

**ENVIRONMENTAL CASE DISPOSITION GUIDELINES**

The management of the flow of cases in the Environmental Division of the Superior Court is the responsibility of the judiciary. In carrying out that responsibility, the judiciary must balance the rights and interests of individual litigants, the limited resources of the judicial branch and other participants in the justice system, and the interests of the citizens of this state in having an effective, fair, and efficient system of justice.

- A. The State Court Administrator and Administrative Judge for Trial Courts are directed, within available resources, to:
  - 1. Assist the Environmental Division of the Superior Court in implementing caseflow management plans that incorporate case processing time guidelines established pursuant to this directive;
  - 2. Gather information from the Environmental Division on compliance with case disposition guidelines; and
  - 3. Assess the effectiveness of management plans in achieving the guidelines established by this directive.
  
- B. The Environmental Division of the Superior Court is directed to:
  - 1. Maintain current caseflow management plans consistent with case processing time guidelines established in this directive;
  - 2. Collect and maintain accurate caseflow management data;
  - 3. Cooperate with the Administrative Judge for Trial Courts and Court Administrator's Office in assessing caseflow management plans implemented pursuant to this directive.

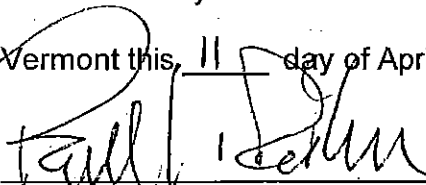
The following time guidelines for case processing are provided as goals for the administration of court caseloads. These guidelines do not supersede procedural requirements in court rules or statutes for specific cases, or supersede reporting requirements in court rules or statutes.

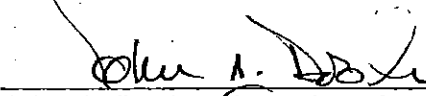
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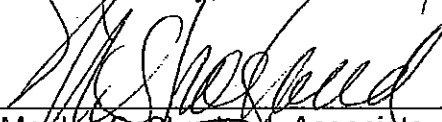
Case Type	Standard	Complex
On the Record Appeal	7 months	-
Municipal Enforcement – No notice of Violation or Appeal	5 months	-
Municipal Enforcement – Notice of Violation and/or Appeal	10 months	-
Municipal De Novo Appeal	10 months	12 months
ANR/NRB Enforcement No merits hearing required	90 days	-
ANR/NRB Enforcement - Contested	8 months	-
Act 250 Appeal and ANR <i>de novo</i> Appeal	11 months	13 months

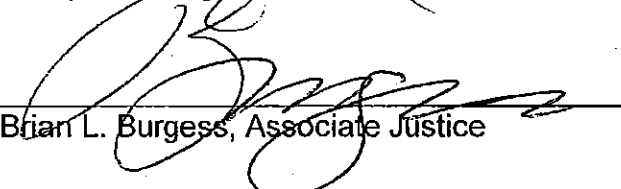
This directive shall become effective immediately.

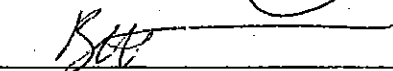
Done in Chambers at Montpelier, Vermont this, 11 day of April, 2013.

  
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Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice

  
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Marilyn S. Skoglund, Associate Justice

  
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Brian L. Burgess, Associate Justice

  
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