

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Tri-Dam is required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to process permits for shoreline structures and facilities to be located at the 515' contour elevation and below. Establishment of a permitting process is a standard requirement of all FERC licensed projects across the country with development surrounding the reservoir.

Tri-Dam has established a permitting program, implemented under the guidelines of the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP). The SMP is a component of Tri-Dam's federal license. Tri-Dam's goal is to remain in full compliance with all federal directives, while ensuring that the permit process is as smooth and straightforward as possible. Links to the overview of the permitting process, application forms, fee structure and SMP are all currently posted on Tri-Dam's website, and this information will also be added to the website and updated periodically. All references below pertain to projects at the 515' contour and below:

Projects requiring a permit:

1. Installing low water supports to an existing dock
2. Installing wave runner ports
3. Installing a boat lift
4. Installing a canopy
5. Adding to, reconfiguring, or moving any dock or structure*
6. Adding a retaining wall or rip rap for shoreline protection
7. Installation of invasive species vegetative devices
8. Adding or modifying decks, patios or other structures
9. Adding or modifying electrical facilities and lights
10. Installing new shoreline connections
11. Modifying support pilings
12. Replacing any dock with a new dock of the same or different material and configuration
13. Excavation and removal of soil
14. Adding a fire pit, or other device that uses natural gas or propane

Activities which would not require a permit:

1. Replacing the canvas on a canopy with the same materials and size as the originally approved material, with no alteration of the support structure.
2. Replacing dock decking or surface materials using the same material as previously permitted, and in the same footprint and configuration.
3. Minor repairs to existing permitted facilities to restore to the integrity of the original permitted facility. Examples include replacement of bumpers and rubber around the dock, replacement or tightening of bolts and shoreline attachment.
4. The addition of a swim ladder or diving board onto an existing permitted dock, that does not increase the size or change the footprint of the dock.
5. Adding water service from the existing on-land water supply to the existing permitted dock.

* Movement of a dock during low water periods does not require a formal permit, but it does require permission from Tri-Dam in advance, authorizing the mooring location and storage requirements, if any.

While this is not an all-inclusive list, these are some of the most frequently asked items. In the event that you have any further questions, please contact Susan Larson, slarson@tridamproject.com or by telephone at (209) 965-3996, x148.