

preliminary effluent limits to be utilized for the remainder of the site location and design approval process. These PELs would then be included in the site approval letter and would be expected to be incorporated into the permit.

There are two methods an applicant can use to obtain PELs for their facility. First, the applicant can request that the Division prepare the PELs. Upon receipt of a request, the Division will issue an invoice to prepare the PELs. A fee schedule and form are available on line at <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/wq/PermitsUnit/PolicyandGuidance/PELBrochure.pdf>. When payment has been received along with the necessary information to develop the PELs, the Division will begin to process the request. The PELs will be completed in 30 to 60 days, under normal work conditions. A longer time frame, i.e. beyond 60 days, may be required if there are considerations due to Threatened and Endangered (T&E) species designations for fish or aquatic life in the receiving stream or a newly proposed reuse method not covered by Regulation No. 84. If the applicant doesn't agree with the PELs initially developed by the Division, additional review of the models and the applicant's proposal may be necessary.

Second, the applicant may elect to have the PELs report for their facility developed by other professionals. The Division will review these third party PELs for consistency with the guidelines and requirements. If the PELs report is found to be deficient, it will be returned with comments for revision and re-submittal. This process also involves a fee payment.

The consultant will be able to assist with providing the information needed for PELs requests including the proposed wastewater flows or hydraulic capacity, expected pollutants in the discharge, and location of the treated water discharge point. This information, accompanied by a map indicating the point of discharge, along with a request for PELs should be sent to:

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
Water Quality Control Division
Permits Unit Manager
WQCD-PE-B2
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver CO 80246-1530

Any questions about PELs or the PEL process should be directed to the PEL Coordinator shown in Figure 2.

The PEL report will specify the effluent limitations that will be used to complete the planning and site application process. The PELs are expected to be the limits in the discharge permit; however, changes in water quality protection regulations, stream standards, completion of TMDLs, T&E species designations, known changes in stream flow data or ambient water quality, and/or nearby discharges may alter the assumptions used in development of the PELs and an update may be necessary. If site location approval has not been received within 18 months of the PELs report date, then the applicant should check with the PEL Coordinator to see if any changes are necessary. This can be accomplished by sending a brief letter to the above address. This concept also applies to a facility that has permit limits included in a compliance schedule within the permit, if the permit was issued 18 months ago or more.