

# Air Quality Permitting of Mining and Quarry Operations - Non Coal

Mining and quarry operations are required to submit a permit application to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality - Air Quality Division and obtain a construction permit or a permit waiver under Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations (WAQSR) Chapter 6, Section 2 prior to any operations at the quarry. A construction permit is required for mining and quarry operations of more than 10 acres. A construction permit or permit waiver is required for mining and quarry operations of 10 acres or less. A determination on whether a permit or waiver will be issued will be made once the application is received.

Applications for construction permits or permit waivers should be submitted as early as possible. In general, a waiver will take approximately 45 days to issue and a construction permit 120 days to issue from receipt of the application. If a permit is to be issued, the process is as follows:

The application will be reviewed within thirty (30) days of receipt, and you will be notified as to whether or not the application is complete. If the application is complete, a decision will be made to either approve or disapprove your request within sixty (60) days of the determination that the application is complete. Once the decision to approve your request is made, a thirty(30) day public comment period is required. A public hearing can also be requested any time during the public comment period. A public hearing will be scheduled after the public comment period. Comments received at a public hearing are addressed along with those received during the public comment period.

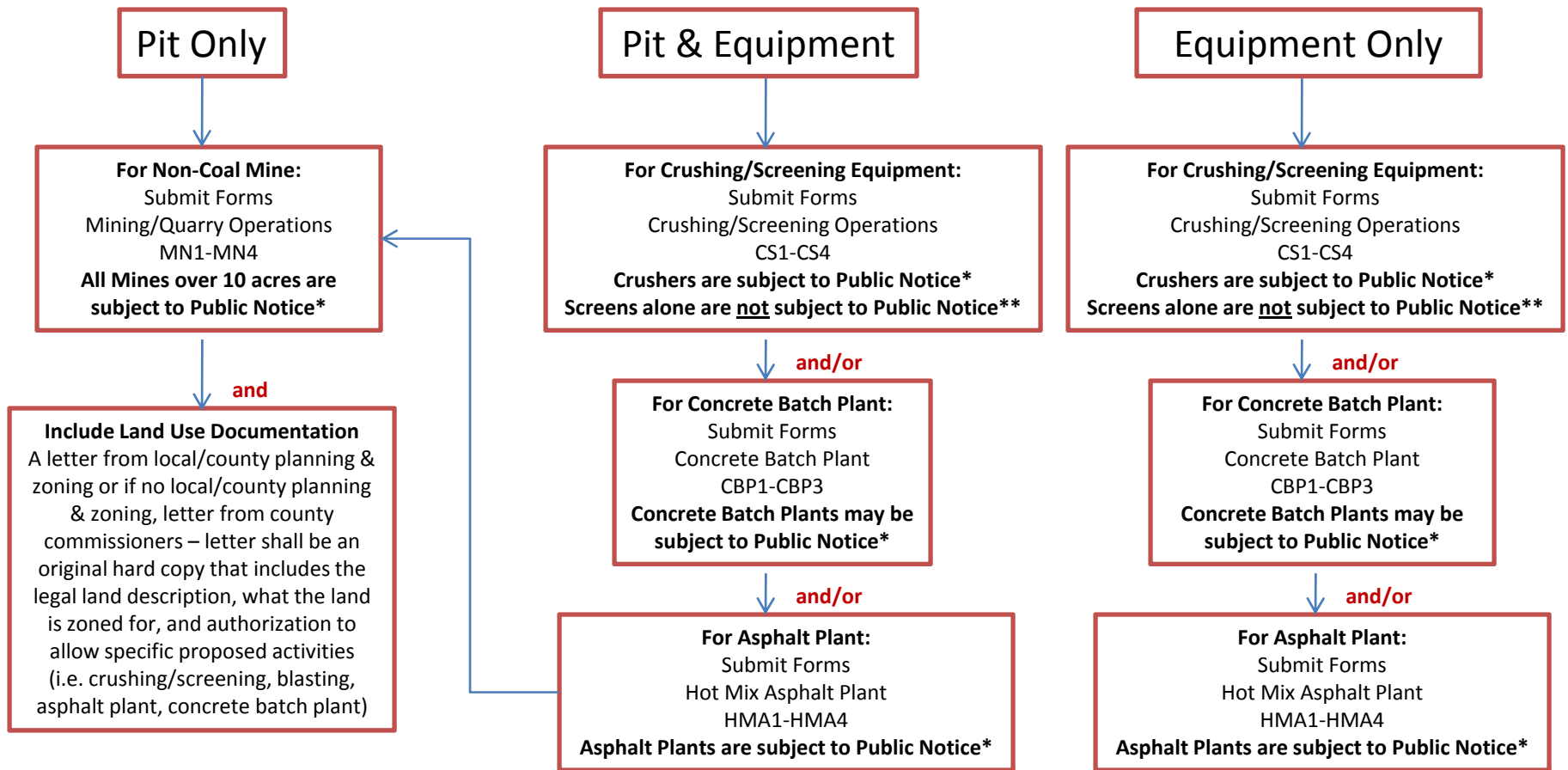
Conditions of the waiver or permit will include the requirement to treat haul routes, work areas, and stockpiles with water and/or chemical dust suppressants to control fugitive dust. Also, a general condition requiring water sprays at all belt transfer points, shaker screens, and discharge points for any crushing/screening equipment as necessary to limit visible emissions.

**Operation of crushers, screens, hot mix asphalt plants or concrete batch plants at the quarry will only be allowed if so designated on the application for the quarry.** Make sure and check the appropriate boxes for equipment/operations planned at the site.

**Any crushers, screens, hot mix asphalt plants or concrete batch plants must have a separate, valid air quality permit.** If new equipment of this type is planned for the quarry, a separate air quality application must be submitted. Previously permitted equipment with a valid air quality permit that allows relocation may be moved to the quarry using relocate permit forms provided by the Division.

**Land Use Documentation** is required and consists of a letter from local/county planning & zoning or if no local/county planning & zoning, letter from county commissioners – letter shall be an original hard copy that includes the legal land description, what the land is zoned for, and authorization to allow specific proposed activities (i.e. crushing/screening, blasting, asphalt plant, concrete batch plant)

Please contact Jamie Sharp at (307) 777-7817 with any questions pertaining to air quality permitting requirements.



**Approximate Permit Processing Times**

*Subject to Public Notice	**Not Subject to Public Notice
Completeness review up to 30 days	Completeness review up to 30 days
Technical review up to 60 days	Technical review up to 60 days
Public Notice processing for local paper	Permit preparation & signatures
Public Notice period of 30 days	
Request for public hearing may extend the processing time	
Permit preparation & signatures	

**Payment for Permits**

Applicants are billed based on actual time spent processing the application. Payment is not required at the time of application submission.

**Relocate Permits**

Crushers, screens, engines, hot mix asphalt plants, and concrete batch plants may be relocated throughout the state with an existing Air Quality Permit through a self-issuance process.