How to Request a Land Use Emergency Authorization

In general, an emergency authorization allows an Applicant to undertake a regulated activity (when conditions warrant immediate action to protect the environment and/or public health, safety and welfare), before a formal Permit can be issued. Here are the steps to take.

However if circumstances caused by the Hurricane Irene emergency are so extreme that action must be taken to immediately to prevent loss of life, injury or damage to property, take necessary actions to address the situation immediately , then contact the department as outlined below.

Coastal Permitting at N.J.A.C. 7:7-1.7, Emergency Permit Authorization

The requesting party shall notify the Department’s Bureau of Coastal Permitting by telephone.

Contact: Dave Fanz, Chief or Chris Dolphin Section Chief  @ (609) 633-2289

Freshwater Wetlands Permitting at N.J.A.C. 7:7A-8.2, Obtaining an Emergency Permit

A person in need of an emergency permit shall inform the Department as to the extent of work to be performed. This information shall include a written description of the work, plans of the work, and photographs of the site, and shall be presented to the Department in writing prior to the issuance of the emergency permit.

Contact: Chris Jones, Chief or John King, Supervisor or Charlie Welch Transportation Supervisor @ (609) 984-6216

Flood Hazard Area Permitting at N.J.A.C. 7:13-12.1, Requirements for issuing an Emergency Permit

An applicant for an emergency permit shall provide the Department with the following by telephone, and in addition by fax, electronic mail or letter, if possible:

1. The nature of the emergency;
2. The cause of the emergency;
3. The date and time at which the applicant learned of the emergency;
4. The nature and extent of the proposed regulated activities;
5. The date by which the applicant expects to begin the proposed regulated activities;
6. The date by which the applicant expects to complete the proposed regulated activities;
7. The precise location of the proposed regulated activities, including lot, block, municipality and county;
8. The identity of the owner of the site where the regulated activities are proposed;
9. A demonstration that the property owner has given permission for the regulated activities to be performed or, in the case of a public entity intending to undertake regulated activities on private property through power of eminent domain, a written statement of the public entity’s intent; and
10. If notice to the Department is also made by fax, electronic mail or letter, photographs of the area in question and a drawing of the proposed emergency activities, where feasible.

Contact: Rick Reilly, Chief or Richard Langbein Section Chief  @ (609) 633-6563