



# Virginia Permit Transparency (VPT)

## User Guide

Virginia Information Technology Agency

VITA

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## About VPT

The first version of Virginia Permit Transparency (VPT) was created in 2022 by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as the Permitting Enhancement and Evaluation Platform (PEEP) to help permittees, DEQ staff, and the public to track and manage the permitting and approval process of DEQ permits. In 2024, PEEP was expanded into VPT to include the status of permits at DEQ, Virginia Energy (ENERGY) and Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC).

## VPT Mission Statement

Virginia Permit Transparency brings transparency and efficiency to the Commonwealth of Virginia's permitting process by providing a centralized platform to track the daily status and timeline of critical steps as permit applications progress.

## What VPT Tracks

VPT tracks the approval processes for certain Commonwealth of Virginia permit approval actions. VPT tracks more at than 60 unique types of permits or approvals across three agencies.

Below is a list of Commonwealth of Virginia agencies with permits tracked in VPT.

- Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)– January 2024
- Virginia Department of Energy (ENERGY) – January 2024
- Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) – January 2024

### **Future Release Schedule:**

- Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) – May 2024
- Virginia Department of Health (VDH) – May 2024
- Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) – May 2024

## Data Availability

The information in VPT is refreshed daily – thus all information is up to date as currently entered into each agency's records.

## Participating Agencies

The Participating Agencies page provides information on the Commonwealth of Virginia agencies that are currently displaying their permits in VPT. Click the “More Information” button for each agency to learn more about them and to find their contact information. For questions about specific permits, use this page to contact the participating agencies.

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### Participating Agencies

VPT displays daily status updates of the critical steps and estimated approval timelines for permits in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Below are the current participating agencies and associated permits that can be found on VPT.

**DEQ**

**Department of Environmental Quality**

DEQ is the environmental agency in the Commonwealth of Virginia responsible for administering state and federal laws, regulations, and permits for air quality, water quality, water supply and waste management.

[More Information >](#)

**ENERGY**

**Virginia Department of Energy**

ENERGY leads the Commonwealth to a reliable and responsible energy future and manages permits for production of fuel and non-fuel minerals, water discharge, and surface mining.

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**VMRC**

**Virginia Marine Resources Commission**

VMRC is entrusted with administering state laws, regulations, and permits to preserve and protect Virginia's natural resources and habitats crucial to our saltwater fisheries.

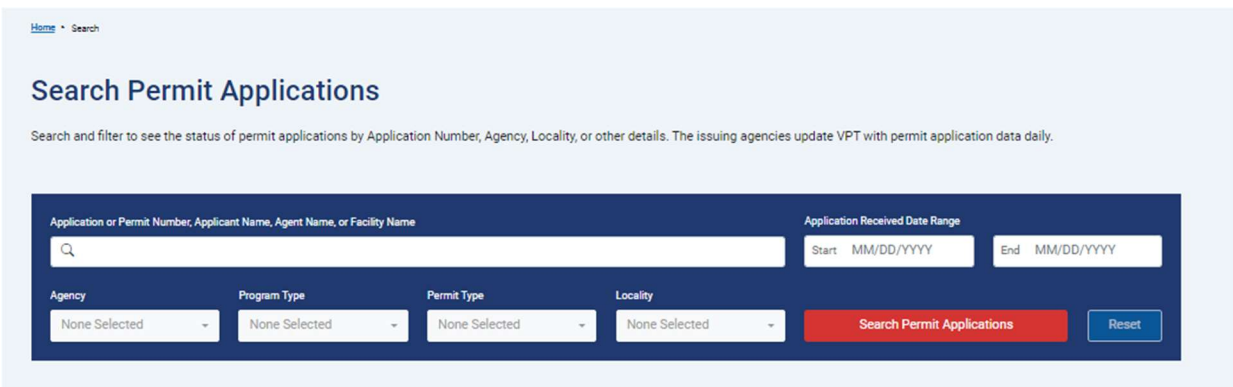
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## How to Search

Virginia Permit Transparency provides various ways for users to explore the permit applications.

### ***Search Permit Applications***

On the [Search Permit Applications page](#), users can use the box to search by Application or Permit Number, Applicant Name, Agent Name, or Facility Name. To use this function, write the information into the box and hit Enter on your keyboard or click the red “Search Permit Applications” button.



The screenshot shows the 'Search Permit Applications' interface. At the top left, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Search'. The main heading is 'Search Permit Applications'. Below the heading is a descriptive sentence: 'Search and filter to see the status of permit applications by Application Number, Agency, Locality, or other details. The issuing agencies update VPT with permit application data daily.'

The search form is contained within a dark blue box and includes the following elements:

- A search input field with a magnifying glass icon, labeled 'Application or Permit Number, Applicant Name, Agent Name, or Facility Name'.
- An 'Application Received Date Range' section with two date input fields: 'Start MM/DD/YYYY' and 'End MM/DD/YYYY'.
- Four dropdown menus for filtering: 'Agency', 'Program Type', 'Permit Type', and 'Locality', each currently set to 'None Selected'.
- A prominent red button labeled 'Search Permit Applications'.
- A blue button labeled 'Reset'.

In the example below, the user searched for all entries that contain the term “James River.” The user now can see all permits containing that term.

Application or Permit Number, Applicant Name, Agent Name, or Facility Name Application Received Date Range

Start MM/DD/YYYY
End MM/DD/YYYY

Agency: None Selected
Program Type: None Selected
Permit Type: None Selected
Locality: None Selected
Search Permit Applications
Reset

**All Applications**   In Progress   Completed

Displaying 1-20 of 80 results (filtered from 1,071 total entries)

Application Number	Applicant Name	Agent Name	Facility	Agency	Program Type	Permit Type	Permit Number	Locality	Received Date	Status
<a href="#">20232816</a>	ROCKY FORGE WIND, LLC	Stantec Consulting Service Inc.	James River Basin	VMRC	Habitat Management	VMRC Subaqueous	20232816	Botetourt	12/29/2023	In Progress
<a href="#">20232856</a>	NEWPORT NEWS, CITY OF	City of Newport News	James River	VMRC	Habitat Management	No VMRC Permit Nec.	20232856	Newport News	12/20/2023	Complete
<a href="#">20232701</a>	TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS AMERICA, LLC	GioMare Group	James River Basin	VMRC	Habitat Management	Uncertain	20232701	Henrico	12/13/2023	In Progress
<a href="#">53138-1</a>	James River Equipment	N/A	James River Equipment - Ashland	DEQ	Air Permits	Article 6 Minor NSR - No Public Interest	53138-1	Hanover County	12/12/2023	In Progress
<a href="#">20232662</a>	EASTERN STATE HOSPITAL	ECS Mid-Atlantic	James River Basin	VMRC	Habitat Management	No VMRC Permit Nec.	20232662	James City	12/11/2023	Complete
<a href="#">20232663</a>	TOLL VA II, L.P.	Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc.	James River Basin	VMRC	Habitat Management	No VMRC Permit Nec.	20232663	Loudoun	12/11/2023	Complete
<a href="#">20232678</a>	HHH LAND, LLC	Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc.	James River Basin	VMRC	Habitat Management	No VMRC Permit Nec.	20232678	Chesterfield	12/11/2023	Complete
<a href="#">20232787</a>	SUMMITIG, LLC	BUCS Engineering, LLC	James River Basin	VMRC	Habitat Management	VGPS Utility Crossing General Permit	20232787	Caroline	12/11/2023	In Progress
<a href="#">20232675</a>	STANLEY MARTIN HOMES, LLC	TNT Environmental, Inc.	James River Basin	VMRC	Habitat Management	No VMRC Permit Nec.	20232675	Chesterfield	12/08/2023	Complete

## Filtering/Sorting

On the [Search Permit Applications page](#), users can use the box to filter results. Filter options include Agency, Program Type, Permit Type, and Locality.

In addition, users can filter results based on when the application was received by using the “Application Received Date Range” function.

These filters can be used on their own, or they can be combined with results from using the Search Permit Application button.

In the example below, the user first searched for all entries that contain the word “James River.” Now, the user used the “Agency” filter to see all results for VMRC.

### Search Permit Applications

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Application or Permit Number, Applicant Name, Agent Name, or Facility Name

Application Received Date Range

Start

End

Agency

Program Type

Permit Type

Locality

Search Permit Applications

Reset

All Applications    In Progress    Completed

Displaying 1-20 of 47 results (filtered from 1,071 total entries)

Application Number	Applicant Name	Agent Name	Facility	Agency	Program Type	Permit Type	Permit Number	Locality	Received Date	Status
<a href="#">20232816</a>	ROCKY FORGE WIND, LLC	Stantec Consulting Service Inc.	James River Basin	VMRC	Habitat Management	VMRC Subaqueous	20232816	Botetourt	12/29/2023	In Progress
<a href="#">20232856</a>	NEWPORT NEWS, CITY OF	City of Newport News	James River	VMRC	Habitat Management	No VMRC Permit Nec.	20232856	Newport News	12/20/2023	Complete
<a href="#">20232701</a>	TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS AMERICA, LLC	GioMare Group	James River Basin	VMRC	Habitat Management	Uncertain	20232701	Henrico	12/13/2023	In Progress
<a href="#">20232662</a>	EASTERN STATE HOSPITAL	ECS Mid-Atlantic	James River Basin	VMRC	Habitat Management	No VMRC Permit Nec.	20232662	James City	12/11/2023	Complete
<a href="#">20232663</a>	TOLL VA II, L.P.	Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc.	James River Basin	VMRC	Habitat Management	No VMRC Permit Nec.	20232663	Loudoun	12/11/2023	Complete
<a href="#">20232678</a>	HHH LAND, LLC	Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc.	James River Basin	VMRC	Habitat Management	No VMRC Permit Nec.	20232678	Chesterfield	12/11/2023	Complete

Finally, you can also sort the result. Like the Filter function, you can sort all the applications, or you can sort the findings from your search. In the example below, the user first searched for all entries that contain the word “James River.” Then, the user used the “Agency” filter to see all results for the word “James River” for the agency

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VMRC. Now, the user is using the sorting function on the “Locality” column to see all the results in alphabetical order.

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Search and filter to see the status of permit applications by Application Number, Agency, Locality, or other details. The issuing agencies update VPT with permit application data daily.

Application or Permit Number, Applicant Name, Agent Name, or Facility Name

Application Received Date Range

Start MM/DD/YYYY

End MM/DD/YYYY

Agency

▼

Program Type

None Selected
▼

Permit Type

None Selected
▼

Locality

None Selected
▼

Search Permit Applications

Reset

All Applications
In Progress
Completed
Displaying 1-20 of 47 results (filtered from 1,071 total entries)

Application Number	Applicant Name	Agent Name	Facility	Agency	Program Type	Permit Type	Permit Number	Locality	Received Date	Status
<a href="#">20232537</a>	WOODRIDGE SOLAR LLC	Tetra Tech Inc.	James River Basin	VMRC	Habitat Management	No VMRC Permit Nec.	20232537	Albemarle	11/01/2023	Complete
<a href="#">20232637</a>	HIGHLANDS WEST LP	Shimp Engineering, P.C.	James River Basin	VMRC	Habitat Management	No VMRC Permit Nec.	20232637	Albemarle	11/17/2023	Complete
<a href="#">20232385</a>	VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY	Dominion Energy Services	James River Basin	VMRC	Habitat Management	VGP5 Utility Crossing General Permit	20232385	Augusta	10/11/2023	Complete
<a href="#">20232740</a>	VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY	Dominion Energy Services	James River Basin	VMRC	Habitat Management	VGP5 Utility Crossing General Permit	20232740	Augusta	12/04/2023	In Progress
<a href="#">20232816</a>	ROCKY FORGE WIND, LLC	Stantec Consulting Service Inc.	James River Basin	VMRC	Habitat Management	VMRC Subaqueous	20232816	Botetourt	12/29/2023	In Progress
<a href="#">20232705</a>	VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY	Dominion Energy Services	James River Basin	VMRC	Habitat Management	VGP5 Utility Crossing General Permit	20232705	Buckingham	11/29/2023	Complete

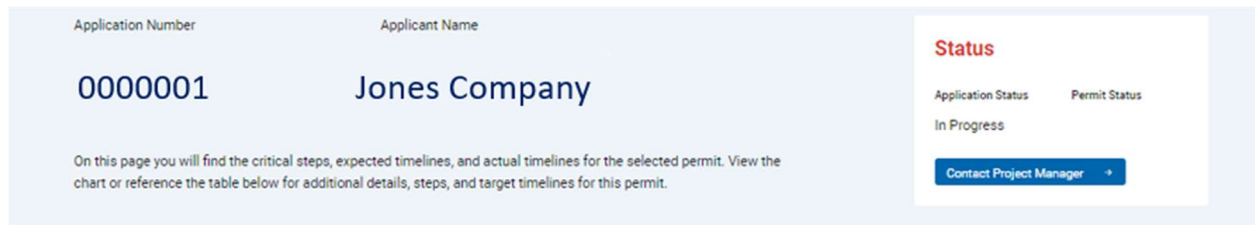


## Application Page

When you arrive on the application page, you will first see a concise summary of the status the permit to date including Application Number and Applicant Name. In addition, you will see the Status.

In the example below, you see that the application is “In Progress.”

For questions about this specific permit, you can click the “Contact Project Manager” button to contact the Project Manger for that specific permit.



Application Number: 0000001

Applicant Name: Jones Company

**Status**

Application Status: In Progress

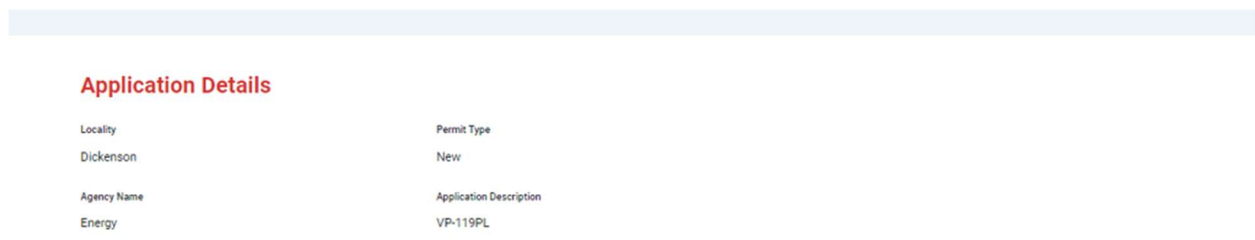
Permit Status: In Progress

[Contact Project Manager](#)

On this page you will find the critical steps, expected timelines, and actual timelines for the selected permit. View the chart or reference the table below for additional details, steps, and target timelines for this permit.

### ***Application Details***

The Application Details provides additional detail on the application. In this example, the Locality, Permit Type, Agency Name, and Application Description. The Application Details can vary by agency and permit type.



**Application Details**

Locality	Permit Type
Dickenson	New
Agency Name	Application Description
Energy	VP-119PL

## Application Process Timeline

The Application Process Timeline provides a Gantt Chart on all the steps in the application process including the status of each step.

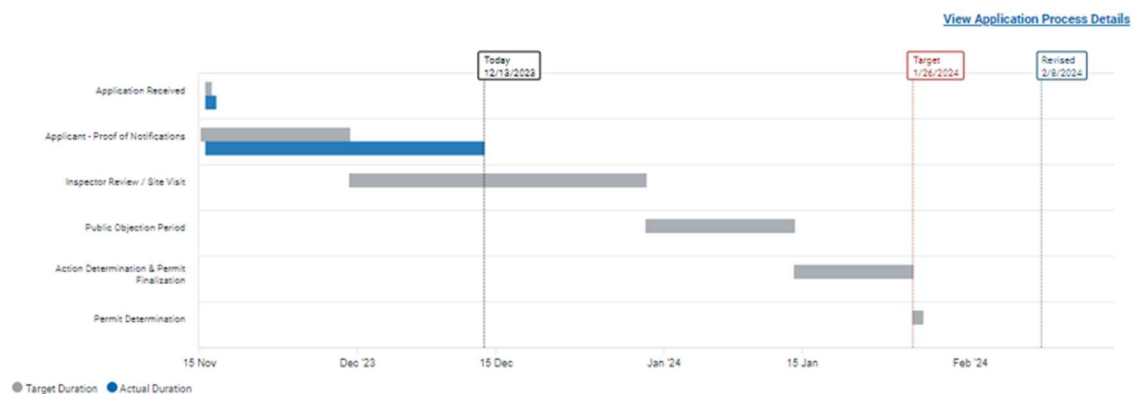
The gray lines show the Target Duration, and the blue lines show the Actual Duration of each step.

Two key features of the Gantt Chart are the Target Date and Revised Date flags. Target Date is based on what the targeted date of completion of the permit is. The Revised Date adjusts based on when the steps are actually completed.

As the goal of VPT is to provide transparency in the permit application process, the Target Date never changes.

In the example below, we see that due to the “Applicant – Proof of Notifications” step taking too long, the application will be completed later than the original Target Date of 1/26/2024.

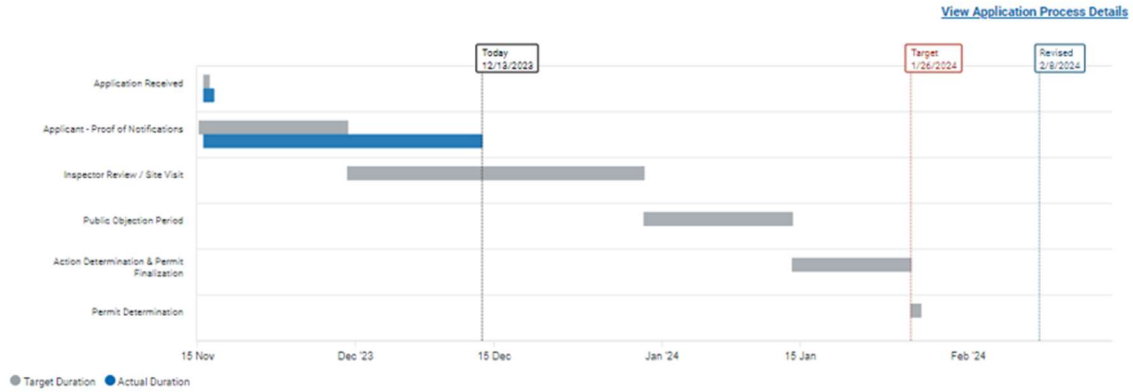
### Application Process Timeline



## Application Process Details

The Application Process Details page takes the information listed in the Application Process Timeline and lists it in table form.

### Application Process Timeline



### Application Processing Days

The Application Processing Days section provides a summary of the application processing days for all parties in the process.

#### Application Processing Days

Energy	Applicant	Public
0 Days	28 Days	N/A

## For Assistance

For help troubleshooting the VPT website, contact [VPT-Support@vita.virginia.gov](mailto:VPT-Support@vita.virginia.gov).

For information regarding agency permits, use the [Participating Agency](#) page to contact the agencies for general questions. For questions on specific permits, use the “Contact Project Manager” on the Application page.