



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5154

LCO No. 1050



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN REVISIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S PERMITTING AUTHORITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) Except as prohibited in
2 subdivision (1) of subsection (i) of section 22a-208a of the general
3 statutes, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
4 may, notwithstanding any provision of title 22a of the general statutes,
5 issue a general permit for any activity that the commissioner may
6 authorize by issuance of an individual permit.

7 Sec. 2. Subsection (j) of section 22a-208a of the general statutes is
8 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
9 *2026*):

10 (j) When a permittee makes a sufficient application for the renewal of
11 an individual permit to operate a solid waste facility, in accordance with
12 the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the permit shall be
13 deemed renewed if, not less than ninety days after determining the
14 application is sufficient, the commissioner does not sign a notice of

15 tentative determination to approve or deny the application. The
16 application to renew a solid waste facility individual permit to operate
17 shall be made on a form prescribed by the commissioner and
18 accompanied by the applicable fee.

19 [(j)] (k) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
20 issue an approval for a demonstration project for any activity regulated
21 by the commissioner under this chapter provided the commissioner
22 determines that such demonstration project (1) is necessary to research,
23 develop or promote methods and technologies of solid waste
24 management which are consistent with the goals of the state-wide solid
25 waste management plan; (2) does not pose a significant risk to human
26 health or the environment; and (3) is not inconsistent with the federal
27 Water Pollution Control Act, the federal Rivers and Harbors Act, the
28 federal Clean Air Act or the federal Resource Conservation and
29 Recovery Act. An application for such approval shall be on a form
30 prescribed by the commissioner, be accompanied by a fee of one
31 thousand dollars and shall provide such information as the
32 commissioner deems necessary. Any person applying for such approval
33 shall not commence the project prior to the commissioner's written
34 approval. The commissioner may impose conditions upon such
35 approval as deemed necessary to adequately protect human health and
36 the environment or to ensure project success and such approval shall be
37 valid for a period of not more than two years. The commissioner may
38 renew such approval provided the total period of approval does not
39 exceed five years. The commissioner may order summary suspension of
40 any such approval in accordance with subsection (c) of section 4-182.
41 Notwithstanding the renewal process, any person may seek, or the
42 commissioner may require, that the project obtain a general or
43 individual permit pursuant to this chapter.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2026	New section

Sec. 2	July 1, 2026	22a-208a(j)
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Statement of Purpose:

To authorize the issuance of general permits in lieu of individual permits and to provide for the renewal of certain solid waste facility permits.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]