

# Hauled Sewage & Processed Organic Waste Permissions Program Updates

- Hauled sewage and other waste disposal site Environmental Compliance Approvals (ECA) are centrally issued by the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Division.
- ECAs include **cessation dates** (previously called expiry dates). At an ECA's cessation date, hauled sewage disposal activities must cease but any applicable storage can be continued, if permitted per the terms and conditions of the current ECA. Any required monitoring and closure conditions are ongoing.
  - Cessation dates are typically set at **five years** after the ECA is issued.
- Land application or dewatering trench facilities that also include existing storage facilities will be issued as **two separate approvals** – one for disposal and one for storage.
  - ECAs for storage facilities do not have an expiry/cessation date that require renewal applications. These ECAs may have ongoing monitoring and/or other requirements, and submission of financial assurance and its re-evaluation every five years.
- Incomplete applications will be **returned**.
- Operators are recommended to submit a renewal application **at least 6 months** in advance of the ECA's expiry/cessation date to ensure continued operations.
- A pre-submission consultation with the site's local District/Area Office and/or Client Services and Permissions Branch is **strongly recommended for certain types of facilities**, such as sites that do not meet standard requirements and/or when surface/groundwater monitoring requirements are expected to be in place.
- To better help applicants prepare a high-quality, complete ECA application, an example spreading site application package is available.

## Additional Resources

These are additional resources that will help you compile a complete, high-quality Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) application package.

- **Updated ECA Application Form**  
<https://forms.mgcs.gov.on.ca/en/dataset/012-8551>
- **Guide to Applying for an ECA**  
<https://www.ontario.ca/document/guide-applying-environmental-compliance-approval/supporting-documentation-and-technical-requirements#section-10>
- **District Office Locator**  
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-environment-conservation-and-parks-district-locator>
- **Source Protection Information Atlas**  
<https://www.lioapplications.lrc.gov.on.ca/SourceWaterProtection/index.html?viewer=SourceWaterProtection.SWPViewer&locale=en-CA>
- **Financial Assurance Information**  
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/financial-assurance-environmental-protection>
- **Make an AgMap**  
<https://www.lioapplications.lrc.gov.on.ca/AgMaps/Index.html?viewer=AgMaps.AgMaps&locale=en-CA>
- **Make a Topographic Map**  
[https://www.lioapplications.lrc.gov.on.ca/MakeATopographicMap/index.html?viewer=Make\\_A\\_Topographic\\_Map.MATM](https://www.lioapplications.lrc.gov.on.ca/MakeATopographicMap/index.html?viewer=Make_A_Topographic_Map.MATM)
- **Well Records Map**  
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/map-well-records>
- **Example Spreading Site Application Package**  
<https://oasisontario.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/MECP-Example-Environmental-Compliance-Approval-Application-Package-%E2%80%93-Spreading-Sites-compressed.pdf>

## Summary of ECA Requirements

	Land Application (Spreading) Site	Standard Dewatering Trenches	Non-Standard Dewatering Trenches	Existing Storage Lagoons	New Storage Lagoons
ECA Application Form	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Site Plan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Soil Permeability Assessment	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Documents Showing Minimum Depths to Bedrock and Groundwater	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Neighbour Notification	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Financial Assurance		May be applicable	✓	✓	✓
Application Fee					✓
Design and Operations Report		✓	✓	✓	✓
Closure Plan		✓	✓	✓	✓
Pre-submission Consultation with District Office	May be applicable	Encouraged	✓	✓	✓
ERO Posting and Municipal Notification (done by the ministry)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓