

Dust Control Operating Permit (DCOP) Portal FAQs

Do I need a DCOP?

Except as provided in Section 94, no person can begin any construction or temporary commercial activities except in compliance with a permit that authorizes such activities. [AQR Section 94.4.1](#) lists the activities that require a DCOP:

- Construction activities that disturb soils 0.25 acres or greater in overall area.
- Mechanized trenching 100 feet or greater in total length.
- Mechanical demolition of any structure 1,000 square feet or greater.
- Temporary commercial activities 0.25 acres or greater in overall area.

Construction activities include, but are not limited to:

- Staging areas.
- Parking/storage for materials, equipment, stockpiles, etc.
- Trenching. (When trenching in dirt, the width permitted must include the trench, spoils, and movement of equipment used to dig the trench. The average trench width permitted in dirt is 8–12 feet. The average minimum trench width on asphalt is 6 feet.)
- Access to project if there are no existing roads.

What should I do if a dust permit requirement is listed on the Building Department checklist, but I don't need a DCOP?

Email AQDCP@clarkcountynv.gov and include the Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) or address of the project, a map (either an assessor's parcel map or aerial map, not engineering drawings) showing the area of soil disturbance, and a description of the project. Once a Division of Air Quality (DAQ) representative determines the project in fact does not require a DCOP, the customer will receive an email they can provide to the Building Department to satisfy the checklist condition.

What is required for a DCOP application?

- An onsite representative who has a dust card or is registered for the next dust class.
- A marked-out map (assessor's parcel map or aerial map) that clearly and accurately shows the area of soil disturbance. To upload the map into the portal, it must be a PDF file.
- A Supplement to the Dust Mitigation Plan if the project is 10 acres or more, or involves trenching of 1 mile or more.
- A dust monitor (who is identified on the permit application) if the project is 50 acres or more, or if individually permitted projects of less than 50 acres (1) are under common control, (2) are contiguous, and (3) total 50 or more acres.

How long does it usually take for an application to be reviewed and issued?

Applications take 7–10 business days to review (our offices are open Monday–Thursday). If additional information is required, the permit reviewer will email the applicant and the Responsible Official listed on the application. Application status can be checked in the online portal.

DAQ will issue an invoice after completing the application review, then issue the permit after the invoice is paid. The DCOP will be emailed to the Responsible Official. The applicant can download a copy from the portal.

How long is a DCOP valid?

The permit is valid for one year.

How are fees assessed for a DCOP?

A list of fees is available at https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/government/departments/environment_and_sustainability/division_of_air_quality/fees_and_payments/index.php.

- The fee for new applications or renewals is assessed per acre as rounded up to the next highest full number: for example, the fee for permitting 1.2 acres would be rounded up to the next full acre, so the invoice would reflect payment due for 2.0 acres.
- If you are revising a permit to add acreage, a modification fee and an acreage fee for the new acreage will be assessed.
- If you are revising a permit to remove acreage, only the modification fee will be assessed.
- There is no fee for changing or transferring points of contact.