

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Hauled Sewage

Environmental Permissions

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Refresher of Hauled Sewage Permissions

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regulates the transportation and disposal of hauled sewage under the *Environmental Protection Act* (EPA).



Self-registrations on the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR) for the transportation of waste



Environmental Compliance Approvals (ECAs) for disposal and/or storage of hauled sewage, biosolids, and/or processed organic waste.

What is the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry?

The Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR) is an online, self-registration system that allows businesses conducting certain activities to register with the ministry.

Businesses engaging in prescribed activities must register with the ministry if registration criteria are met.

Businesses obtain their permission immediately after registration through the online permissions system and can begin operating with no waiting period for ministry's review.

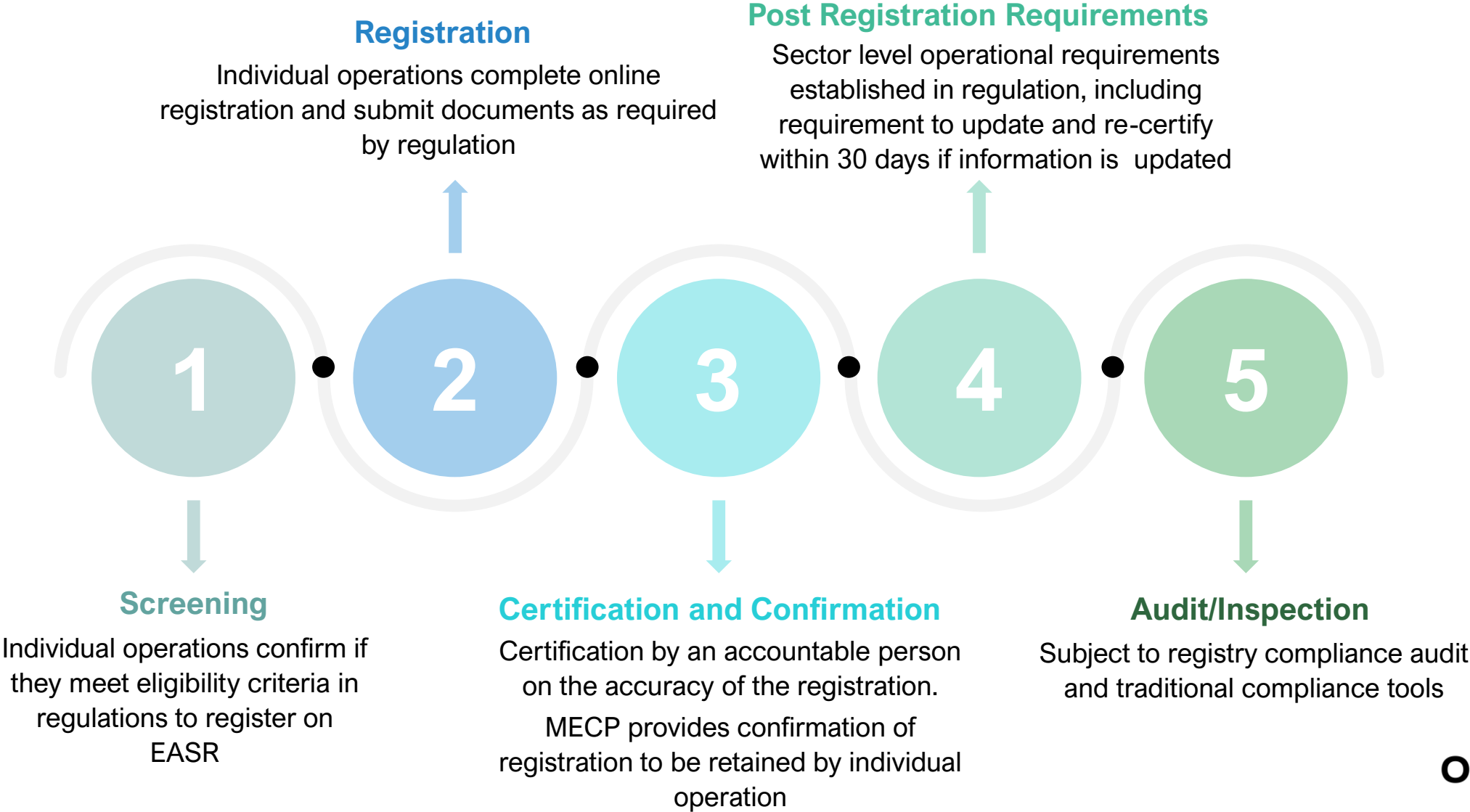
No posting on the Environmental Registry of Ontario.

Businesses who are registered need to make sure that the facility continues to meet registration requirements and ensure the registration information remains up-to-date.

EASR registrations do not expire.

EASR registrations are specific to the registration holder and non-transferable.

EASR Registration Process Overview



EASR Non-hazardous Waste Management System



Waste Management Systems activities include: Collection, handling, transportation, and/or the transfer of certain types of wastes.

Required Activities Defined in O. Reg. 351/12

System can only involve the **collection, handling, transportation, and transfer** of waste.

System must only involve **waste transportation vehicles** (trucks) only.

Not eligible: any waste management system that has in-transit storage at a site, such as at the truck storage yard or public parking lot.

Not eligible: any waste management system that involves transportation by air, rail, or barge.

Web-based search: [Non-hazardous waste transportation systems user guide for Environmental Activity and Sector Registry](#) for all requirements

Proposed Waste Management System EASR Expansion

The ministry is considering a proposed expansion to the waste management system EASR eligibility criteria.

The ministry is looking to...

- Require the following waste types to self-register on EASR instead of obtaining an ECA, if certain requirements are met.
 - Asbestos
 - Liquid Industrial
 - Hazardous
- Include “in-transit storage” as an eligible activity for hauled sewage haulers requiring storage until the next business day and other provisions for haulers transporting certain waste types.
- The proposal would result in hauled sewage WMS **transporting** other waste types to now be eligible to register on EASR.
- Questions and concerns should be directed to permissions.modernization@ontario.ca.

Overview of ECA Application Process

Before you submit an ECA application:

Pre-submission Consultation: 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.

When the ministry receives your ECA application:

Application Screening and Review: Application is screened for completeness to ensure all necessary supporting documentation for the review has been provided.

- Municipal notification is sent out by the ministry.

Comments and concerns received from the public, including those received on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO), are considered. Applicants may be asked to address these comments and concerns.



Common ECA Application Deficiencies

T-time without supporting documentation.

Incomplete maps – for example, not showing nearby wells, water features, and tile inlets.

Documentation showing adequate depth to bedrock/groundwater table not submitted.

Surface water setbacks do not meet requirements based on soil permeability and slope of the site.

Residential setback distances are not met for individual residences and/or residential areas.

Insufficient neighbour notification.


Summary of Requirements	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 GW	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Program Updates and Reminders

- Incomplete applications will be **returned**. High-quality submissions will eliminate the need for the ministry to return these applications and will shorten the time it takes to issue a decision.
- Operators are recommended to apply for a renewal **at least 6 months** in advance of the existing ECA's expiry/cessation date to ensure operations are not disrupted.
 - ECAs will now be sent out with a message that highlights the approval's cessation date.
- Spreading site ECAs will now need to be renewed every 5 years instead of 3.



ECA Application Form

 **Schedule "C" - Hauled Sewage Disposal Site Information Form**
Ce formulaire est disponible en français

For Office Use Only			
Reference Number	Payment Received	Date (y/m/d)	Initials
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General Information and Instructions

General:
This information form is solely for the purpose of approving hauled sewage spreading fields.
Information requested in this form is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990 (EPA) and will be used to evaluate applications for approval of waste management systems under Section 27, EPA.

Instructions:

- When completing this form, please refer to the "Guide for Applying for Approval of Hauled Sewage (septage) or Processed Organic Waste (biosolids) Disposal Site (referred to as the Guide) and "Guide - Application Cost for Waste Management, S. 27, EPA." Questions regarding completion and submission of the application should be directed to your local District Office of the Ministry of the Environment.
- This form must be completed with respect to all requirements identified in the Guide in order for it to be considered as an application for approval. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT.
- A complete application consists of:
 - a completed and signed application form, including the attached "Costs for EPA S. 27 Applications - Supplement to Application for Approval";
 - all required supporting information identified in this form and the Guide; and
 - a certified cheque or money order, in Canadian funds, made payable to the *Minister of Finance* for the applicable application fee.The Ministry may require additional information during the technical review of any application accepted as complete.
- The application, along with the supporting information and application fee, must be submitted to the local Ministry District.
- Information contained in this application is not considered confidential and will be made available to the public upon request. Information submitted as supporting information may be claimed as confidential but will be subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA). If you do not claim confidentiality at the time of submitting the information, the Ministry may make the information available to the public without further notice to you.



Ministry of the Environment,
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**Environmental Compliance Approval
Application**

General Information and Instructions

General Information

Information requested in this form is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Protection Act* (EPA), *Ontario Water Resources Act* (OWRA) and *Environmental Bill of Rights* (EBR), and will be used to evaluate applications for Environmental Compliance Approvals (ECAs) issued under Part II.1 of the EPA. This application form should not be used for mobile PCB destruction facilities.

For all questions related to preparing or submitting this form or about the Ministry's collection of information related to applying for an ECA, contact:

Client Services and Permissions Branch
135 St. Clair Ave. West, 1st Floor
Toronto Ontario M4V 1P5
Telephone outside Toronto 1-800-461-6290 or in Toronto 416-314-8001.

The Ministry offers environmental permissions services online, and we strongly encourage online submissions for ECA applications. You can apply, track application progress and complete payments online. For more information on setting up an account so that you can apply online please visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/environmental-compliance-approval>

Instructions for submitting your ECA application:

- Applicants are responsible for ensuring that they complete the most recent application form (available in PDF format) available at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/environmental-compliance-approval>. For information about required supporting documentation and technical requirements, you may contact the Client Services and Permissions Branch (the address and phone number are provided in the General Information on this page). As well, you can get this information from your local District Office of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and online at the link above.



ACME Guidance:

<https://oasisontario.on.ca/resources-templates/>



EASR Resources

EASR Registration Overview

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/environmental-registration>

EASR Overview

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/environmental-activity-and-sector-registry>

Non-hazardous Waste Transportation Systems User Guide

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/non-hazardous-waste-transportation-systems-user-guide-environmental-activity-and-sector-registry>

Minister's Requirement for Fees with EASRs

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministers-requirement-fees-environmental-activity-sector-registry>

Access Environment

<https://www.accessenvironment.ene.gov.on.ca/AEWeb/ae/GoSearch.action>

Set up accounts to access ministry services online

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/set-up-manage-account-access-environmental-permissions-online-services>

ECA Resources

ACME Guidance

<https://oasisontario.on.ca/resources-templates/>

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

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