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# LAW OF GEORGIA ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

## Procedures of issuing Environmental Impact Permit

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# General provisions

- Projects subject to permit – Annex I and Annex II
- Factors:
  - a) Human health and safety;
  - b) Biodiversity, protected species/habitats;
  - c) Soil, land, water, air, landscape, climate;
  - d) Cultural heritage and material assets;
  - e) The interaction between the factors referred to in points (a) to (d).

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# Main stages of issuance of permit

- ▶ Screening
  - ▶ Scoping
  - ▶ Preparation and review of EIA report
  - ▶ Ensuring of public participation
  - ▶ Conduction of Ecological Expertise
  - ▶ Implementation of transbaoundary procedures
- ▶ After completion of these stages the Ministry makes decision on issuance or refusal to issue a permit

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# Review of stages

## 1. Screening

1.1 Developer applies with the request on screening

1.2 Conduction of screening procedure by the Ministry

## 2. Scoping

2.1 Application on conduction of scoping accompanied with scoping report

2.2 Creation of expert commission

2.3 Public hearing

2.4 Ecological expertise conclusion

2.5 Approval of scoping report by the Ministry

## 3. EIA

3.1 Application on conduction of EIA accompanied with draft EIA report

3.2 Creation of Expert Commission

3.3 Public hearing

3.4 Ecological expertise

## 4. Issuance of EIP

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# Terms

Stage	Annex I (working day)	Annex II (working day)
Screening	7	7
Public hearing on scoping*	19	9
scoping	11	11
Public hearing	29	19
Remained time for revision (receive of notes/expertise)	11	11
Issuance of permit	7	7
<b>Total time except screening</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Total time including screening</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>64</b>

\*Term starts after the registration of the application at the Ministry. After publication of the public announcement the public hearing shall be organized on 10<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> day.

# Terms for ecological expertise

Subject to ecological expertise	Annex I	Annex II
Scoping report	25	15
EIA report	35	25

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# Important provisions

- ▶ Screening procedure is voluntary!
- ▶ Approved scoping report is valid for 2 years!
- ▶ Permit is valid for 5 years!
- ▶ Public participation is ensured at all stages!

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# Other permits and licenses

Environmental  
Impact Permit

Other permits  
or/and  
licenses

Permit  
conditions

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# Permitting fee



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# ნებართვისგან გათავისუფლება Exemption from permit

1. National safety
2. respond to civil emergencies from the obligation to carry out necessary activities



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# Question and answers

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