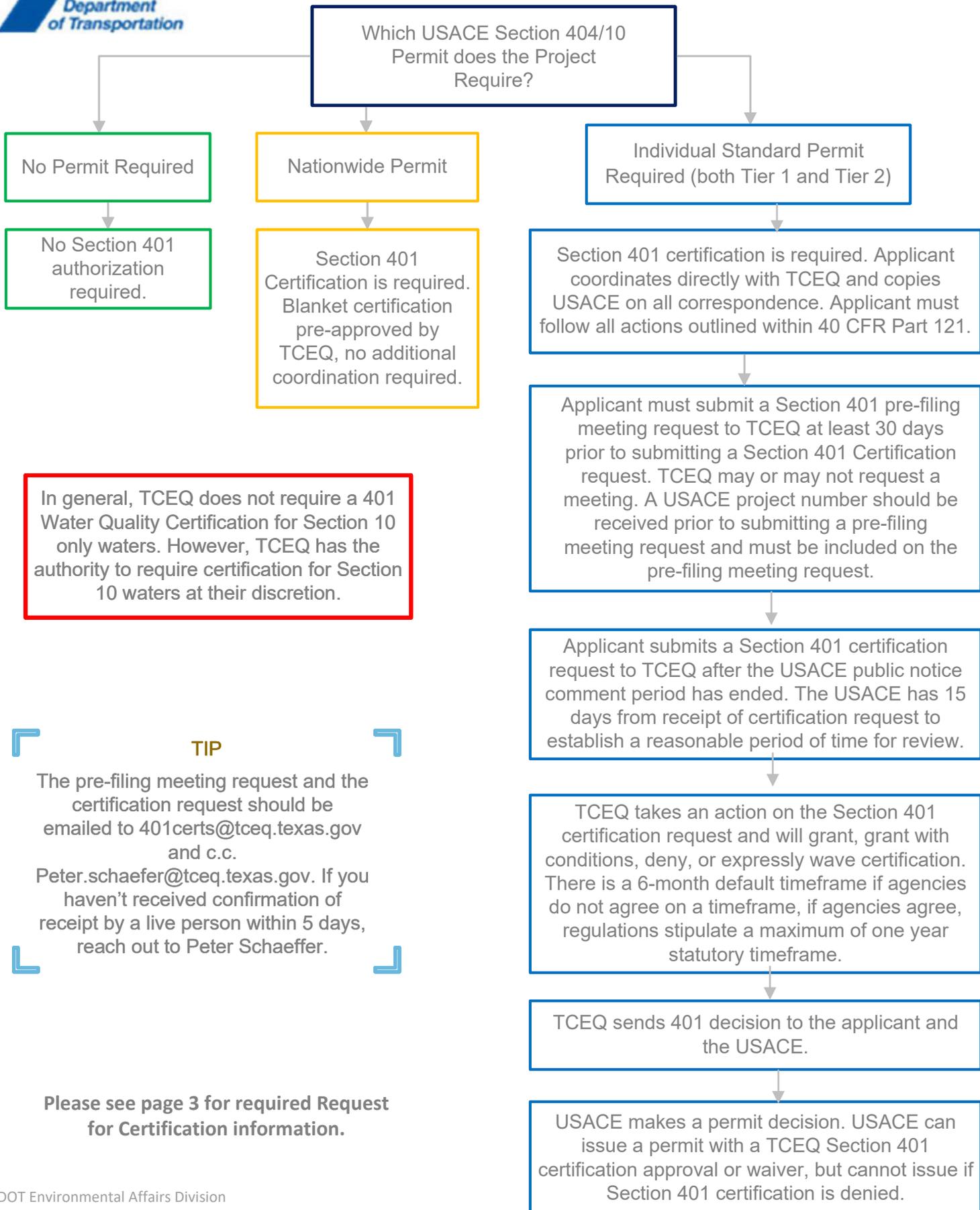




# Flow Chart TCEQ Section 401 Certification Process



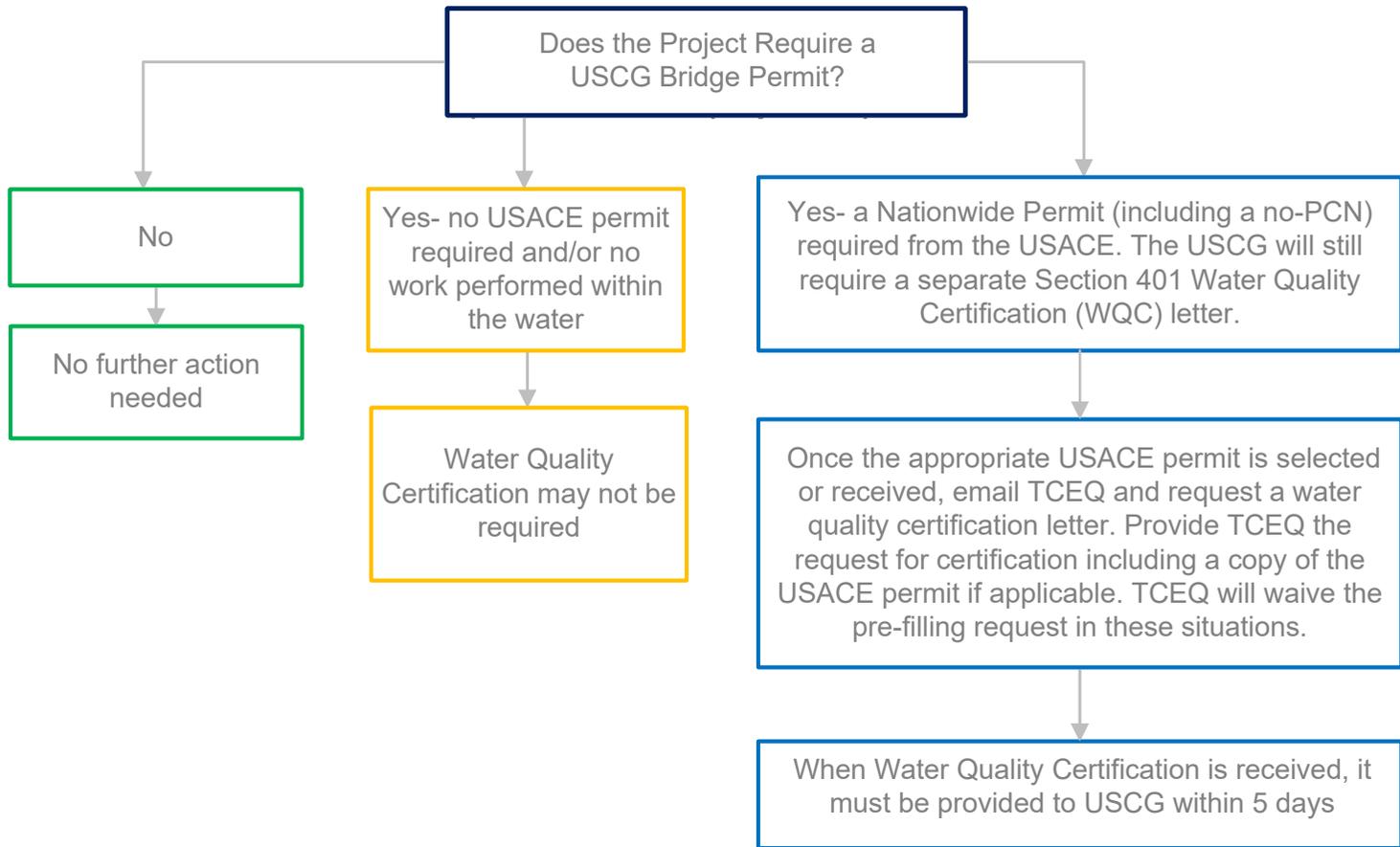
In general, TCEQ does not require a 401 Water Quality Certification for Section 10 only waters. However, TCEQ has the authority to require certification for Section 10 waters at their discretion.

**TIP**

The pre-filing meeting request and the certification request should be emailed to [401certs@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:401certs@tceq.texas.gov) and c.c. [Peter.schaefer@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:Peter.schaefer@tceq.texas.gov). If you haven't received confirmation of receipt by a live person within 5 days, reach out to Peter Schaeffer.

Please see page 3 for required Request for Certification information.

## Special Considerations for USCG Bridge Permit Projects



### FYI

The USCG will not accept the blanket WQC that comes with a NWP (with or without a PCN), and requires an individual WQC letter from TCEQ in order to issue a bridge permit. An individual WQC letter already comes with an SP so, in those cases, it is not necessary to follow this flowchart and request an individual WQC letter.

## What needs to be included with a Request of Certification?

A copy of the USACE permit application and any readily available water-quality related documentation must be included with the request. The list below itemizes seven items that must be included with the Request for Certification. Some (or all) of these items may already be contained within the permit application.

### Seven additional components that must be included with the Request for Certification

1. A description of the proposed activity, including the purpose of the proposed activity, and the type(s) of discharge(s) that may result from the proposed activity.
2. The specific location of any discharge(s) that may result from the proposed activity.
3. A map or diagram of the proposed activity site, including the proposed activity boundaries in relation to local streets, roads, and highways.
4. A description of current activity site conditions, including but not limited to relevant site data, photographs that represent current site conditions, or other relevant documentation.
5. The date(s) on which the proposed activity is planned to begin and end and, if known, the approximate date(s) when and discharge(s) may commence.
6. A list of all other Federal, interstate, Tribal, state, territorial, or local agency authorizations required for the proposed activity and the current status of each authorization.
7. Documentation that a pre-filing meeting request was submitted to the certifying authority in accordance with applicable submission procedures, unless the pre-filing meeting request requirement was waived.