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**Albuquerque District**

# PUBLIC NOTICE

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**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE  
ANNOUNCING THE REISSUANCE OF THE NATIONWIDE PERMITS  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
AND  
NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT  
ANNOUNCING PUBLIC COMMENT ON SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY  
CERTIFICATION**

On February 21, 2012, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) published the notice in the *Federal Register* announcing the reissuance of all existing nationwide permits (NWP), general conditions, and definitions with some modifications. The Corps also issued two new NWPs, three new general conditions, and three new definitions. The NWPs will be effective on March 19, 2012, and will expire on March 18, 2017.

With the publication of this *Federal Register* notice, Corps districts will begin finalizing their regional conditions for the new and reissued NWPs. Regional conditions will provide additional protection for the aquatic environment, and will help ensure that the NWPs authorize only those activities with minimal adverse effects on the aquatic environment. Regional conditions will help ensure protection of high value waters within the Albuquerque District.

The publication of this *Federal Register* notice also begins the 60-day period for states, Indian Tribes, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to complete their water quality certification (WQC) process for the NWPs. The 60-day period for WQC will end on April 20, 2012.

While the states, Indian Tribes, and EPA complete their WQC processes, the use of an NWP to authorize a discharge into waters of the United States is contingent upon obtaining individual water quality certification or a case-specific WQC waiver.

The February 21, 2012, *Federal Register* notice is available for viewing at the Albuquerque District, 4101 Jefferson Plaza NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109 or on the Internet at <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/RegulatoryProgramandPermits/NationwidePermits.aspx> . As an alternate, Internet users can access the *Federal Register* through the U.S. Government Printing Office at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=FR> .

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The Corps has also issued final decision documents for the new and reissued NWP's. These documents are also available on the Internet at <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/RegulatoryProgramandPermits/NationwidePermits.aspx> and Corps district offices. Furthermore, the NWP decision documents will be supplemented by Division Engineers to address decisions concerning the addition of regional conditions to the NWP's.

State Certification

This Notice also serves as Public Notice of the intent of the New Mexico Environment Department, Surface Water Quality Bureau to consider issuing Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification. The purpose of such certification is to reasonably ensure that the permitted activities will be conducted in a manner that will comply with applicable New Mexico water quality standards, including the antidegradation policy, and the statewide water quality management plan. The dredge and fill permit will not be issued until the certification requirements of Section 401 have been met.

If you want to comment on State Certification, please submit written comments within the 30-day period to:

Bureau Chief  
Surface Water Quality Bureau  
New Mexico Environment Department  
P.O. Box 5469  
1190 Saint Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469  
Phone (505) 827-2795  
Fax (505) 827-0160  
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2. Structures in Artificial Canals
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5. Scientific Measurement Devices
6. Survey Activities
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9. Structures in Fleeting and Anchorage Areas
10. Mooring Buoys
11. Temporary Recreational Structures
12. Utility Line Activities
13. Bank Stabilization
14. Linear Transportation Projects
15. U.S. Coast Guard Approved Bridges
16. Return Water From Upland Contained Disposal Areas
17. Hydropower Projects
18. Minor Discharges
19. Minor Dredging
20. Response Operations for Oil and Hazardous Substances
21. Surface Coal Mining Activities
22. Removal of Vessels
23. Approved Categorical Exclusions
24. Indian Tribe or State Administered Section 404 Programs
25. Structural Discharges
26. [Reserved]
27. Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Establishment, and Enhancement Activities
28. Modifications of Existing Marinas
29. Residential Developments
30. Moist Soil Management for Wildlife
31. Maintenance of Existing Flood Control Facilities
32. Completed Enforcement Actions
33. Temporary Construction, Access, and Dewatering
34. Cranberry Production Activities
35. Maintenance Dredging of Existing Basins
36. Boat Ramps
37. Emergency Watershed Protection and Rehabilitation
38. Cleanup of Hazardous and Toxic Waste
39. Commercial and Institutional Developments
40. Agricultural Activities
41. Reshaping Existing Drainage Ditches
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43. Stormwater Management Facilities
44. Mining Activities
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48. Commercial Shellfish Aquaculture Activities
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51. Land-Based Renewable Energy Generation Facilities
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Nationwide Permit General Conditions

1. Navigation
2. Aquatic Life Movements
3. Spawning Areas
4. Migratory Bird Breeding Areas
5. Shellfish Beds
6. Suitable Material
7. Water Supply Intakes
8. Adverse Effects from Impoundments
9. Management of Water Flows
10. Fills Within 100-Year Floodplains
11. Equipment
12. Soil Erosion and Sediment Controls
13. Removal of Temporary Fills
14. Proper Maintenance
15. Single and Complete Project
16. Wild and Scenic Rivers
17. Tribal Rights
18. Endangered Species
19. Migratory Bird and Bald and Golden Eagle Permits
20. Historic Properties
21. Discovery of Previously Unknown Remains and Artifacts
22. Designated Critical Resource Waters
23. Mitigation
24. Safety of Impoundment Structures
25. Water Quality
26. Coastal Zone Management
27. Regional and Case-by-Case Conditions
28. Use of Multiple Nationwide Permits
29. Transfer of Nationwide Permit Verifications
30. Compliance Certification
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District Engineer's Decision

Further Information

Definitions

Best management practices (BMPs)  
Compensatory mitigation  
Currently serviceable  
Direct effects  
Discharge

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Enhancement  
Ephemeral stream  
Establishment (creation)  
High Tide Line  
Historic property  
Independent utility  
Indirect effects  
Intermittent stream  
Loss of waters of the United States  
Non-tidal wetland  
Open water  
Ordinary high water mark  
Perennial stream  
Practicable  
Pre-construction notification  
Preservation  
Re-establishment  
Rehabilitation  
Restoration  
Riffle and pool complex  
Riparian areas  
Shellfish seeding  
Single and complete linear project  
Single and complete non-linear project  
Stormwater management  
Stormwater management facilities  
Stream bed  
Stream channelization  
Structure  
Tidal wetland  
Vegetated shallows  
Waterbody

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