



FEBRUARY 2020 PERMITTING UPDATE

Wataynikaneyap Power is required to obtain permits from various government agencies. Below is a summary of the completed, in progress, and not yet started permits. Permits are typically granted with conditions of approval, which are requirements that must be followed or completed to maintain valid approval.

Click [here](#) to review a map of water crossing and work permit locations.

| PERMIT NAME | DESCRIPTION | STATUS |
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| Leave to Construct (LTC) Approval | Required for the construction, expansion or reinforcement of transmission lines or interconnections. | Approved: April 1, 2019 |
| Environmental Assessment (EA) | The entire Project requires an Environmental Assessment (EA) identifying the activities, associated effects and mitigation/enhancement measures. | Approved: (Phase 1) June 21, 2019 (Phase 2) July 8, 2019 |
| Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) | Authorizes noise emissions for Wataynikaneyap Transformer Station (at Pickle Lake). An ECA (Air and Noise) is required for Project substations. | Substations still required to be registered. Final construction details and specifications required. |
| Species at Risk Act (SARA) | Required if Project activities during construction and operations are expected to impact a species listed as Extirpated, Endangered or Threatened under Schedule 1 of SARA. | Approved: October 10, 2019 |
| Endangered Species Act (ESA) | An ESA permit authorizes the Project to perform an activity that isn't otherwise allowed under the ESA, as long as certain requirements outlined in the permit are met. | Approved: October 11, 2020 |
| Water Crossings | Project activities with the potential to harm fish or fish habitat are submitted for review. This often includes water crossing schematics, and available fisheries information (habitat, species). | Water crossing permits have been submitted to the Ministry and are currently being approved in a prioritized sequence. |
| Work Permit or Land Use Permit (Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves) | Required where the Project crosses provincial parks and conservation reserves. The work permits authorize required clearing, construction, etc. | Priority work permits for English River and Pipestone have been approved . Working on attaining the permit for work around Red Lake (BDE). |
| Work Permit or Land Use Permit (LUP) | Authorizations for work during construction on public lands, Crown lands and/or shore lands including construction/upgrade of access roads and trails, culvert/bridges, timber cutting, temporary construction camps and transmission lines. | Land Use on-ROW work received Oct 2019. Batches of work permits have been submitted to the Ministry and are currently being approved in a prioritized sequence. There are a total of over 800 estimated work permits required. |
| Crown Easement | Required for continual use of Crown Land for the purpose of transmission line operation. | Post-construction survey to roll land use permits into a Crown easement. |
| Fisheries Act | Required for the protection of fish and pollution prevention. | No permit required for snow and ice bridges; no in-water works during this winter construction season. This permit will be applied for in the spring. |
| Aggregate Resources Act Permit | Required to extract aggregate on Crown Land and on private land. The Project will require aggregate resources for the construction of substations, roads, water crossing and temporary use areas. | Wataynikaneyap has collected field data on a number of potential sites throughout the Project. The contractor will secure these permits required for the Project. |
| Archaeological and/or Heritage Clearance | Clearance required for heritage resources (built heritage and cultural heritage landscapes). Archaeological clearance is captured in the EA. | Stage 1 Archaeological Assessments are complete. Awaiting Clearance for one area; report submitted Jan 7, 2020. Stage 3 & 4 assessments are required for three locations; to be completed in spring 2020. |
| Geotech Exploration and Permit To Take Water (PTTW) | Required for clearing of right-of-way, access ways, and permit to take water | Geotech permits to drill boreholes were approved Nov 2019. PTTW for Category 2 water courses were submitted to MNRF Dec 2019. |
| Burn Permits | Required to burn wood, brush, leaves and grass outside the fire season (April 1—October 31) | Burn Permits and Plan approved January 6, 2020 |
| Encroachment, Entrance & Signage Permits | Required for any installation or work upon, under or within the limits of a provincial highway right-of-way. | In progress, being submitted to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) as required. |