



July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026

OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES PERMIT APPLICATION FEE NOTICE

Effective July 1, 2025, the IDNR Office of Water Resources base principal review fees have been adjusted to account for inflation. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index Table for all urban consumers (CPI-U), U.S. city average, all items, base period 1982-1984=100 (Series ID: CUUR0000SA0) has been used to calculate the adjustment factor. The adjustment factor for fiscal year 2026 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) is: $[CPI \text{ for May 2025 } (321.465) \div CPI \text{ for June 2013 } (233.504)] = 1.377$. In accordance with the Part 3700 Floodway Construction, Part 3702 Dam Safety, Part 3704 Public Waters, and Part 3708 Floodway Construction in Northeastern Illinois administrative rules, the base fee amounts in those rules have been multiplied by this factor and rounded to the nearest \$10 to compute the fiscal year 2025 review fees. **A summary of the July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, application review fees follows:**

1) PERMIT REQUIRED DETERMINATION: \$0

All applications and written inquiries received will be reviewed free of charge to determine whether or not the dam and/or floodway work proposed requires authorization by the Department, so long as sufficient information is provided for the Department to make that determination. If a permit authorization is not required for the activity proposed, or is already covered by Statewide Permit authorization, the applicant will be notified of such determination. If a permit is required for the activity proposed and is not already permitted by Statewide Permit authorization, permit applicants must pay a non-refundable permit application review fee determined by the Department to allow review of the permit application to continue. The applicant shall be notified of that determination in writing, immediately after this initial review of the application. Applications will be deemed withdrawn if the review fee is not received within 90 days after the applicant is notified of the amount of the fee.

2) REVIEW FEE: \$ varies

Application processing shall not be initiated until the review fee is received.

\$280 for Department documentation of construction activities that occur within the floodway boundaries of an approved delegated community. This fee must be provided to the Department prior to delegation of the application for review;

\$280 for previously permitted appropriate uses or floodway construction activities requiring new permit authorization in accordance with provisions in the rules preventing the transfer of permits, and not involving any changes from the previously permitted activity;

\$690 for construction activities that meet the terms and conditions of a general permit;

\$1,380 for construction activities that the Department determines would not require review of a hydrologic and/or hydraulic analysis to demonstrate compliance with the rules;

\$2,070 for operating authorization for an existing dam (Class I, II, and III);

\$3,440 for construction activities such as levees, certain bridge/culvert crossings, and major floodway filling that the Department determines will require review of a hydrologic and/or hydraulic analysis to demonstrate compliance with the **Part 3700 rules**. The review fee will be **capped at \$5,000 for applications requiring public notice**;

\$3,440 for **Public Water** construction activities that the Department determines would not likely cause any of the impacts listed in Section 3704.80(a);

\$3,440 for removal of a dam (Class I, II, and III);

\$3,440 for major modification of an existing Class III Dam;

\$4,130 for construction activities in Northeastern Illinois (**3708 rules area**) such as levees, bridges, culverts, channel modifications, and public flood control projects that the Department determines will require review of a hydrologic and/or hydraulic analysis to demonstrate compliance with departmental standards. The review fee will be **capped at \$5,000 for applications requiring public notice**;

\$4,820 for major modification of an existing Class I or Class II Dam;

\$5,000 for **Public Water** construction activities such as new barge terminals, marinas and water level management structures that would likely cause one or more of the impacts listed in Section 3704.80(a);

\$5,000 for construction of a new Class I, Class II, or Class III Dam;

If the construction activity being applied for also requires authorization under other IDNR/OWR regulations, the review fee for each authorization shall be added to calculate the total review fee. The total review fee shall continue to be capped at \$5,000.

In accordance with the Rivers, Lakes and Streams Act, the collected fees will be deposited into the State Boating Act Fund for use by the IDNR alone to help defray a portion of the ordinary and contingent expenses of the IDNR.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.