



REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF IMPOUNDMENT EMBANKMENT ALTERNATIVE DESIGN STANDARDS INSTRUCTIONS (Unconventional Operations Only)

The following instructions are designed to assist the applicant in properly completing the *Request for Approval of Alternative Design Standards for Impoundment Embankment Design*, form 8000-FM-OOGM0008. Please type or print clearly when completing the form. If the information requested involves more than the space allows, copy the form and append additional required information. Submit this form along with all of the necessary documentation. Label each attachment with the applicant's name and the impoundment name. The applicant should be the well operator or the owner of the impoundment. If the applicant/operator is employing the services of a consultant, then provide the consultant's name, address, contact person, and contact information in the space provided.

A. Applicant Identification

Provide the requested information that identifies the owner and consultant, if any.

B. Impoundment Identification

Enter the impoundment name, Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP) number (if applicable), county, municipality, latitude, and longitude. Provide the latitude and longitude in decimal degrees of the impoundment location. Use North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) and the current DEP policy regarding locational accuracy.

C. Alternative Design standards for Impoundment Embankment Design

In accordance with 25 Pa. Code section 78a.59a(b), applicants may request approval from the Department to deviate from the requirements of 25 Pa. Code section 78a.59a(a). The request must demonstrate that the alternative design standards provide equivalent or superior protection to the requirements of 25 Pa. Code section 78a.59a(a). Applicants must provide necessary design information and drawings to demonstrate the adequacy.

D. Signature of the Applicant

Provide the signature of the operator, name, title, date of signature and authorization number, and date of the authorization in the spaces provided.

Submit this form and any additional necessary documents through DEP GreenPort located at www.greenport.state.pa.us/. Instructions on specific oil and gas electronic applications can be accessed at <http://www.dep.pa.gov/OG-submit>.