

Short Term Activity Authorization (STAA)

(Entry of Machinery into Water; Debris Removal from Water or Wetland; Bridge Construction; Other)

Activity conducted in ANY water that might cause a violation of the Arkansas Water Quality Standards MUST be authorized by the ADEQ director. Other activities that may require the director's authorization are those that are essential to the protection or promotion of the public interest and that result in no permanent or long-term impairment of beneficial uses of the water, including (A) wastewater treatment facility maintenance, (B) fish eradication projects, (C) mosquito abatement projects, (D) algae and weed control projects, (E) dredge and fill projects, (F) construction activities, and (G) activities that result in overall enhancement or maintenance of beneficial uses.

Any authorization DOES NOT supersede existing state and federal permitting processes or requirements and shall not be granted for activities that result in the adverse impact on any federally threatened or endangered species or on critical habitat of such species. (Reference ADEQ Regulation 2.305 Short Term Activity Authorization)

If you are required to obtain a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 404 Permit, including nationwide permits, or a Bridge Permit, you will need a STAA. You may need a STAA to remove debris from wetlands. You may need permission from the city or county if your activity is within an area covered by an active General Stormwater NPDES - Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit. A fee of \$200 per crossing is required for STAA activities.

Applicant Organization: _____

Name of Contact: _____

Phone: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Mailing Address _____

Location description: _____

Job County: _____ **How many acres are being disturbed (Total)?** _____

(attach maps & if possible) _____

(provide decimal GPS Coordinates) _____

Affected water body: _____

Do you have a Stormwater Construction Permit? Yes No **Permit No.** _____

Problems and Work to be performed:

For Debris Removal

Estimate of the size or volume of the debris to be removed: _____

Method(s) to be used to remove the debris: _____

Date work projected to start: _____ **Projected Completion:** _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Mail request to: Attn: Water Quality – Lazendra L. Hairston
Arkansas Dept. of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)
5301 Northshore Dr.
North Little Rock, AR 72118

Please make checks payable to ADEQ and note STAA in the Memo Section

Send your questions concerning STAAs to:

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Phone Inquiries: (501) 682-0946