

PERMIT REFORM ACT
2000 Annual Report
As Required by the Permit Reform Act of 1981

The Permit Reform Act (PRA) (Government Code sections 15374-15378) requires that an annual report be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature, which shall include:

- (a) The time periods required by the PRA for each permit issued by the agency, specifying any modifications or additions.
- (b) The median, minimum, and maximum times for processing permits, from receipt of the initial application to the final permit decision, for each permit issued by the agency.
- (c) A description of the appeal process required by the PRA and a summary of the number and disposition of appeals received by the secretary or agency head during the preceding year.

The Integrated Waste Management Board (IWMB) administers several programs involving permits, certifications, and registrations that are covered under the PRA. Staff responsible for these programs track each individual permit to provide the data required by PRA. The allowable time frame IWMB has for processing and issuing each specific type of permit, certification, or registration is listed in the following table. Also, the table displays 2000 permit processing data divided into minimum, maximum, and median times as required in subsection (b), above.

The appeal process provides that, if a permit application has not been processed by the time frames established in regulation, the applicant may appeal in writing to the Secretary for Environmental Protection. The Secretary must review the appeal promptly and issue a decision within 30 days after conducting an investigation of the matter. If the appeal is in regard to the time frame for informing an applicant as to whether his/her application is complete or deficient, and the Secretary finds the program has exceeded the time frame, then the Secretary shall direct the program to make its determination by a specified date and so inform the applicant. If the appeal is in regard to the time frame for making a decision as to whether to issue or deny the permit, and the Secretary finds that the program exceeded the time frame without good cause, as defined in Government Code section 15376 (h), all filing fees paid by the permit applicant will be refunded.

No appeals were filed in 2000.

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Permit Type	Days Allowed for Application Completeness	Days Allowed for Permit Approval	Actual Days to Process During the Year 2000		
			Min.	Median	Max.
Full Solid Waste Facilities Permit	30	120	13	79	309
Standardized Solid Waste Facility Permit	30	45	15	29	42
Registration Solid Waste Facility Permit*	N/A	30	1	18	40
Waste Tire Facility Permit Major	30	180	39 ¹	39 ¹	39 ¹
Waste Tire Facility Permit Minor	30	180	2	15	35
Used Oil Certification	10	55	<1	3	57
Used Oil Registration	10	55	<1	6	54

* Completeness and issuance occur within 30 days

¹ Only one Major Waste Tire Facility permit was processed.