



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, KANSAS CITY DISTRICT
MISSOURI STATE REGULATORY OFFICE
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JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI 65101

February 6, 2019

Missouri State Regulatory Office
(NWK-2018-01611)
(Jackson, Missouri, NWP 29)

Mr. David Flick
Terra Technologies Inc.
6240 West 135th Street, Suite 100
Overland Park, Kansas 66233

Dear Mr. Flick:

This letter pertains to an application submitted on behalf of Mr. David Price of Clayton Properties Group, Inc. dba Summit Homes for a Department of the Army (DA) permit. It was received on November 11, 2018. The proposed work concerns the construction of a residential development for single family homes located on approximately 115 acres. The residential development includes stream crossings for sewer lines and trail crossings, a storm water detention basin, maintenance of a spillway for an existing pond, and restoration along with bank stabilization for a section of historically impacted and degraded stream channel. This project will involve the placement of fill material within two unnamed tributaries to Cedar Creek and adjacent wetlands. The project is located in Section 2, Township 47 North, Range 32 West, city of Lee's Summit, Jackson County, Missouri (Lat. 38.919084, Long. -94.418554).

The following impacts will occur within jurisdictional waters of the United States.

- **Impact 1:** Placement of approximately 184 cubic yards of riprap/rock fill within 184 linear foot of intermittent stream for restoration of the stream channel present in the spillway of the existing pond. The restoration will result in bank stabilization and reduced erosion (Lat. 38.922056, Long. -94.416302).
- **Impact 2:** Construction of sewer crossing through intermittent stream channel resulting in temporary impacts to approximately 15 linear foot of stream channel and the placement of nine cubic yards of riprap (Lat. 38.921194, Long. -94.417818).
- **Impact 3:** Construction of culvert crossing without riprap resulting in the placement of fill in approximately 36 linear foot of ephemeral stream channel (Lat. 38.918819, Long. -94.415795).
- **Impact 4:** Placement of approximately 72 cubic yards or riprap for stream restoration and bank stabilization of approximately 130 linear foot of ephemeral stream channel. The stream channel at this location was degraded by historic use/impacts more than five years ago based upon a review of historic aerial imagery (Lat. 38.918730, Long. -94.416247).

- **Impact 5:** Construction of culvert crossing without riprap resulting in the placement of fill in approximately 36 linear foot of intermittent stream channel (Lat. 38.917634, Long. -94.417174).
- **Impact 6:** Construction of in-stream detention basin designed to temporarily reduce downstream flows after rainfall on an intermittent stream. No permanent pool will be created as a pipe is being placed in the stream channel. A pipe approximately 100 foot in length along with earthen fill will be placed in the stream channel resulting in the placement of approximately 142 cubic yards of fill along. This will result in the permanent loss of 153 linear foot of stream channel. Approximately 17 cubic yards of riprap will be placed in 60 linear foot of stream channel downstream of the pipe for the storm-water outfall along with erosion and scour protection (Lat. 38.915892, Long. -94.419169).
- **Impact 7:** Construction of sewer crossing through an intermittent stream channel resulting in temporary impacts to approximately 15 linear foot of stream channel. The impact will be located within the area of riprap being placed for the storm-water outfall in Impact 6 (above) (Lat. 38.915732, Long. -94.419441).
- **Impact 8:** The placement of earthen fill within approximately 0.3 acres of open waters (Lat. 38.918497, Long. -94.418198).
- **Impact 9:** The placement of earthen fill within approximately 0.07 acres of emergent wetland (Lat. 38.917033, Long. -94.415588).

This letter contains a preliminary jurisdictional determination (PJD) of the waters of the United States on the project site which was completed in accordance with Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331. PJDs, while sufficient for permit determinations, are not appealable. If you wish, you may request an Approved Jurisdictional Determination (which may be appealed) by contacting our office for further instructions. The PJD is described in the enclosed *Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination Form*. We request that you sign the signature block, and return the form to our office. If you do not concur with the jurisdictional determination, then you will need to obtain an Approved Jurisdictional Determination from our office prior to impacting any waters identified in the PJD.

Based upon a review of the information furnished, we have made a preliminary jurisdictional determination that the two unnamed tributaries to Cedar Creek and adjacent wetlands are jurisdictional waters of the United States. Therefore, the placement of dredged or fill material below the ordinary high water elevation, or within the wetland, as proposed by your project requires permit authorization from this office. The Corps of Engineers has jurisdiction over all waters of the United States. Discharges of dredged or fill material in waters of the United States, including wetlands, require prior authorization from the Corps under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). The implementing regulations for this Act are found at 33 CFR 320-332.

We have reviewed the information furnished and have determined that your project is authorized by nationwide permit (NWP) 29, provided you ensure that the conditions listed in the enclosed copy of excerpts from the January 6, 2017 Federal Register, Issuance of Nationwide Permits, are met. You must also comply with the Kansas City District Regional NWP Conditions posted at: <http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryBranch/NationWidePermits.aspx>

In addition to the general and regional conditions of this NWP, special conditions has been added to this permit. The following special condition is required in order to replace the lost aquatic resources that result from the authorized project. You must purchase 893 stream credits from an approved compensatory mitigation bank in the service area of the project. The current approved mitigation banks, and in-lieu fee providers with released stream credits, available in the service area of your project are:

ESS Green 1, Mitigation Bank
Bank POC: Mr. Shawn Woodsmall
140 Walnut St., Suite 101
Kansas City, MO 64106
Cell: 573-808-6586
Office: 816-221-3500
Email: Shawn.Woodsmall@Emorysapp.com

Blackwater/Lamine Rivers Umbrella Bank, Site 1
Bank Sponsor: Swallow Tail, LLC
Bank POC: Mr. David Flick
24820 Miller Road
Harrisonville, MO 64701
Email: dflick@terratechnologies.com
Cell Phone: (816) 810-8377

Stream Stewardship Trust Fund 0052-Johnson County
Bank Sponsor: Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation
Bank POC: Ms. Sherry Fischer
P.O. Box 366
20901 W. Truman Blvd.
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0366
Email: mchf@mochf.org
Phone: (573) 634-2080

Stream Stewardship Trust Fund 1005-Morgan County
Bank Sponsor: Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation
Bank POC: Mr. Kevin Roper
P.O. Box 366
2901 W. Truman Blvd.
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0366
Email: mchf@mochf.org
Phone: (573) 634-2080

The compensatory mitigation credit purchase must be completed prior to the commencement of work within our regulatory jurisdiction. You must notify the project proponent that they must submit a receipt of payment from the mitigation bank that includes the amount of credits purchased and the date of credit purchase. Receipts submitted by authorized agents will not be accepted.

The following special condition pertains to the seven Corps Endangered Species Act (ESA) action areas where the Corps was required to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). These actions areas include both waters of the U.S. where the regulated activities are being undertaken and the immediately adjacent upland areas along with other uplands areas being utilized for access that would not be disturbed but for the regulated activity. A map is enclosed showing where the below special condition applies.

Please be aware that the endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), and the threatened northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) may be present within your project area. To "not adversely affect" these listed species, you must not cut or clear trees during the bats' active season, April 1 – October 31. If implementation of the seasonal tree cutting restriction is not possible, please contact the Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, for further consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

In their comments, the USFWS encouraged the applicant to minimize tree clearing and fragmentation and maintain as many travel/riparian corridors as possible. The applicant is responsible for compliance with the ESA outside the Corps action areas and suitable habitat for federally listed bats species may occur in the project area beyond the Corps action areas. Therefore, the USFWS recommends the applicant contact their Office (101 Park DeVill Drive, Columbia, Missouri 65203, (573) 234-2132) for additional coordination to reduce or avoid adverse effects to listed bat species outside the Corps defined action areas.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has certified that this NWP will not violate existing state water quality standards provided you comply with the conditions included in their attached certification document. All conditions included in the water quality certification become conditions of the NWP authorization. Please review all conditions associated with this NWP. If you have any questions concerning state water quality standards or compliance issues with the associated certification conditions, please contact the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176. You may also contact the office at 573-526-3589 or by email at wpssc401cert@dnr.mo.gov.

General condition 30 requires you to sign and submit the enclosed "Compliance Certification" within 30 days of completing the authorized activity or the completion of the implementation of any required compensatory mitigation.

This NWP verification is valid until March 18, 2022. Should your project plans change or if your activity is not complete within the specified verification term, you must contact this office for another permit determination. Although the Corps has verified your project would meet the terms and conditions of a nationwide permit, other Federal, state and/or local permits may be required. You should verify this yourself.

We are interested in your thoughts and opinions concerning your experience with the Kansas City District, Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program. Please feel free to complete our Customer Service Survey form on our website at: http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey. You may also call and request a paper copy of the survey which you may complete and return to us by mail.

Mr. Anthony Koch, Regulatory Specialist, reviewed the information furnished and made this determination. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact Mr. Koch at 816-389-3828 or email at anthony.j.koch@usace.army.mil. Please reference Permit No. NWK-2018-01611 in all comments and/or inquiries relating to this project.

Enclosures

cc (electronically w/o enclosures):

Environmental Protection Agency,
Watershed Planning and Implementation Branch
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Columbia, Missouri
Missouri Department of Natural Resources,
Water Protection Program
State Historic Preservation Office
Missouri Department of Conservation

COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

General condition 30 of this Nationwide Permit requires that you submit a signed certification regarding the completed work and any required mitigation. This certification page satisfies this condition if it is provided to the Kansas City District at the address shown at the bottom of this page within 30 days of completing the authorized activity or the completion of the implementation of any required compensatory mitigation.

APPLICATION NUMBER: NWK-2018-01611

APPLICANT: Mr. David Price
Clayton Properties Group, Inc. dba Summit Homes
120 Southeast 30th Street
Lee's Summit, Missouri 64082

PROJECT LOCATION: In/over two unnamed tributaries to Cedar Creek and adjacent wetlands in Section 2, Township 47 North, Range 32 West, city of Lee's Summit, Jackson County, Missouri (Lat. 38.919084, Long. -94.418554)..

- a. I certify that the authorized work was done in accordance with the Corps authorization, including any general or specific conditions.
- b. I certify that any required mitigation was completed in accordance with the permit conditions.
- c. Your signature below, as permittee, indicates that you have completed the authorized project as certified in paragraphs a and b above.

(PERMITTEE)

(DATE)

Return this certification to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Kansas City District, ODR
601 East 12th Street, Suite 402
Kansas City, MO 64106-2824

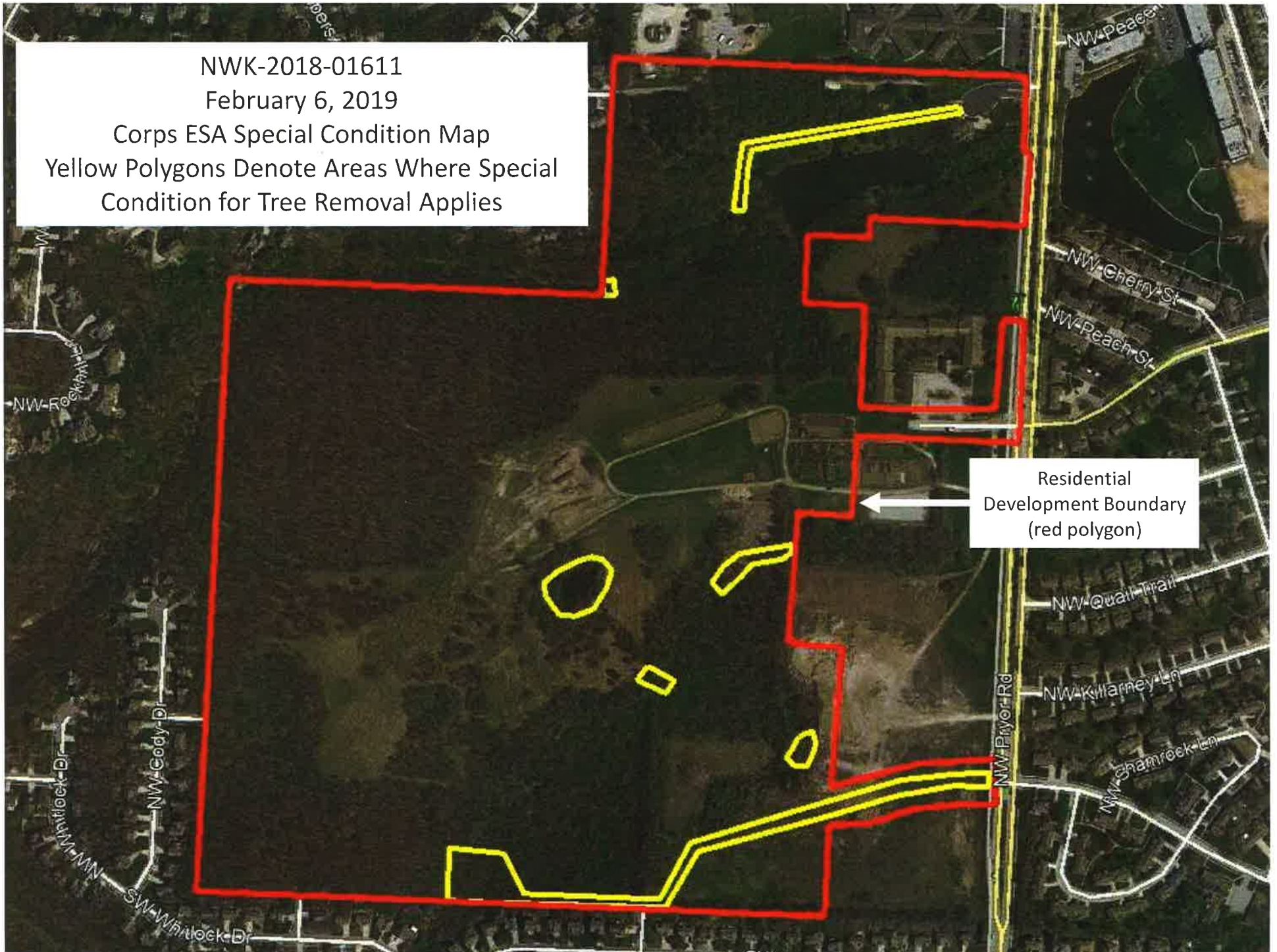
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Corps ESA Special Condition Map

Yellow Polygons Denote Areas Where Special
Condition for Tree Removal Applies

Residential
Development Boundary
(red polygon)



NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND REQUEST FOR APPEAL

Applicant: David Price – Clayton Properties Group	File Number: NWK-2018-01611	Date: 06FEB2019
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Attached is:	See Section below
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	A. INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of Permission)	A
	B. PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of Permission)	B
	C. PERMIT DENIAL	C
	D. APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	D
XXX	E. PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	E

SECTION I - The following identifies your rights and options regarding a modification, reconsideration, or administrative appeal of the above decision. Additional information may be found at <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/RegulatoryProgramandPermits/appeals.aspx> or Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331.

A: INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or request modification of the permit.

- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the District Engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- **REQUEST MODIFICATION:** If you object to the permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may request that the permit be modified accordingly. You must complete Section II of this form and return the form to the District Engineer. Your objections must be received by the District Engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice, or you will forfeit your right to appeal the permit in the future. Upon receipt of your letter, the District Engineer will evaluate your objections and may: (a) modify the permit to address all of your concerns, (b) modify the permit to address some of your objections, or (c) not modify the permit having determined that the permit should be issued as previously written. After evaluating your objections, the District Engineer will send you a proffered permit for your reconsideration, as indicated in Section B below.

B: PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or appeal the permit.

- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the District Engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- **APPEAL:** If you choose to decline the proffered permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may appeal the declined permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the Division Engineer (address on page 2). This form must be received by the Division Engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

C: PERMIT DENIAL: You may appeal the denial of a permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the Division Engineer (address on page 2). This form must be received by the Division Engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

D: APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You may accept the approved JD, appeal the approved JD, or submit new information and request reconsideration of the approved JD.

- **ACCEPT:** You do not need to notify the Corps to accept an approved JD. Failure to notify the Corps within 60 days of the date of this notice, means that you accept the approved JD in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the approved JD.
- **APPEAL:** If you disagree with the approved JD, you may appeal the approved JD under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the Division Engineer (address on page 2). This form must be received by the Division Engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.
- **RECONSIDERATION BASED ON NEW INFORMATION:** You may submit new information to the District Engineer for reconsideration of an approved JD. You must submit the information within 60 days of the date of this notice.

E: PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You do not need to respond to the Corps regarding the preliminary JD. The preliminary JD is not appealable. If you wish, you may request an approved JD (which may be appealed), by contacting the Corps district for further instruction. Also you may provide new information for further consideration by the Corps to reevaluate the JD.

SECTION II –Fill out this section and return this form to the appropriate office only if submitting a request for modification or reconsideration to the District Engineer, or if submitting a request for Administrative Appeal to the Division Engineer. All such submittals must be made within 60 days of the date of this notice.

Submit the following requests to the District Engineer

- A. Modification of an INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT (Item A).
- D. Reconsideration of an APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION based on NEW INFORMATION (Item D RECONSIDERATION).

Submit the following requests to the Division Engineer

- B. Administrative Appeal of a PROFFERED PERMIT (Item B).
- C. Administrative Appeal of a PERMIT DENIAL (Item C).
- D. Administrative Appeal of an APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (Item D APPEAL) (for reasons other than reconsideration of an approved JD based on new information).

(Note: Preliminary Jurisdictional Determinations (Item E) are not appealable. If you have concerns regarding a preliminary Jurisdictional Determination, you can request an approved Jurisdictional Determination).

REASONS FOR APPEAL OR OBJECTIONS: (Describe your reasons for appealing the decision or your objections to an initial proffered permit in clear concise statements. You may attach additional information to this form to clarify where your reasons or objections are addressed in the administrative record.)

SUBMITTAL OF NEW OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The District Engineer may accept and consider new information if you request a modification to an initial proffered permit (Part A), or a reconsideration of an approved JD (Part D). An administrative appeal to the Division Engineer is limited to a review of the administrative record, the Corps memorandum for the record of the appeal conference or meeting, and any supplemental information that the review officer has determined is needed to clarify the administrative record. Neither the appellant nor the Corps may add new information or analyses to the administrative record. However, you may provide additional information to clarify the location of information that is already in the administrative record.

POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION:

If you have questions regarding this decision and/or the appeal process you may contact:

DISTRICT ENGINEER

Attn: Mark D. Frazier

Chief, Regulatory Branch

U.S. Army Engineer District, Kansas City

601 Federal Building, Room 402

Kansas City, MO 64106-2824

Telephone: 816-389-3990

(Use this address for submittals to the District Engineer)

If you wish to submit an appeal or have questions regarding the appeal process you may contact:

DIVISION ENGINEER

ATTN: Melinda M. Witgenstein

Regulatory Appeals Review Officer

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

P.O. Box 2870

Portland, OR 97208-2870

Telephone: 503-808-3888

RIGHT OF ENTRY: Your signature below grants the right of entry to Corps of Engineers personnel, and any government consultants, to conduct investigations of the project site during the course of the appeal process. You will be provided a 15 day notice of any site investigation, and will have the opportunity to participate in all site investigations.

Signature of appellant or agent.

Date:

Telephone number:

Appendix 2 - PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (PJD) FORM

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR PJD: Feb 4, 2019

B. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON REQUESTING PJD: David Price - Clayton Property Group dba Summit Homes

C. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: ODR-M, Clayton Properties Group, Inc. dba Summit Homes - Woodside Residential Development, NWK-2018-01611

D. PROJECT LOCATION(S) AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

(USE THE TABLE BELOW TO DOCUMENT MULTIPLE AQUATIC RESOURCES AND/OR AQUATIC RESOURCES AT DIFFERENT SITES)

State: Missouri

County/parish/borough: Jackson

City: Lee's Summit

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format):

Lat.: 38.919084

Long.: -94.418554

Universal Transverse Mercator:

Name of nearest waterbody: Cedar Creek

E. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

☒ Office (Desk) Determination. Date: Feb 4, 2019

☐ Field Determination. Date(s):

TABLE OF AQUATIC RESOURCES IN REVIEW AREA WHICH "MAY BE" SUBJECT TO REGULATORY JURISDICTION.

Site number	Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)	Estimated amount of aquatic resource in review area (acreage and linear feet, if applicable)	Type of aquatic resource (i.e., wetland vs. non-wetland waters)	Geographic authority to which the aquatic resource "may be" subject (i.e., Section 404 or Section 10/404)
1	38.922172	-94.415076	1.8 acres	Wetland - Lacustrine	Section 404
2	38.918518	-94.418184	0.3 acres	Wetland - Lacustrine	Section 404
3	38.917043	-94.415608	0.07 acres	Wetland - Emergent	Section 404
4	38.921135	-94.417819	1,406 linear feet	Non-wetland, Intermittent	Section 404
5	38.917030	-94.418073	1,446 linear feet	Non-wetland, Intermittent	Section 404
6	38.918738	-94.416182	298 linear feet	Non-wetland, Ephemeral	Section 404

- 1) The Corps of Engineers believes that there may be jurisdictional aquatic resources in the review area, and the requestor of this PJD is hereby advised of his or her option to request and obtain an approved JD (AJD) for that review area based on an informed decision after having discussed the various types of JDs and their characteristics and circumstances when they may be appropriate.
- 2) In any circumstance where a permit applicant obtains an individual permit, or a Nationwide General Permit (NWP) or other general permit verification requiring "pre-construction notification" (PCN), or requests verification for a non-reporting NWP or other general permit, and the permit applicant has not requested an AJD for the activity, the permit applicant is hereby made aware that: (1) the permit applicant has elected to seek a permit authorization based on a PJD, which does not make an official determination of jurisdictional aquatic resources; (2) the applicant has the option to request an AJD before accepting the terms and conditions of the permit authorization, and that basing a permit authorization on an AJD could possibly result in less compensatory mitigation being required or different special conditions; (3) the applicant has the right to request an individual permit rather than accepting the terms and conditions of the NWP or other general permit authorization; (4) the applicant can accept a permit authorization and thereby agree to comply with all the terms and conditions of that permit, including whatever mitigation requirements the Corps has determined to be necessary; (5) undertaking any activity in reliance upon the subject permit authorization without requesting an AJD constitutes the applicant's acceptance of the use of the PJD; (6) accepting a permit authorization (e.g., signing a proffered individual permit) or undertaking any activity in reliance on any form of Corps permit authorization based on a PJD constitutes agreement that all aquatic resources in the review area affected in any way by that activity will be treated as jurisdictional, and waives any challenge to such jurisdiction in any administrative or judicial compliance or enforcement action, or in any administrative appeal or in any Federal court; and (7) whether the applicant elects to use either an AJD or a PJD, the JD will be processed as soon as practicable. Further, an AJD, a proffered individual permit (and all terms and conditions contained therein), or individual permit denial can be administratively appealed pursuant to 33 C.F.R. Part 331. If, during an administrative appeal, it becomes appropriate to make an official determination whether geographic jurisdiction exists over aquatic resources in the review area, or to provide an official delineation of jurisdictional aquatic resources in the review area, the Corps will provide an AJD to accomplish that result, as soon as is practicable. This PJD finds that there "*may be*" waters of the U.S. and/or that there "*may be*" navigable waters of the U.S. on the subject review area, and identifies all aquatic features in the review area that could be affected by the proposed activity, based on the following information:

SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for PJD (check all that apply)

Checked items should be included in subject file. Appropriately reference sources below where indicated for all checked items:

- ☒ Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the PJD requestor:
Map: revised project area boundary map and residential development map.
- ☒ Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the PJD requestor.
☐ Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.
☒ Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report. Rationale: insufficient data points.
- ☐ Data sheets prepared by the Corps: _____
- ☐ Corps navigable waters' study: _____
- ☐ U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: _____
☐ USGS NHD data.
☐ USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
- ☒ U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: 7.5 MS, 1996 Lees Summit Quad (2002 Rev)
- ☒ Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: WSS, agent accessed 15OCT2018
- ☒ National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: USFWS NWI on-line accessed 4FEB2019
- ☐ State/local wetland inventory map(s): _____
- ☐ FEMA/FIRM maps: _____
- ☐ 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: _____ (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
- ☒ Photographs: ☒ Aerial (Name & Date): Google Earth Imagery dated March 1990 - April 27, 2018
or ☒ Other (Name & Date): Agents site visit photos dated 10OCT2018
- ☐ Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: _____
- ☒ Other information (please specify): See attached PJD map for location and limit of review area

IMPORTANT NOTE: The information recorded on this form has not necessarily been verified by the Corps and should not be relied upon for later jurisdictional determinations.

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email=KOCHEANTHONY.JOSEP@H.1148638833
Date: 2018.02.04 10:32:08 -0500

Signature and date of
Regulatory staff member
completing PJD

Signature and date of
person requesting PJD
(REQUIRED, unless obtaining
the signature is impracticable)¹

¹ Districts may establish timeframes for requestor to return signed PJD forms. If the requestor does not respond within the established time frame, the district may presume concurrence and no additional follow up is necessary prior to finalizing an action.

Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination
Section 2, Township 47 North, Range 32 West,
Lee's Summit, Jackson County, Missouri
(Lat. 38.919084, Long. -94.418554)
February 4, 2019

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US Army Corps
of Engineers
Kansas City District

**Nationwide Permit No. 29
Residential Developments.**

Discharges of dredged or fill material into non-tidal waters of the United States for the construction or expansion of a single residence, a multiple unit residential development, or a residential subdivision. This NWP authorizes the construction of building foundations and building pads and attendant features that are necessary for the use of the residence or residential development. Attendant features may include but are not limited to roads, parking lots, garages, yards, utility lines, storm water management facilities, septic fields, and recreation facilities such as playgrounds, playing fields, and golf courses (provided the golf course is an integral part of the residential development).

The discharge must not cause the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of non-tidal waters of the United States. The discharge must not cause the loss of more than 300 linear feet of stream bed, unless for intermittent and ephemeral stream beds the district engineer waives the 300 linear foot limit by making a written determination concluding that the discharge will result in no more than minimal adverse environmental effects. This NWP does not authorize discharges into non-tidal wetlands adjacent to tidal waters. The loss of stream bed plus any other losses of jurisdictional wetlands and waters caused by the NWP activity cannot exceed 1/2-acre.

Subdivisions: For residential subdivisions, the aggregate total loss of waters of United States authorized by this NWP cannot exceed 1/2-acre. This includes any loss of waters of the United States associated with development of individual subdivision lots.

Notification: The permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity. (See general condition 32.) (Authorities: Sections 10 and 404)



STATE OF MISSOURI NATIONWIDE PERMIT REGIONAL CONDITIONS

For All Nationwide Permits

1. Stream Crossings. In addition to requirements of General Condition 2 and General Condition 9 of the Nationwide Permits, the following guidelines for stream crossings apply for regulated activities in waters of the United States. The guidelines are available at:

<https://usace.contentdm.oclc.org/utis/getfile/collection/p16021coll11/id/2654>

- Corps Districts may waive Regional Condition 1 when project site geomorphology (i.e. bedrock, gradient) or existing alterations (i.e. adjacent impoundment, as part of a dry detention basin) creates conflict with the guidelines. The applicant must provide preconstruction notification to the District Engineer for any waiver request.

2. Seasonal Restrictions for Activities Proposed in Spawning Areas. In addition to the requirements of General Condition 3 of the Nationwide Permits, the following specific seasonal restrictions apply for regulated activities in waters of the United States. Between the closed dates listed in the Missouri Combined Stream Spawning List, the permittee must not excavate from or discharge into the listed waters. The list of waters with seasonal restrictions is available on request from the Corps or at: <https://usace.contentdm.oclc.org/utis/getfile/collection/p16021coll11/id/2656>

- Corps Districts may waive Regional Condition 2 when the applicant demonstrates imminent threats to public safety and health, or to property. The Corps will consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Missouri Department of Conservation before granting the waiver and may add additional special conditions to protect aquatic life during the operation. The applicant must provide preconstruction notification to the District Engineer for any waiver request.

3. Invasive and Exotic Species. Plant species listed at:

<https://usace.contentdm.oclc.org/utis/getfile/collection/p16021coll11/id/2655> shall not be used for revegetation unless this requirement is waived by the district engineer based on a case specific analysis of the revegetation plan. Best management practices should be used to reduce the risk of transferring invasive plant and animal species to or from the project site. Best management practices can be found at: <http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/toolkit/prevention.shtml>. Known zebra mussel waters within Missouri can be found at:

https://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/sites/default/files/downloads/zebraapril2013_0.pdf

4. Suitable Material. In addition to the specific examples in General Condition 6 of the Nationwide Permits, the following materials are not suitable for fill activities in waters of the United States: vehicle bodies, construction or demolition debris, asphalt in any form, garbage, tires, treated lumber products that do not comply with the Registration Documents issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and that are not in accordance with standards issued by American Wood Protection Association of the International Code Council, liquid concrete not poured into forms, grouted riprap, bagged cement and sewage or organic waste.

Broken concrete used as bank stabilization must be reasonably well graded, consisting of pieces varying in size from 20 pounds up to and including at least 150 pound pieces to withstand expected high flows. Applicants must break all large slabs to conform to the well graded requirement. Generally, the maximum weight of any piece should not be more than 500 pounds. Gravel and dirt should not exceed 15% of the total fill volume when using broken concrete as fill. All protruding reinforcement rods, trash, asphalt, and other extraneous materials must be removed from the broken concrete prior to placement in waters of the United States.

5. Priority Watersheds. The applicant must provide preconstruction notification to the District Engineer for any regulated activity in a priority watershed. The list of priority watersheds requiring notification is available on request from the Corps or at:

<https://usace.contentdm.oclc.org/utis/getfile/collection/pl6021coll11/id/2652>

6. Special Aquatic Resources. The applicant must provide preconstruction notification to the District Engineer for any regulated activity which may impact a jurisdictional fen, seep or bog of any size.

7. Sensitive Aquatic Species. The applicant must provide preconstruction notification to the District Engineer for any regulated activity in waters listed at:

<https://usace.contentdm.oclc.org/utis/getfile/collection/pl6021coll11/id/2657>

The submitted preconstruction notification will be coordinated in accordance with General Condition 32(d) with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as determined appropriate by the Corps.

For Specific Nationwide Permits:

8. NWP 12 – Utility Line Activities. The applicant must provide preconstruction notification to the District Engineer prior to commencing the activity if the discharge is in a special aquatic site or when new utility line construction activities have multiple crossings of the same stream and/or parallel a stream. The preconstruction notification must include a revegetation plan for impacted wetlands and riparian areas in accordance with Regional Condition 3. Where preconstruction notification is required for utility line activities within streams, the submittal must include site-specific plans for the stabilization of disturbed channel bed and bank areas.

9. NWP 23 – Approved Categorical Exclusions. The applicant must provide preconstruction notification to the District Engineer for all regulated Nationwide Permit 23 activities in waters of the United States. In addition to information required by General Condition 32, the applicant must identify the approved categorical exclusion that applies and provide documentation that the project fits the categorical exclusion.

10. NWP 27 – Stream and Wetland Restoration Activities. The applicant must provide preconstruction notification to the District Engineer prior to commencing the activity if the discharge is associated with impacts to forested wetlands.

11. NWP 44 – Mining Activities. Nationwide Permit 44 cannot be used to authorize in-stream mining projects, including in-stream sand and gravel mining operations.

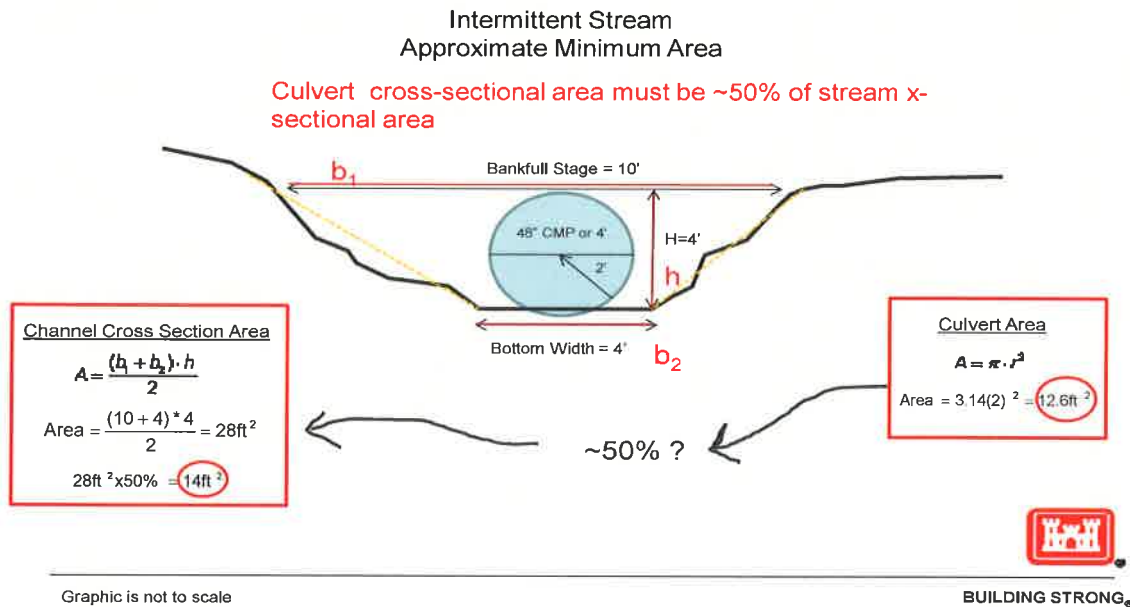
12. Requirements for Waiver of 300 Linear Foot Limit Associated with NWPs 21, 29, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 50, 51 and 52 and all Waiver Limits Associated with NWP 13. Waiver considerations for NWP 13 include activities in excess of 500 linear feet, fills greater than one cubic yard per running foot, or involve discharge of dredged or fill material into special aquatic sites. The applicant must request the waiver in writing and provide documentation and environmentally based reasons to support the waiver request in accordance with the requirements of General Condition 32(d) for making waiver determinations.

13. Lake of the Ozarks: The applicant must provide a preconstruction notification to the District Engineer for any regulated activity associated with Nationwide Permits 3, 7, 12, 14, 15, 18, 22, 27, 33 and 45 within Lake of the Ozarks. A copy of this notification must also concurrently be sent to Ameren Missouri. Nationwide Permits 2, 13, 16, 19, 25, 29, 31, 35, 36, 39, 41 and 44 are revoked in the Lake of the Ozarks. NWPs 1, 9, 10, 11 and 28 are only valid when both Ameren Missouri and the Missouri State Water Patrol have approved the activity. The Corps and Ameren Missouri, regardless of the request to use any Nationwide Permit, may verify the activity under the provisions of Regional General Permit 38M <https://usace.contentdm.oclc.org/utis/getfile/collection/pl6021coll7/id/7726>. Additional information on Ameren Missouri and Lake of the Ozarks permit requirements can be found at the following webpage: <https://www.ameren.com/missouri/lake-of-the-ozarks>.

Note: Preconstruction Notification to the District Engineer must be in accordance with General Condition 32 of the Nationwide Permits.

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Regional Condition 1 – Stream Crossings



- For permanent crossings, the culvert must be embedded and backfilled below the grade of the stream on both the upstream and downstream sides ≥ 1 foot for culverts > 48 inches. On culverts ≤ 48 inches the bottom of the culvert must be placed at a depth below or at the natural stream bottom to provide for aquatic organism passage during low flow conditions. Culverts in streams with non-erodible beds (i.e. bedrock or stable clay) must be constructed flush with the stream bed, but do not need to be embedded. Culverts in streams with highly erodible beds must be embedded deeper to lessen the chance of future perching due to downstream degradation and may be accompanied with other grade control measures to prevent erosion while maintaining General Condition (2) Aquatic Life Movements.

Low Water Crossings:

- The applicant must notify the District Engineer when repairing, rehabilitating or replacing low water crossings when discharges of dredged or fill material would raise or lower the lowest elevation of the crossing.
- When replacing or removing low water crossings the applicant must propose and employ measures to mitigate for and minimize the potential of streambed headcutting where channel incision has occurred downstream of the structure and the structure is providing grade control that is preventing channel incision from migrating upstream.

Excerpts from the January 6, 2017 Federal Register Nationwide Permit General Conditions

1. Navigation.

(a) No activity may cause more than a minimal adverse effect on navigation.

(b) Any safety lights and signals prescribed by the U.S. Coast Guard, through regulations or otherwise, must be installed and maintained at the permittee's expense on authorized facilities in navigable waters of the United States.

(c) The permittee understands and agrees that, if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration, of the structure or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative, said structure or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the permittee will be required, upon due notice from the Corps of Engineers, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States. No claim shall be made against the United States on account of any such removal or alteration.

2. Aquatic Life Movements.

No activity may substantially disrupt the necessary life cycle movements of those species of aquatic life indigenous to the waterbody, including those species that normally migrate through the area, unless the activity's primary purpose is to impound water. All permanent and temporary crossings of waterbodies shall be suitably culverted, bridged, or otherwise designed and constructed to maintain low flows to sustain the movement of those aquatic species. If a bottomless culvert cannot be used, then the crossing should be designed and constructed to minimize adverse effects to aquatic life movements.

3. Spawning Areas.

Activities in spawning areas during spawning seasons must be avoided to the maximum extent practicable. Activities that result in the physical destruction (e.g., through excavation, fill, or downstream smothering by substantial turbidity) of an important spawning area are not authorized.

4. Migratory Bird Breeding Areas.

Activities in waters of the United States that serve as breeding areas for migratory birds must be avoided to the maximum extent practicable.

5. Shellfish Beds.

No activity may occur in areas of concentrated shellfish populations, unless the activity is directly related to a shellfish harvesting activity authorized by NWPs 4 and 48, or is a shellfish seeding or habitat restoration activity authorized by NWP 27.

6. Suitable Material.

No activity may use unsuitable material (e.g., trash, debris, car bodies, asphalt, etc.). Material used for construction or discharged must be free from toxic pollutants in toxic amounts (see section 307 of the Clean Water Act).

7. Water Supply Intakes.

No activity may occur in the proximity of a public water supply intake, except where the activity is for the repair or improvement of public water supply intake structures or adjacent bank stabilization.

8. Adverse Effects From Impoundments.

If the activity creates an impoundment of water, adverse effects to the aquatic system due to accelerating the passage of water, and/or restricting its flow must be minimized to the maximum extent practicable.

9. Management of Water Flows.

To the maximum extent practicable, the pre-construction course, condition, capacity, and location of open waters must be maintained for each activity, including stream channelization, storm water management activities, and temporary and permanent road crossings, except as provided below. The activity must be constructed to withstand expected high flows. The activity must not restrict or impede the passage of normal or high flows, unless the primary purpose of the activity is to impound water or manage high flows. The activity may alter the pre-construction course, condition, capacity, and location of open waters if it benefits the aquatic environment (e.g., stream restoration or relocation activities).

10. Fills Within 100-Year Floodplains.

The activity must comply with applicable FEMA-approved state or local floodplain management requirements.

11. Equipment.

Heavy equipment working in wetlands or mudflats must be placed on mats, or other measures must be taken to minimize soil disturbance.

12. Soil Erosion and Sediment Controls.

Appropriate soil erosion and sediment controls must be used and maintained in effective operating condition during construction, and all exposed soil and other fills, as well as any work below the ordinary high water mark or high tide line, must be permanently stabilized at the earliest practicable date. Permittees are encouraged to perform work within waters of the United States during periods of low-flow or no-flow, or during low tides.

13. Removal of Temporary Fills.

Temporary fills must be removed in their entirety and the affected areas returned to pre-construction elevations. The affected areas must be revegetated, as appropriate.

14. Proper Maintenance.

Any authorized structure or fill shall be properly maintained, including maintenance to ensure public safety and compliance with applicable NWP general conditions, as well as any activity-specific conditions added by the district engineer to an NWP authorization.

15. Single and Complete Project.

The activity must be a single and complete project. The same NWP cannot be used more than once for the same single and complete project.

16. Wild and Scenic Rivers.

(a) No NWP activity may occur in a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System, or in a river officially designated by Congress as a “study river” for possible inclusion in the system while the river is in an official study status, unless the appropriate Federal agency with direct management responsibility for such river, has determined in writing that the proposed activity will not adversely affect the Wild and Scenic River designation or study status.

(b) If a proposed NWP activity will occur in a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System, or in a river officially designated by Congress as a “study river” for possible inclusion in the system while the river is in an official study status, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification (see general condition 32). The district engineer will coordinate the PCN with the Federal agency with direct management responsibility for that river. The permittee shall not begin the NWP activity until notified by the district engineer that the Federal agency with direct management responsibility for that river has determined in writing that the proposed NWP activity will not adversely affect the Wild and Scenic River designation or study status.

(c) Information on Wild and Scenic Rivers may be obtained from the appropriate Federal land management agency responsible for the designated Wild and Scenic River or study river (e.g., National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service). Information on these rivers is also available at: <http://www.rivers.gov/>.

17. Tribal Rights.

No NWP activity may cause more than minimal adverse effects on tribal rights (including treaty rights), protected tribal resources, or tribal lands.

18. Endangered Species.

(a) No activity is authorized under any NWP which is likely to directly or indirectly jeopardize the continued existence of a threatened or endangered species or a species proposed for such designation, as identified under the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA), or which will directly or indirectly destroy or adversely modify the critical habitat of such species. No activity is authorized under any NWP which “may affect” a listed species or critical habitat, unless ESA section 7 consultation addressing the effects of the proposed activity has been completed. Direct effects are the immediate effects on listed species and critical habitat caused by the NWP activity. Indirect effects are those effects on listed species and critical habitat that are caused by the NWP activity and are later in time, but still are reasonably certain to occur.

(b) Federal agencies should follow their own procedures for complying with the requirements of the ESA. If pre-construction notification is required for the proposed activity, the Federal permittee must provide the district engineer with the appropriate documentation to demonstrate compliance with those requirements. The district engineer will verify that the appropriate documentation has been submitted. If the appropriate

documentation has not been submitted, additional ESA section 7 consultation may be necessary for the activity and the respective federal agency would be responsible for fulfilling its obligation under section 7 of the ESA.

(c) Non-federal permittees must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer if any listed species or designated critical habitat might be affected or is in the vicinity of the activity, or if the activity is located in designated critical habitat, and shall not begin work on the activity until notified by the district engineer that the requirements of the ESA have been satisfied and that the activity is authorized. For activities that might affect Federally-listed endangered or threatened species or designated critical habitat, the pre-construction notification must include the name(s) of the endangered or threatened species that might be affected by the proposed activity or that utilize the designated critical habitat that might be affected by the proposed activity. The district engineer will determine whether the proposed activity "may affect" or will have "no effect" to listed species and designated critical habitat and will notify the non-Federal applicant of the Corps' determination within 45 days of receipt of a complete pre-construction notification. In cases where the non-Federal applicant has identified listed species or critical habitat that might be affected or is in the vicinity of the activity, and has so notified the Corps, the applicant shall not begin work until the Corps has provided notification that the proposed activity will have "no effect" on listed species or critical habitat, or until ESA section 7 consultation has been completed. If the non-Federal applicant has not heard back from the Corps within 45 days, the applicant must still wait for notification from the Corps.

(d) As a result of formal or informal consultation with the FWS or NMFS the district engineer may add species-specific permit conditions to the NWP.

(e) Authorization of an activity by an NWP does not authorize the "take" of a threatened or endangered species as defined under the ESA. In the absence of separate authorization (e.g., an ESA Section 10 Permit, a Biological Opinion with "incidental take" provisions, etc.) from the FWS or the NMFS, the Endangered Species Act prohibits any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to take a listed species, where "take" means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. The word "harm" in the definition of "take" means an act which actually kills or injures wildlife. Such an act may include significant habitat modification or degradation where it actually kills or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding or sheltering.

(f) If the non-federal permittee has a valid ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental take permit with an approved Habitat Conservation Plan for a project or a group of projects that includes the proposed NWP activity, the non-federal applicant should provide a copy of that ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit with the PCN required by paragraph (c) of this general condition. The district engineer will coordinate with the agency that issued the ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit to determine whether the proposed NWP activity and the associated incidental take were considered in the internal ESA section 7 consultation conducted for the ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit. If that coordination results in concurrence from the agency that the proposed NWP activity and the associated incidental take were considered in the internal ESA section 7 consultation for the ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit, the district engineer does not need to conduct a separate ESA

section 7 consultation for the proposed NWP activity. The district engineer will notify the non-federal applicant within 45 days of receipt of a complete pre-construction notification whether the ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit covers the proposed NWP activity or whether additional ESA section 7 consultation is required.

(g) Information on the location of threatened and endangered species and their critical habitat can be obtained directly from the offices of the FWS and NMFS or their world wide web pages at <http://www.fws.gov/> or <http://www.fws.gov/ipac> and <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/esa/> respectively.

19. Migratory Birds and Bald and Golden Eagles.

The permittee is responsible for ensuring their action complies with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. The permittee is responsible for contacting appropriate local office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to determine applicable measures to reduce impacts to migratory birds or eagles, including whether "incidental take" permits are necessary and available under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act or Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act for a particular activity.

20. Historic Properties.

(a) In cases where the district engineer determines that the activity may have the potential to cause effects to properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places, the activity is not authorized, until the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) have been satisfied.

(b) Federal permittees should follow their own procedures for complying with the requirements of section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. If pre-construction notification is required for the proposed NWP activity, the Federal permittee must provide the district engineer with the appropriate documentation to demonstrate compliance with those requirements. The district engineer will verify that the appropriate documentation has been submitted. If the appropriate documentation is not submitted, then additional consultation under section 106 may be necessary. The respective federal agency is responsible for fulfilling its obligation to comply with section 106.

(c) Non-federal permittees must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer if the NWP activity might have the potential to cause effects to any historic properties listed on, determined to be eligible for listing on, or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, including previously unidentified properties. For such activities, the pre-construction notification must state which historic properties might have the potential to be affected by the proposed NWP activity or include a vicinity map indicating the location of the historic properties or the potential for the presence of historic properties. Assistance regarding information on the location of, or potential for, the presence of historic properties can be sought from the State Historic Preservation Officer, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, or designated tribal representative, as appropriate, and the National Register of Historic Places (see 33 CFR 330.4(g)). When reviewing pre-construction notifications, district engineers will comply with the current procedures for addressing the requirements of section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The district engineer shall make a reasonable and good faith effort to carry out appropriate identification efforts, which may include

background research, consultation, oral history interviews, sample field investigation, and field survey. Based on the information submitted in the PCN and these identification efforts, the district engineer shall determine whether the proposed NWP activity has the potential to cause effects on the historic properties. Section 106 consultation is not required when the district engineer determines that the activity does not have the potential to cause effects on historic properties (see 36 CFR 800.3(a)). Section 106 consultation is required when the district engineer determines that the activity has the potential to cause effects on historic properties. The district engineer will conduct consultation with consulting parties identified under 36 CFR 800.2(c) when he or she makes any of the following effect determinations for the purposes of section 106 of the NHPA: no historic properties affected, no adverse effect, or adverse effect. Where the non-Federal applicant has identified historic properties on which the activity might have the potential to cause effects and so notified the Corps, the non-Federal applicant shall not begin the activity until notified by the district engineer either that the activity has no potential to cause effects to historic properties or that NHPA section 106 consultation has been completed.

(d) For non-federal permittees, the district engineer will notify the prospective permittee within 45 days of receipt of a complete pre-construction notification whether NHPA section 106 consultation is required. If NHPA section 106 consultation is required, the district engineer will notify the non-Federal applicant that he or she cannot begin the activity until section 106 consultation is completed. If the non-Federal applicant has not heard back from the Corps within 45 days, the applicant must still wait for notification from the Corps.

(e) Prospective permittees should be aware that section 110k of the NHPA (54 U.S.C. 306113) prevents the Corps from granting a permit or other assistance to an applicant who, with intent to avoid the requirements of section 106 of the NHPA, has intentionally significantly adversely affected a historic property to which the permit would relate, or having legal power to prevent it, allowed such significant adverse effect to occur, unless the Corps, after consultation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), determines that circumstances justify granting such assistance despite the adverse effect created or permitted by the applicant. If circumstances justify granting the assistance, the Corps is required to notify the ACHP and provide documentation specifying the circumstances, the degree of damage to the integrity of any historic properties affected, and proposed mitigation. This documentation must include any views obtained from the applicant, SHPO/THPO, appropriate Indian tribes if the undertaking occurs on or affects historic properties on tribal lands or affects properties of interest to those tribes, and other parties known to have a legitimate interest in the impacts to the permitted activity on historic properties.

21. Discovery of Previously Unknown Remains and Artifacts.

If you discover any previously unknown historic, cultural or archeological remains and artifacts while accomplishing the activity authorized by this permit, you must immediately notify the district engineer of what you have found, and to the maximum extent practicable, avoid construction activities that may affect the remains and artifacts until the required coordination has been completed. The district engineer will initiate the Federal, Tribal, and state coordination required to determine if the items or

remains warrant a recovery effort or if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

22. Designated Critical Resource Waters.

Critical resource waters include, NOAA-managed marine sanctuaries and marine monuments, and National Estuarine Research Reserves. The district engineer may designate, after notice and opportunity for public comment, additional waters officially designated by a state as having particular environmental or ecological significance, such as outstanding national resource waters or state natural heritage sites. The district engineer may also designate additional critical resource waters after notice and opportunity for public comment.

(a) Discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States are not authorized by NWPs 7, 12, 14, 16, 17, 21, 29, 31, 35, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 49, 50, 51, and 52 for any activity within, or directly affecting, critical resource waters, including wetlands adjacent to such waters.

(b) For NWPs 3, 8, 10, 13, 15, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 30, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, and 54, notification is required in accordance with general condition 32, for any activity proposed in the designated critical resource waters including wetlands adjacent to those waters. The district engineer may authorize activities under these NWPs only after it is determined that the impacts to the critical resource waters will be no more than minimal.

23. Mitigation.

The district engineer will consider the following factors when determining appropriate and practicable mitigation necessary to ensure that the individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects are no more than minimal:

(a) The activity must be designed and constructed to avoid and minimize adverse effects, both temporary and permanent, to waters of the United States to the maximum extent practicable at the project site (i.e., on site).

(b) Mitigation in all its forms (avoiding, minimizing, rectifying, reducing, or compensating for resource losses) will be required to the extent necessary to ensure that the individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects are no more than minimal.

(c) Compensatory mitigation at a minimum one-for-one ratio will be required for all wetland losses that exceed 1/10-acre and require pre-construction notification, unless the district engineer determines in writing that either some other form of mitigation would be more environmentally appropriate or the adverse environmental effects of the proposed activity are no more than minimal, and provides an activity-specific waiver of this requirement. For wetland losses of 1/10-acre or less that require pre-construction notification, the district engineer may determine on a case-by-case basis that compensatory mitigation is required to ensure that the activity results in only minimal adverse environmental effects.

(d) For losses of streams or other open waters that require pre-construction notification, the district engineer may require compensatory mitigation to ensure that the activity results in no more than minimal adverse environmental effects. Compensatory mitigation for losses of streams should be provided, if practicable, through stream rehabilitation, enhancement, or preservation, since streams are difficult-to-replace resources (see 33 CFR 332.3(e)(3)).

(e) Compensatory mitigation plans for NWP activities in or near streams or other open waters will normally include a requirement for the restoration or enhancement, maintenance, and legal protection (e.g., conservation easements) of riparian areas next to open waters. In some cases, the restoration or maintenance/protection of riparian areas may be the only compensatory mitigation required. Restored riparian areas should consist of native species. The width of the required riparian area will address documented water quality or aquatic habitat loss concerns. Normally, the riparian area will be 25 to 50 feet wide on each side of the stream, but the district engineer may require slightly wider riparian areas to address documented water quality or habitat loss concerns. If it is not possible to restore or maintain/protect a riparian area on both sides of a stream, or if the waterbody is a lake or coastal waters, then restoring or maintaining/protecting a riparian area along a single bank or shoreline may be sufficient. Where both wetlands and open waters exist on the project site, the district engineer will determine the appropriate compensatory mitigation (e.g., riparian areas and/or wetlands compensation) based on what is best for the aquatic environment on a watershed basis. In cases where riparian areas are determined to be the most appropriate form of minimization or compensatory mitigation, the district engineer may waive or reduce the requirement to provide wetland compensatory mitigation for wetland losses.

(f) Compensatory mitigation projects provided to offset losses of aquatic resources must comply with the applicable provisions of 33 CFR part 332.

(1) The prospective permittee is responsible for proposing an appropriate compensatory mitigation option if compensatory mitigation is necessary to ensure that the activity results in no more than minimal adverse environmental effects. For the NWPs, the preferred mechanism for providing compensatory mitigation is mitigation bank credits or in-lieu fee program credits (see 33 CFR 332.3(b)(2) and (3)). However, if an appropriate number and type of mitigation bank or in-lieu credits are not available at the time the PCN is submitted to the district engineer, the district engineer may approve the use of permittee-responsible mitigation.

(2) The amount of compensatory mitigation required by the district engineer must be sufficient to ensure that the authorized activity results in no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects (see 33 CFR 330.1(e)(3)). (See also 33 CFR 332.3(f)).

(3) Since the likelihood of success is greater and the impacts to potentially valuable uplands are reduced, aquatic resource restoration should be the first compensatory mitigation option considered for permittee-responsible mitigation.

(4) If permittee-responsible mitigation is the proposed option, the prospective permittee is responsible for submitting a mitigation plan. A conceptual or detailed mitigation plan may be used by the district engineer to make the decision on the NWP verification request, but a final mitigation plan that addresses the applicable requirements of 33 CFR 332.4(c)(2) through (14) must be approved by the district engineer before the permittee begins work in waters of the United States, unless the district engineer determines that prior approval of the final mitigation plan is not practicable or not necessary to ensure timely completion of the required compensatory mitigation (see 33 CFR 332.3(k)(3)).

(5) If mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program credits are the proposed option, the mitigation plan only needs to address the baseline conditions at the impact site and the number of credits to be provided.

(6) Compensatory mitigation requirements (e.g., resource type and amount to be provided as compensatory mitigation, site protection, ecological performance standards, monitoring requirements) may be addressed through conditions added to the NWP authorization, instead of components of a compensatory mitigation plan (see 33 CFR 332.4(c)(1)(ii)).

(g) Compensatory mitigation will not be used to increase the acreage losses allowed by the acreage limits of the NWPs. For example, if an NWP has an acreage limit of 1/2-acre, it cannot be used to authorize any NWP activity resulting in the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of waters of the United States, even if compensatory mitigation is provided that replaces or restores some of the lost waters. However, compensatory mitigation can and should be used, as necessary, to ensure that an NWP activity already meeting the established acreage limits also satisfies the no more than minimal impact requirement for the NWPs.

(h) Permittees may propose the use of mitigation banks, in-lieu fee programs, or permittee-responsible mitigation. When developing a compensatory mitigation proposal, the permittee must consider appropriate and practicable options consistent with the framework at 33 CFR 332.3(b). For activities resulting in the loss of marine or estuarine resources, permittee-responsible mitigation may be environmentally preferable if there are no mitigation banks or in-lieu fee programs in the area that have marine or estuarine credits available for sale or transfer to the permittee. For permittee-responsible mitigation, the special conditions of the NWP verification must clearly indicate the party or parties responsible for the implementation and performance of the compensatory mitigation project, and, if required, its long-term management.

(i) Where certain functions and services of waters of the United States are permanently adversely affected by a regulated activity, such as discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States that will convert a forested or scrub-shrub wetland to a herbaceous wetland in a permanently maintained utility line right-of-way, mitigation may be required to reduce the adverse environmental effects of the activity to the no more than minimal level.

24. Safety of Impoundment Structures.

To ensure that all impoundment structures are safely designed, the district engineer may require non-Federal applicants to demonstrate that the structures comply with established state dam safety criteria or have been designed by qualified persons. The district engineer may also require documentation that the design has been independently reviewed by similarly qualified persons, and appropriate modifications made to ensure safety.

25. Water Quality.

Where States and authorized Tribes, or EPA where applicable, have not previously certified compliance of an NWP with CWA section 401, individual 401 Water Quality Certification must be obtained or waived (see 33 CFR 330.4(c)). The district engineer or State or Tribe may require additional water quality management measures to

ensure that the authorized activity does not result in more than minimal degradation of water quality.

26. Coastal Zone Management.

In coastal states where an NWP has not previously received a state coastal zone management consistency concurrence, an individual state coastal zone management consistency concurrence must be obtained, or a presumption of concurrence must occur (see 33 CFR 330.4(d)). The district engineer or a State may require additional measures to ensure that the authorized activity is consistent with state coastal zone management requirements.

27. Regional and Case-By-Case Conditions.

The activity must comply with any regional conditions that may have been added by the Division Engineer (see 33 CFR 330.4(e)) and with any case specific conditions added by the Corps or by the state, Indian Tribe, or U.S. EPA in its section 401 Water Quality Certification, or by the state in its Coastal Zone Management Act consistency determination.

28. Use of Multiple Nationwide Permits.

The use of more than one NWP for a single and complete project is prohibited, except when the acreage loss of waters of the United States authorized by the NWPs does not exceed the acreage limit of the NWP with the highest specified acreage limit. For example, if a road crossing over tidal waters is constructed under NWP 14, with associated bank stabilization authorized by NWP 13, the maximum acreage loss of waters of the United States for the total project cannot exceed 1/3-acre.

29. Transfer of Nationwide Permit Verifications.

If the permittee sells the property associated with a nationwide permit verification, the permittee may transfer the nationwide permit verification to the new owner by submitting a letter to the appropriate Corps district office to validate the transfer. A copy of the nationwide permit verification must be attached to the letter, and the letter must contain the following statement and signature:

“When the structures or work authorized by this nationwide permit are still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of this nationwide permit, including any special conditions, will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of the property. To validate the transfer of this nationwide permit and the associated liabilities associated with compliance with its terms and conditions, have the transferee sign and date below.”

(Transferee)

(Date)

30. Compliance Certification.

Each permittee who receives an NWP verification letter from the Corps must provide a signed certification documenting completion of the authorized activity and implementation of any required compensatory mitigation. The success of any required permittee-responsible mitigation, including the achievement of ecological performance standards, will be addressed separately by the district engineer. The Corps will provide the permittee the certification document with the NWP verification letter. The certification document will include:

(a) A statement that the authorized activity was done in accordance with the NWP authorization, including any general, regional, or activity-specific conditions;

(b) A statement that the implementation of any required compensatory mitigation was completed in accordance with the permit conditions. If credits from a mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program are used to satisfy the compensatory mitigation requirements, the certification must include the documentation required by 33 CFR 332.3(l)(3) to confirm that the permittee secured the appropriate number and resource type of credits; and

(c) The signature of the permittee certifying the completion of the activity and mitigation.

The completed certification document must be submitted to the district engineer within 30 days of completion of the authorized activity or the implementation of any required compensatory mitigation, whichever occurs later.

31. Activities Affecting Structures or Works Built by the United States.

If an NWP activity also requires permission from the Corps pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 408 because it will alter or temporarily or permanently occupy or use a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) federally authorized Civil Works project (a "USACE project"), the prospective permittee must submit a pre-construction notification. See paragraph (b)(10) of general condition 32. An activity that requires section 408 permission is not authorized by NWP until the appropriate Corps office issues the section 408 permission to alter, occupy, or use the USACE project, and the district engineer issues a written NWP verification.

32. Pre-Construction Notification.

(a) Timing. Where required by the terms of the NWP, the prospective permittee must notify the district engineer by submitting a pre-construction notification (PCN) as early as possible. The district engineer must determine if the PCN is complete within 30 calendar days of the date of receipt and, if the PCN is determined to be incomplete, notify the prospective permittee within that 30 day period to request the additional information necessary to make the PCN complete. The request must specify the information needed to make the PCN complete. As a general rule, district engineers will request additional information necessary to make the PCN complete only once. However, if the prospective permittee does not provide all of the requested information, then the district engineer will notify the prospective permittee that the PCN is still incomplete and the PCN review process will not commence until all of the requested information has been received by the district engineer. The prospective permittee shall not begin the activity until either:

(1) He or she is notified in writing by the district engineer that the activity may proceed under the NWP with any special conditions imposed by the district or division engineer; or

(2) 45 calendar days have passed from the district engineer's receipt of the complete PCN and the prospective permittee has not received written notice from the district or division engineer. However, if the permittee was required to notify the Corps pursuant to general condition 18 that listed species or critical habitat might be affected or are in the vicinity of the activity, or to notify the Corps pursuant to general condition 20 that the activity might have the potential to cause effects to historic properties, the permittee cannot begin the activity until receiving written notification from the Corps that there is "no effect" on listed species or "no potential to cause effects" on historic properties, or that any consultation required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (see 33 CFR 330.4(f)) and/or section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (see 33 CFR 330.4(g)) has been completed. Also, work cannot begin under NWPs 21, 49, or 50 until the permittee has received written approval from the Corps. If the proposed activity requires a written waiver to exceed specified limits of an NWP, the permittee may not begin the activity until the district engineer issues the waiver. If the district or division engineer notifies the permittee in writing that an individual permit is required within 45 calendar days of receipt of a complete PCN, the permittee cannot begin the activity until an individual permit has been obtained. Subsequently, the permittee's right to proceed under the NWP may be modified, suspended, or revoked only in accordance with the procedure set forth in 33 CFR 330.5(d)(2).

(b) Contents of Pre-Construction Notification: The PCN must be in writing and include the following information:

(1) Name, address and telephone numbers of the prospective permittee;

(2) Location of the proposed activity;

(3) Identify the specific NWP or NWP(s) the prospective permittee wants to use to authorize the proposed activity;

(4) A description of the proposed activity; the activity's purpose; direct and indirect adverse environmental effects the activity would cause, including the anticipated amount of loss of wetlands, other special aquatic sites, and other waters expected to result from the NWP activity, in acres, linear feet, or other appropriate unit of measure; a description of any proposed mitigation measures intended to reduce the adverse environmental effects caused by the proposed activity; and any other NWP(s), regional general permit(s), or individual permit(s) used or intended to be used to authorize any part of the proposed project or any related activity, including other separate and distant crossings for linear projects that require Department of the Army authorization but do not require pre-construction notification. The description of the proposed activity and any proposed mitigation measures should be sufficiently detailed to allow the district engineer to determine that the adverse environmental effects of the activity will be no more than minimal and to determine the need for compensatory mitigation or other mitigation measures. For single and complete linear projects, the PCN must include the quantity of anticipated losses of wetlands, other special aquatic sites, and other waters for each single and complete crossing of those wetlands, other special aquatic sites, and other waters. Sketches should be provided when necessary to show that the activity complies with the terms of the NWP. (Sketches usually clarify the activity and when provided

results in a quicker decision. Sketches should contain sufficient detail to provide an illustrative description of the proposed activity (e.g., a conceptual plan), but do not need to be detailed engineering plans);

(5) The PCN must include a delineation of wetlands, other special aquatic sites, and other waters, such as lakes and ponds, and perennial, intermittent, and ephemeral streams, on the project site. Wetland delineations must be prepared in accordance with the current method required by the Corps. The permittee may ask the Corps to delineate the special aquatic sites and other waters on the project site, but there may be a delay if the Corps does the delineation, especially if the project site is large or contains many wetlands, other special aquatic sites, and other waters. Furthermore, the 45 day period will not start until the delineation has been submitted to or completed by the Corps, as appropriate;

(6) If the proposed activity will result in the loss of greater than 1/10-acre of wetlands and a PCN is required, the prospective permittee must submit a statement describing how the mitigation requirement will be satisfied, or explaining why the adverse environmental effects are no more than minimal and why compensatory mitigation should not be required. As an alternative, the prospective permittee may submit a conceptual or detailed mitigation plan.

(7) For non-Federal permittees, if any listed species or designated critical habitat might be affected or is in the vicinity of the activity, or if the activity is located in designated critical habitat, the PCN must include the name(s) of those endangered or threatened species that might be affected by the proposed activity or utilize the designated critical habitat that might be affected by the proposed activity. For NWP activities that require pre-construction notification, Federal permittees must provide documentation demonstrating compliance with the Endangered Species Act;

(8) For non-Federal permittees, if the NWP activity might have the potential to cause effects to a historic property listed on, determined to be eligible for listing on, or potentially eligible for listing on, the National Register of Historic Places, the PCN must state which historic property might have the potential to be affected by the proposed activity or include a vicinity map indicating the location of the historic property. For NWP activities that require pre-construction notification, Federal permittees must provide documentation demonstrating compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act;

(9) For an activity that will occur in a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System, or in a river officially designated by Congress as a "study river" for possible inclusion in the system while the river is in an official study status, the PCN must identify the Wild and Scenic River or the "study river" (see general condition 16); and

(10) For an activity that requires permission from the Corps pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 408 because it will alter or temporarily or permanently occupy or use a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers federally authorized civil works project, the pre-construction notification must include a statement confirming that the project proponent has submitted a written request for section 408 permission from the Corps office having jurisdiction over that USACE project.

(c) Form of Pre-Construction Notification: The standard individual permit application form (Form ENG 4345) may be used, but the completed application form

must clearly indicate that it is an NWP PCN and must include all of the applicable information required in paragraphs (b)(1) through (10) of this general condition. A letter containing the required information may also be used. Applicants may provide electronic files of PCNs and supporting materials if the district engineer has established tools and procedures for electronic submittals.

(d) Agency Coordination: (1) The district engineer will consider any comments from Federal and state agencies concerning the proposed activity's compliance with the terms and conditions of the NWPs and the need for mitigation to reduce the activity's adverse environmental effects so that they are no more than minimal.

(2) Agency coordination is required for: (i) all NWP activities that require pre-construction notification and result in the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of waters of the United States; (ii) NWP 21, 29, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 50, 51, and 52 activities that require pre-construction notification and will result in the loss of greater than 300 linear feet of stream bed; (iii) NWP 13 activities in excess of 500 linear feet, fills greater than one cubic yard per running foot, or involve discharges of dredged or fill material into special aquatic sites; and (iv) NWP 54 activities in excess of 500 linear feet, or that extend into the waterbody more than 30 feet from the mean low water line in tidal waters or the ordinary high water mark in the Great Lakes.

(3) When agency coordination is required, the district engineer will immediately provide (e.g., via e-mail, facsimile transmission, overnight mail, or other expeditious manner) a copy of the complete PCN to the appropriate Federal or state offices (FWS, state natural resource or water quality agency, EPA, and, if appropriate, the NMFS). With the exception of NWP 37, these agencies will have 10 calendar days from the date the material is transmitted to notify the district engineer via telephone, facsimile transmission, or e-mail that they intend to provide substantive, site-specific comments. The comments must explain why the agency believes the adverse environmental effects will be more than minimal. If so contacted by an agency, the district engineer will wait an additional 15 calendar days before making a decision on the pre-construction notification. The district engineer will fully consider agency comments received within the specified time frame concerning the proposed activity's compliance with the terms and conditions of the NWPs, including the need for mitigation to ensure the net adverse environmental effects of the proposed activity are no more than minimal. The district engineer will provide no response to the resource agency, except as provided below. The district engineer will indicate in the administrative record associated with each pre-construction notification that the resource agencies' concerns were considered. For NWP 37, the emergency watershed protection and rehabilitation activity may proceed immediately in cases where there is an unacceptable hazard to life or a significant loss of property or economic hardship will occur. The district engineer will consider any comments received to decide whether the NWP 37 authorization should be modified, suspended, or revoked in accordance with the procedures at 33 CFR 330.5.

(4) In cases of where the prospective permittee is not a Federal agency, the district engineer will provide a response to NMFS within 30 calendar days of receipt of any Essential Fish Habitat conservation recommendations, as required by section 305(b)(4)(B) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

(5) Applicants are encouraged to provide the Corps with either electronic files or multiple copies of pre-construction notifications to expedite agency coordination.

D. District Engineer's Decision

1. In reviewing the PCN for the proposed activity, the district engineer will determine whether the activity authorized by the NWP will result in more than minimal individual or cumulative adverse environmental effects or may be contrary to the public interest. If a project proponent requests authorization by a specific NWP, the district engineer should issue the NWP verification for that activity if it meets the terms and conditions of that NWP, unless he or she determines, after considering mitigation, that the proposed activity will result in more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse effects on the aquatic environment and other aspects of the public interest and exercises discretionary authority to require an individual permit for the proposed activity. For a linear project, this determination will include an evaluation of the individual crossings of waters of the United States to determine whether they individually satisfy the terms and conditions of the NWP(s), as well as the cumulative effects caused by all of the crossings authorized by NWP. If an applicant requests a waiver of the 300 linear foot limit on impacts to streams or of an otherwise applicable limit, as provided for in NWPs 13, 21, 29, 36, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 50, 51, 52, or 54, the district engineer will only grant the waiver upon a written determination that the NWP activity will result in only minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects. For those NWPs that have a waivable 300 linear foot limit for losses of intermittent and ephemeral stream bed and a 1/2-acre limit (i.e., NWPs 21, 29, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 50, 51, and 52), the loss of intermittent and ephemeral stream bed, plus any other losses of jurisdictional waters and wetlands, cannot exceed 1/2-acre.

2. When making minimal adverse environmental effects determinations the district engineer will consider the direct and indirect effects caused by the NWP activity. He or she will also consider the cumulative adverse environmental effects caused by activities authorized by NWP and whether those cumulative adverse environmental effects are no more than minimal. The district engineer will also consider site specific factors, such as the environmental setting in the vicinity of the NWP activity, the type of resource that will be affected by the NWP activity, the functions provided by the aquatic resources that will be affected by the NWP activity, the degree or magnitude to which the aquatic resources perform those functions, the extent that aquatic resource functions will be lost as a result of the NWP activity (e.g., partial or complete loss), the duration of the adverse effects (temporary or permanent), the importance of the aquatic resource functions to the region (e.g., watershed or ecoregion), and mitigation required by the district engineer. If an appropriate functional or condition assessment method is available and practicable to use, that assessment method may be used by the district engineer to assist in the minimal adverse environmental effects determination. The district engineer may add case-specific special conditions to the NWP authorization to address site-specific environmental concerns.

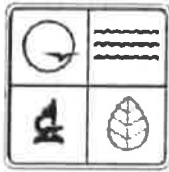
3. If the proposed activity requires a PCN and will result in a loss of greater than 1/10-acre of wetlands, the prospective permittee should submit a mitigation proposal with the PCN. Applicants may also propose compensatory mitigation for NWP activities with smaller impacts, or for impacts to other types of waters (e.g., streams). The district

engineer will consider any proposed compensatory mitigation or other mitigation measures the applicant has included in the proposal in determining whether the net adverse environmental effects of the proposed activity are no more than minimal. The compensatory mitigation proposal may be either conceptual or detailed. If the district engineer determines that the activity complies with the terms and conditions of the NWP and that the adverse environmental effects are no more than minimal, after considering mitigation, the district engineer will notify the permittee and include any activity-specific conditions in the NWP verification the district engineer deems necessary. Conditions for compensatory mitigation requirements must comply with the appropriate provisions at 33 CFR 332.3(k). The district engineer must approve the final mitigation plan before the permittee commences work in waters of the United States, unless the district engineer determines that prior approval of the final mitigation plan is not practicable or not necessary to ensure timely completion of the required compensatory mitigation. If the prospective permittee elects to submit a compensatory mitigation plan with the PCN, the district engineer will expeditiously review the proposed compensatory mitigation plan. The district engineer must review the proposed compensatory mitigation plan within 45 calendar days of receiving a complete PCN and determine whether the proposed mitigation would ensure the NWP activity results in no more than minimal adverse environmental effects. If the net adverse environmental effects of the NWP activity (after consideration of the mitigation proposal) are determined by the district engineer to be no more than minimal, the district engineer will provide a timely written response to the applicant. The response will state that the NWP activity can proceed under the terms and conditions of the NWP, including any activity-specific conditions added to the NWP authorization by the district engineer.

4. If the district engineer determines that the adverse environmental effects of the proposed activity are more than minimal, then the district engineer will notify the applicant either: (a) that the activity does not qualify for authorization under the NWP and instruct the applicant on the procedures to seek authorization under an individual permit; (b) that the activity is authorized under the NWP subject to the applicant's submission of a mitigation plan that would reduce the adverse environmental effects so that they are no more than minimal; or (c) that the activity is authorized under the NWP with specific modifications or conditions. Where the district engineer determines that mitigation is required to ensure no more than minimal adverse environmental effects, the activity will be authorized within the 45-day PCN period (unless additional time is required to comply with general conditions 18, 20, and/or 31, or to evaluate PCNs for activities authorized by NWPs 21, 49, and 50), with activity-specific conditions that state the mitigation requirements. The authorization will include the necessary conceptual or detailed mitigation plan or a requirement that the applicant submit a mitigation plan that would reduce the adverse environmental effects so that they are no more than minimal. When compensatory mitigation is required, no work in waters of the United States may occur until the district engineer has approved a specific mitigation plan or has determined that prior approval of a final mitigation plan is not practicable or not necessary to ensure timely completion of the required compensatory mitigation.

E. Further Information

1. District Engineers have authority to determine if an activity complies with the terms and conditions of an NWP.
2. NWPs do not obviate the need to obtain other federal, state, or local permits, approvals, or authorizations required by law.
3. NWPs do not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges.
4. NWPs do not authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.
5. NWPs do not authorize interference with any existing or proposed Federal project (see general condition 31).



Missouri Department of Natural Resources

CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION 2017 GENERAL AND SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

Water Protection Program

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Consistent with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, these precertified conditions are designed to ensure activities carried out under Nationwide Permits (NWP) authorized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) do not violate Missouri Water Quality Standards at 10 CSR 20-7.031, resulting in permanent damage to habitat, increased turbidity, reduced bank and channel stability or impacts to the biological and chemical integrity of the waters. Where applicable, these conditions are in addition to, not a replacement for, any federal requirements or conditions.

The conditions outlined in this document apply to those authorized projects where the applicant has chosen to accept these conditions instead of pursuing an individual Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) for the following NWPs:

- Only General Conditions apply to projects authorized by NWPs 5, 7, 15, 18, 23, 25, 27, 29, 30, 31, 36, 39, 40, 43, 45, and 46.
- Both General and Specific Conditions apply to projects authorized by NWPs 3, 4, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 22, 33, 41, 42, 53 and 54.

Alternatively, an applicant may apply for individual WQC if they do not wish to accept the conditions outlined in this document.

Projects authorized by NWPs 17, 21, 32, 34, 37, 38, 44, 48, 49, 50, 51 and 52 require individual WQC by the Department of Natural Resources.

NWPs 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 28 and 35 authorize projects under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 only. An activity needing only a Section 10 permit may require a WQC if that activity can reasonably be expected to result in any discharge either during construction or operation of the facility. Thus, if the agency determines the activity is likely to result in a discharge during construction or operation, the Department of Natural Resources has the discretion to require a WQC for a Section 10 activity. The USACE will advise a Section 10 permit applicant that they may need a WQC if there is a reasonable expectation that a discharge will occur either during the construction or operation of the project.

Pursuant to Chapter 644.037, RSMo, the Department of Natural Resources shall certify without conditions NWPs as they apply to impacts on wetlands in Missouri.

Pursuant to Chapter 644.038, RSMo, the Department of Natural Resources certifies all NWPs for impacts in all waters of the state without the above-stated or any other conditions for the construction of highways and bridges approved by the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission. The Memorandum of Understanding of 2016 and any subsequent modifications between the two agencies outline the requirements by which the Missouri Department of Transportation will design and construct projects in order to protect the water quality of waters of the state.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. NWPs shall not allow the filling of jurisdictional springs such as those associated with a water body's point of origin or located in a streambed.
2. Acquisition of NWPs and the attendant WQCs shall not be construed or interpreted to imply the requirements for other permits are replaced or superseded, including Clean Water Act Section 402 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permits for land disturbance or return water from material deposition. Permits or any other requirements shall remain in effect. Applicants with questions are encouraged to contact the Department of Natural Resources' regional office in the project area. A regional office map with contact information can be located at www.dnr.mo.gov/regions/regions.htm.

3. Care shall be taken to keep machinery out of the water way as much as possible. If work in the water way is unavoidable, it shall be performed in a way that minimizes the duration and amount of any disturbance to banks, substrate and vegetation to prevent increases in turbidity. Fuel, oil and other petroleum products, equipment, construction materials and any solid waste shall not be stored below the ordinary high water mark at any time or in the adjacent flood-prone areas beyond normal working hours. All precautions shall be taken to avoid the release of wastes or fuel to streams and other adjacent waters as a result of this operation.
 4. Petroleum products spilled into any water or on the banks where the material may enter waters of the state shall be immediately cleaned up and disposed of properly. Any such spills of petroleum shall be reported as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours after discovery to the Department of Natural Resources' Environmental Emergency Response number at 573-634-2436 or website at <http://dnr.mo.gov/env/esp/esp-eer.htm>.
 5. Only clean, nonpolluting fill shall be used. The following materials are not suitable where contact with water is expected such as for bank stabilization, and shall not be used due to their potential to cause violations of the general and numeric criteria of the Water Quality Standards:
 - a. Earthen fill, gravel, broken concrete where the material does not meet the specifications stated in the "Missouri Nationwide Permit Regional Conditions" ([updated link based on 2017 regional condition revisions](#)) and fragmented asphalt, since these materials are usually not substantial enough to withstand erosive flows.
 - b. Concrete with exposed rebar.
 - c. Tires, vehicles or vehicle bodies, construction or demolition debris are solid waste and are excluded from placement in the waters of the state.
 - d. Liquid concrete, including grouted riprap, if not placed as part of an engineered structure.
 - e. Any material containing chemicals that would result in violation of water quality standards.
 6. Clearing of vegetation and trees shall be the minimum necessary to accomplish the activity except for the removal of invasive or noxious species and placement of ecologically beneficial practices. A vegetated riparian buffer strip shall be maintained during all stages of the project, including post-construction, from the high bank on either side of the jurisdictional channel to protect water quality and to provide for long-term stability of the stream channel, unless physical barriers prevent such a corridor. For purposes of these NWP, lack of ownership or control of any portion of the riparian buffer strip may be considered a legitimate and discretionary cause to waive this requirement on that portion.
 7. An individual WQC is required for any NWP issued on a water that is:
 - a. Listed for a sediment-related impairment, aquatic habitat alteration or unknown impairment as listed in the most current Water Quality Report (Section 305(b) Report) at <http://dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/waterquality/303d/303d.htm>; or
 - b. Located in or occur within two miles upstream of a designated outstanding state or national resource water as found in 10 CSR 20-7.031, Tables D and E at <http://s1.sos.mo.gov/cmsimages/adrules/csr/current/10csr/10c20-7a.pdf>.
- The Department of Natural Resources' geospatial data is available upon request, and all published data is available on the Missouri Spatial Data Information Services website at msdis.missouri.edu/. Additional information to identify the project location, including stream reaches with listed impairments or special water designations, may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources' Water Protection Program at 573-522-4502.
8. Discharge to designated metropolitan no-discharge streams is prohibited, except as specifically permitted under the Water Quality Standards, 10 CSR 20-7.031, and non-contaminated stormwater flows. No water contaminant except uncontaminated cooling water, permitted stormwater discharges in compliance with permit conditions, and excess wet-weather bypass discharges not interfering with beneficial uses should be discharged to the watersheds of streams listed in 10 CSR 20-7.031, Table F at <http://s1.sos.mo.gov/cmsimages/adrules/csr/current/10csr/10c20-7a.pdf>.
 9. A stream's pattern, profile and dimension, including but not limited to sinuosity, slope and channel width, shall be maintained as much as practicable. Streambed gradient shall not be adversely impacted during project construction. No project shall accelerate bed or bank erosion.
 10. NWPs authorized by the USACE for which the district engineer waives the impact limit related to linear feet (LF) or width shall require notification to the Department of Natural Resources. The Department of Natural Resources shall respond within 15 calendar days whether or not individual WQC would be required. This is applicable to NWPs 13, 29, 36, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 50, 51, 52 and 54.

11. Proposed projects authorized by the USACE and containing a waiver of any "Missouri Nationwide Permit Regional Condition," except Regional Conditions 2, 3 and 7, shall require an individual WQC by the state.
12. Representatives from the Department of Natural Resources shall be allowed upon request on the project property, which includes the site(s) where the authorized activity takes place and any associated compensatory mitigation site(s), to inspect the authorized activity and mitigation efforts as deemed necessary by the Department of Natural Resources to ensure compliance with WQC conditions and water quality standards. The applicant or their consultant shall submit any requested information deemed necessary by the Department of Natural Resources to ensure compliance with WQC conditions.
13. After avoidance and minimization for the project, all unavoidable, adverse impacts shall be mitigated appropriately based on type and extent of impact.
 - a. Mitigation for loss of aquatic resources shall be in conformance with the currently approved "Missouri Stream Mitigation Method" and/or other mitigation guidance approved for use in Missouri. Mitigation guidance documents can be located online at www.nwk.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryBranch/StateofMissouri.
 - b. Mitigation shall be within the state of Missouri.
 - c. The applicant shall comply with the higher value of compensatory mitigation required by either the Department of Natural Resources or the USACE, but not both unless explicitly noted.
 - d. Stream impacts shall require compensatory mitigation with only in-stream or riparian corridor credits, unless the Department of Natural Resources agrees to an alternative.
14. Antidegradation requirements dictate all appropriate and reasonable Best Management Practices related to erosion and sediment control, project stabilization and prevention of water quality degradation are applied and maintained; for example, preserving vegetation, streambank stability and basic drainage. Best Management Practices shall be properly installed prior to conducting authorized activities and maintained, repaired and/or replaced as needed during all phases of the project to limit the amount of discharge of water contaminants to waters of the state. The project shall not involve more than normal stormwater or incidental loading of sediment caused by project activities so as to comply with Missouri's general water quality criteria [10 CSR 20-7.031(4); Page 15 at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/cmsimages/adrules/csr/current/10csr10c20-7a.pdf>].
15. Channelization of streams is not allowed under this precertification:
 - a. Channelization includes but is not limited to reducing the length of the channel, widening the channel for increased water storage or flow, and/or construction of hard structures which concentrate flow.
 - b. Bank stabilization activities along one bank of a stream are permitted, including but not limited to, bank sloping and riprapping.
 - c. The redirection of flow by excavation of the opposite bank or a streambed is considered a channel modification and is prohibited.
16. No new or expanded wet stormwater retention basins or similar impoundment structures may be constructed unless they are located off-channel. In-channel dry stormwater detention basins are allowable if the stream channel is either temporarily or not adversely affected by the basin.
17. Any waste concrete or concrete rinsate shall be disposed of in a manner that does not result in any discharge to the jurisdictional waterways.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

18. Nationwide Permit 3 Maintenance
 - a. Silt, sediment and debris removal shall be limited to a maximum of 100 LF upstream and 100 LF downstream of structures.
 - b. During dewatering, water shall not be returned directly to the water way but shall be pumped upland and filtered through an appropriate treatment device as prescribed in any existing separate permit authorizing the discharge of return water. If, however, instream flow is 1 cubic foot per second (cfs) or greater and the return rate is set at 1 cfs or less, return may be made directly to the stream.
19. Nationwide Permit 4 Fish and Wildlife Harvesting, Enhancement, and Attraction Devices and Activities
Any inorganic or extraneous debris such as may be found on Christmas trees shall be removed to qualify as clean, nonpolluting fill.

20. Nationwide Permit 6 Survey Activities

Water, fines and excavated materials displaced by activities such as borings, shall not be returned directly to the water way, but shall be pumped upland and filtered through an appropriate treatment device as prescribed in any existing separate permit authorizing the discharge of return water.

21. Nationwide Permit 7 Outfall Structures and Associated Intake Structures

WQC does not replace or negate the need to obtain any required state permits under the Missouri Clean Water Law (Chapter 644, RSMo) for construction of wastewater treatment facility components including outfall structures; permits to release wastewater effluents; or for the construction of components related to public water supplies including intake structures as may be required by the Missouri Safe Drinking Water Law (Chapter 640, RSMo).

22. Nationwide Permit 12 Utility Line Activities

- a. For utility crossings that must disturb a water body, work shall be conducted in such a manner as to seal off the work area from flow and minimize sediment transport.
- b. Material resulting from activity may not be temporarily side-cast into waters of the state for more than one month.
- c. Directional boring to avoid impacts to waters of the state is recommended.
- d. Drilling mud and/or other materials shall not be discharged into waters of the state. Best Management Practices shall be implemented to prevent possible discharges from reaching waters of the state. In the event materials are inadvertently discharged to waters of the state, notification to the Department of Natural Resources is required within 24 hours by calling 573-522-4502. Restoration of the impacted water(s) may be required.
- e. Utility line crossings shall be placed as close to perpendicular as possible, and be limited to a maximum crossing length of no more than one and one-half times the width of the stream.
- f. New utilities lines, when considering the project as a whole, which (1) Cross more than one jurisdictional water resulting in greater than 500 LF and/or 0.50 acre of impact to jurisdictional waters as a project total, and (2) Travel through more than two county jurisdictions or more than one state jurisdiction shall be viewed as a whole project in the WQC process and require individual WQC of all crossings, except crossings utilizing directional boring.

23. Nationwide Permit 13 Bank Stabilization

Innovative stabilization approaches require consultation with the Department of Natural Resources prior to approval and may require an individual WQC. The permittee shall invite the USACE and the Department of Natural Resources as well as the other state and federal resource agencies to examine innovative approaches.

24. Nationwide Permit 14 Linear Transportation Projects

- a. The permittee must propose and employ measures to mitigate the removal of impounded sediment (e.g., sand, gravel) in the unstable area upstream of a proposed project to prevent it from being transported downstream and/or construct a notched weir to slow the release of impounded sediment from upstream of the proposed project. Accumulated gravel may be allowed to naturally deposit into downstream plunge pool voids. Consultation with a hydrologist or other scientist is recommended if the amount of accumulated unconsolidated gravel exceeds the volume of plunge pool voids.
- b. Where this NWP is used to authorize bridge and culvert structures, stream channel work is limited to a maximum of 100 feet upstream and a maximum of 100 feet downstream of the bridge or culvert. For purposes of this condition, a channel modification is any activity that alters the width, depth, length and/or sinuosity of a water way.

25. Nationwide Permit 16 Return Water from Upland Contained Disposal Areas

These activities could have specific tasks or processes involved which may require the acquisition of separate general or site specific permits. All applicants shall contact the Department of Natural Resources' Water Protection Program at 573-522-4502 to determine any specific requirements which may or may not require an individual WQC.

26. Nationwide Permit 19 Minor Dredging

These activities could have specific tasks or processes involved which may require the acquisition of separate general or site specific permits. All applicants shall contact the Department of Natural Resources' Water Protection Program at 573-522-4502 to determine any specific requirements which may or may not require an individual WQC.

27. Nationwide Permit 20 Response Operations for Oil and Hazardous Substances

- a. These activities could have specific tasks or processes involved which may require the acquisition of separate general or site specific permits. All applicants shall contact the Department of Natural Resources' Water Protection Program at 573-522-4502 to determine any specific requirements which may or may not require an individual WQC.
- b. Oil and hazardous substance releases are to be reported to the Department of Natural Resources' Environmental Emergency Response number at 573-634-2436. Continue to report updates with regard to the containment and cleanup of releases.

28. Nationwide Permit 22 Removal of Vessels

Use of this NWP in Missouri is limited to removal actions only and shall not be used for any disposal of vessel.

29. Nationwide Permit 33 Temporary Construction, Access and Dewatering

- a. The use of this NWP shall be limited to impacts of six months or less in duration.
- b. Any removal of accumulated sediment (e.g., sand, gravel) upstream of a proposed project shall be limited to the quantity necessary to relieve any obstruction or to protect downstream habitat. The permittee must propose and employ measures to mitigate the removal of impounded sediment in the unstable area upstream of a proposed project to prevent it from being transported downstream and/or construct a notched weir to slow the release of impounded sediment from upstream of the proposed project.

30. Nationwide Permit 41 Reshaping Existing Drainage Ditches

- a. Material from the reshaping activities shall not be side-cast into any jurisdictional waters.
- b. Removal of vegetation shall be the minimum necessary to conduct approved activity except for the removal of invasive or noxious species. The Department of Natural Resources encourages deep-rooted vegetation to be maintained on at least one side of the water way to protect water quality; for example, leaving trees on the west side to prevent temperature exceedances in the water way.

31. Nationwide Permit 42 Recreational Facilities

The vegetated riparian buffer strip to be maintained from the high bank on either side of the jurisdictional channel may be used in part for the construction of public recreational trails, including those constructed to standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

32. Nationwide Permit 53 Removal of Low-Head Dams

- a. The permittee must propose and employ measures to mitigate the removal of impounded sediment (e.g., sand, gravel) in the unstable area upstream of a proposed project to prevent it from being transported downstream and/or construct a notched weir to slow the release of impounded sediment from upstream of the proposed project. Accumulated gravel may be allowed to naturally deposit into downstream plunge pool voids. Consultation with a hydrologist or other scientist is recommended if the amount of accumulated unconsolidated gravel exceeds the volume of plunge pool voids.
- b. Stream channel work is limited to a maximum of 100 feet upstream and a maximum of 100 feet downstream of the dam.
- c. Restoration of the stream channel to its former, natural state is authorized. Individual WQC is required for non-natural channel modifications. For purposes of this condition, a channel modification is any activity that alters the width, depth, length and/or sinuosity of a water way.

33. Nationwide Permit 54 Living Shorelines

Innovative stabilization approaches require consultation with the Department of Natural Resources prior to approval and may require an individual WQC. Invite the USACE and the Department of Natural Resources as well as the other state and federal resource agencies to examine innovative approaches.

Applications for WQC should be sent to the Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176, or electronically to wpsc401cert@dnr.mo.gov. A complete application consists of the application submitted to the USACE as well as additional information necessary for a complete review of the project. This may include but is not limited to topographical maps, locational maps, engineering plans, project diagrams and where applicable mitigation plans [Section 644.026.26, RSMo and 10 CSR 20-6.060(5)].

An issued WQC becomes part of and expires with the Section 404 and/or Section 10 permit unless explicitly stated in the WQC. Consultation with the Department of Natural Resources is required should the permit require modification. Not all permit modifications require the WQC to be modified or reissued. For example when a permit expiration date is extended or the permit is reissued and there are no changes to the original project or water quality standards, the WQC may remain valid for that project.

The Department of Natural Resources encourages, but does not require the permittee to consider environmentally-friendly design techniques to include stormwater management strategies that maintain or restore the original site hydrology through infiltration, evaporation or reuse of stormwater. Designs might include creating vegetated swales or rain gardens, or using porous pavement. More information can be found at these websites: www.epa.gov/owow/NPS/lid/ and www.lid-stormwater.net/lid_techniques.htm.

The Department of Natural Resources encourages the use of native vegetation to protect impacted areas from future water quality concerns. Native vegetation has evolved with Missouri's geology, climate and wildlife to occur within a region as a result of natural processes rather than human intervention. For areas where direct impacts to streams are to be avoided, the Department of Natural Resources recommends a minimum riparian buffer strip width of 50 feet as measured from top of bank.

The following publication provides guidance on how to protect water quality through Best Management Practices on project sites. For more information, please read: "Protecting Water Quality: A field guide to erosion, sediment and stormwater best management practices for development sites in Missouri and Kansas" dated January 2011 and located online at <http://dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/wpcp-guide.htm>.

To help determine if a proposed activity could encounter species or sites of conservation concern within or near a project, including those that have not been recorded, the applicant is encouraged to visit:

- Missouri Department of Conservation's "Natural Heritage Review" website at <https://naturalheritagereview.mdc.mo.gov/>, and
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's "Information, Planning and Conservation" website at <http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/>.

If the proposed project encounters and will potentially affect a species of concern, please report it to the Missouri Department of Conservation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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General Guidelines for Stream Crossings

Regional Condition 1

For all Nationwide Permits that involve the construction/installation of culverts and low water crossings, measures will be included in the construction, design, and installation that will allow for the passage of flows and promote the safe passage of fish and other aquatic organisms. The following General Guidelines are required to supplement General Condition (2) Aquatic Life Movements and General Condition (9) Management of Water Flows.

Culverts:

- New or replacement culverts (e.g., box or tubular, pipes, etc.) must be designed, sized, and placed correctly. Culverts perched above the grade of the stream are not allowed. This includes other in-stream structures placed at the inlet with the purpose to reduce sedimentation within the stream crossing. It is acceptable for a portion of the water to pass over the structure if it is designed to be overtopped. Culverts must be the shortest length necessary to meet the project purpose, and a single culvert is encouraged.
- Drop boxes or other structures placed at the inlet with the purpose to reduce sedimentation within the stream crossing are not allowed. Culvert must be the shortest length necessary to meet the project purpose.
- New or replacement culverts, in conjunction with the associated fill material, shall have an appropriately sized opening that allows water flow through and over the crossing that is relative to the bankfull area (See Image 1). For purposes of this regional condition, bankfull area is defined as the height and width of the stream channel within the project to the top of the high bank(s). In addition, if elevations differ on both sides of the stream the lowest elevation shall be used as the height. The following basic guidelines shall be used when designing new or replacement crossing projects:

Stream Type	% of crossing profile that shall remain open
Perennial	Designed to allow an 85% opening to include the culvert(s) and area above the crossing up to the bankfull area.
Intermittent	Designed to allow a 50% opening to include the culvert(s) and area above the crossing up to the bankfull area.
Ephemeral	Placed at a depth below or at the natural stream bottom to provide for passage during low flow conditions.