



WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT?

An environmental permit is an administrative document the aim of which is a high level of environmental protection as a whole - from the protection of air, to water and land.

The environmental permit is an integral document, because it integrates the prevention and control of environmental pollution.

In case of facilities in which are carried out the activities that endanger or may endanger the environment, before submitting a request for a building permit, and if required by the site permit, the investor is obliged to obtain an environmental permit beforehand, as defined in the Law on Environmental Protection (Official Gazette of the Republic of Srpska, No. 71/12, 79/15 and 70/20).

■ PLANTS AND FACILITIES FOR WHICH AN ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT IS ISSUED

Environmental permits are obtained for all plants and facilities belonging to one of the following industrial/craft sectors: energy, chemical, metal, mineral, metal surface treatment, mining, food, agricultural, textile, leather, wood and paper, water management, waste management, infrastructural and other projects, tourism and entertainment, and plants and facilities in risk of major accidents.



COMPETENCE IN ISSUING ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS

The Republic of Srpska Ministry of Spatial Planning, Construction and Ecology issues environmental permits for facilities that correspond to the projects specified in the Rulebook on facilities constructed and commissioned only if an environmental permit has been issued ("RS Official Gazette", 124/12), as it follows:

- facilities listed in Article 2 of the Rulebook: an environmental impact assessment is mandatory;
- facilities listed in Article 3 of the Rulebook: the Ministry decides on the need to carry out an environmental impact assessment;
- projects (Article 4) which do not reach the prescribed threshold, but which may have a significant impact on the environment;
- projects listed in articles 2, 4, 5 and 6 of the Rulebook on facilities constructed and commissioned only if an environmental permit has been issued ("RS Official Gazette", No. 124/12).

Local self-government units issue environmental permits in accordance with Article 3 of the Rulebook on facilities constructed and commissioned only if an environmental permit has been issued ("RS Official Gazette", No. 124/12):

• for facilities having a size below the thresholds set out in Article 2 of the abovementioned Rulebook.

INITIATING THE PROCEDURE OF ISSUING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

The investor submits a request (the form is available the public counters hall) to the Department of Spatial Planning for:

- · Issuing an environmental permit,
- Review and renewal of the environmental permit.

DOCUMENTATION WITH THE REQUEST

1. For issuing an environmental permit:

Along with the request for issuing an environmental permit, it is necessary to attach:

- site permit for new plants,
- a copy of the cadastral plan,
- evidence containing a list of elements in accordance with Article 85 of the Law on Environmental Protection ("RS Official Gazette", No. 71/12, 79/15 and 70/20) in two copies prepared by an authorized legal entity, fulfilling the conditions for carrying out activities in the field of environmental protection,
- occupancy permit for existing plants,
- city administrative fee in the amount of BAM 50.00.

2. For renewal of the environmental permit:

- Report on the performed emission measurements, ordered in the permit that is being renewed, from the authorized institution;
- Record of the environmental protection inspector that the measures and obligations mandated by the decision on the permit have been implemented and that there have been no significant changes in the conditions related to the plant and activities, basic and auxiliary raw materials, energy use, emission sources and the location where the plant is located;

- A certified statement of the responsible person that on the day of submitting the request for renewal
 of the permit, the measures and obligations ordered by the decision on the permit were carried
 out and that there were no significant changes in the conditions related to the plant and activities,
 basic and auxiliary raw materials, energy use, sources of emissions and location where the facility is
 located;
- Fee for issuing a renewed environmental permit in the amount of BAM 50.00.

The investor is obliged to submit the request for the renewal of the environmental permit, 3 months before the expiry of the latter, in accordance with the Rulebook on the procedure for the review and renewal of environmental permits ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Srpska", No. 28/13 and 104/17).

BRINGING THE DECISION ON ISSUING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

- The notice on submission of the request for the issuance of an environmental permit is published on the bulletin board of the Prnjavor City Administration and on the official website of the City for a period of 30 days.
- The Department provides all interested citizens with a possibility to review the request and any accompanying proof.
- Interested citizens may submit written comments on the request to the competent authority.
- The environmental permit is issued within **45 days** from the date when the request is fully completed.
- The party receives the certificate of finality of the decision **15 days** from the day of receipt by an official in the Department of Spatial Planning, Office 4.
- Environmental permit is issued for a period of 5 (five) years.

MORE INFORMATION

All information about the procedure for issuing the environmental permit can be obtained at the public counters hall 1 and the Department of Spatial Planning of the Prnjavor City Administration at 2, Karadordeva St., or via phone number 051/663-162 and 051/663-740, extension 227.

You can also address us in written form via e-mail: e-mail: urbanizam@gradprnjavor.com

