarked Human Remains Law"

How Do You Contact the DAS?

You may contact the DAS by calling the Secretary, Ms. Gail Bell, at 302-739-6400, (FAX 302-739-6242)(e-mail - gbell@dnrec.state.de.us) or by writing:

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Arrangements can be made to meet with DAS members at their regularly scheduled meetings. The DAS is scheduled to meet the first Thursday of every month in Dover. The time and specific location are confirmed prior to each meeting.

We're Here To Help You!