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## Soil FAQ's

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### **How long does it take for a permit to be issued?**

It can take up to 30 days for a permit to be processed after the paperwork is received from the state.

### **Will I need a permit to import soil?**

Yes, any soil being imported from foreign sources requires an import permit.

### **How long is the soil permit valid?**

Unless special situations exist, the standard time frame for soil is up to 3 years from the date of issuance.

### **Will I need a permit if I am importing rocks?**

If the specimens are large enough and are not contaminated with soil or any other organic debris, an APHIS permit is not required.

### **Will I need a permit if I am importing sediment?**

If the sample was collected in salt water, an APHIS permit is not required.

## **What will I need in my facility to become an approved soil laboratory?**

Generally, when Plant Protection and Quarantine Officials inspect a facility, they are looking for a laboratory type setting with adequate safeguards in place to prevent pest escape, a secure area to store soil when not in use, and an autoclave or incinerator.

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