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**Permit issuance and fees.**

[Comment: For dates of non-regulatory government publications, publications of recognized organizations and associations, federal rules and federal statutory provisions referenced in this rule, see rule 3745-6-02 of the Administrative Code.]

(A) Permit issuance. When a professional certified under this chapter conducts the stream or wetland assessment to support a permit application, the director shall issue or deny a section 401 water quality certification for an activity in waters of the state within ninety days of receipt of a complete permit application pursuant to paragraph (A) of rule 3745-32-03 of the Administrative Code, provided that both of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The WQCP submits a certification statement attesting that submittals in support of the section 401 water quality certification application adhere to all of the rules provided in this chapter, Chapter 3745-4 of the Administrative Code if applicable, and Chapter 3745-32 of the Administrative Code.
- (2) The section 401 water quality certification application does not require or necessitate a public hearing.

(B) Fees. Water quality professionals certified under this chapter shall pay a non-refundable annual fee pursuant to section 6111.30 of the Revised Code.

- (1) Applicants seeking water quality certified professional status under this chapter shall be required to pay an annual fee of one thousand dollars at the time of application and one thousand dollars by January thirty-first each year after certification.
- (2) Failure to pay fees in accordance with this chapter may result in a WQCP's certification being suspended, pursuant to rule 3745-6-07 of the Administrative Code. A notice of delinquent fee payment shall be issued by Ohio EPA thirty days before suspension.
- (3) All fees shall be made payable to "Treasurer of the State of Ohio" and are nonrefundable.