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Public Notice

2020 Nationwide Permits

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Please address all comments and inquiries to:

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DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE – PROPOSAL

NATIONWIDE PERMIT REISSUANCE REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

On September 15, 2020, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers published in the Federal Register (Vol. 85, No. 179) its proposal to reissue the 52 existing nationwide permits (NWP) and issue five (5) new NWP. This current Public Notice discusses and solicits public comment on the Buffalo, Huntington, Louisville and Pittsburgh Districts' proposal to issue to issue 54 NWP and associated regional conditions, revoke two NWP (NWP A and B) within the State of Ohio, and revoke NWP 52 for use in Lake Erie. Comments relating to regional conditions are due by November 14, 2020 and should be sent to Teresa.d.spagna@usace.army.mil.

NWP are general permits issued on a nationwide basis to streamline the authorization of activities that result in no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects. Many of the proposed NWP require notification to the district engineer before commencing those activities, to ensure that the activities authorized by those NWP cause no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects.

National Issues Concerning the Proposed NWP: The Federal Register notice is the public's opportunity to comment on the proposed NWP, general conditions, and definitions. Comments on national issues relating to these NWP should be submitted to docket number COE-2020-0002 at www.regulations.gov, or by email to nationwidepermits2020@usace.army.mil or by mail to Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Directorate of Civil Works, ATTN: CECW-CO-R, 441 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20314-1000. Instructions for submitting comments are provided in the September 15, 2020 Federal Register notice. Comments on the proposed NWP are due by November 16, 2020.

Regional Issues Concerning the Proposed NWP, Including Regional Conditioning: Division engineers are authorized to add regional conditions specific to

the needs and/or requirements of a particular region or state. Regional conditions are an important mechanism to help ensure that the adverse environmental effects of activities authorized by the NWP's are no more than minimal, both individually and cumulatively. Division engineers may also suspend or revoke specific NWP's in certain geographic areas (e.g., states or watersheds) or high-value aquatic systems where the adverse environmental effects caused by activities authorized by those NWP's may be more than minimal. An enclosure for this public notice (**Enclosure 1**) lists the proposed regional conditions currently under consideration by the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division for the state of Ohio. The Huntington District, in concert with the Buffalo, Louisville and Pittsburgh Districts, is seeking comments on the proposed regional conditions and seeking comments on the need for additional regional conditions to help ensure that the adverse environmental effects of activities authorized by the proposed NWP's are no more than minimal, individually and cumulatively. Unless otherwise noted, all proposed regional conditions listed on this enclosure are applicable for activities in the state of Ohio. Comments on regional issues relating to the proposed NWP's and proposed regional conditions should be sent to Teresa Spagna with the Huntington District by email at Teresa.d.spagna@usace.army.mil. If you do not have internet access, information may be submitted through the U.S. Postal Service to:

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Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070

Comments relating to regional conditions are due by November 14, 2020. Similar public notices proposing regional conditions in other regions or states are being published concurrently by other division or district offices. After the final NWP's are issued, the final regional conditions will be issued after they are approved by the Division Commander.

401 Water Quality Certification and Coastal Zone Management Act: States, tribes, and other certifying authorities will make their Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification decisions after reviewing the proposed NWP's. States will make their Coastal Zone Management Act consistency determination decisions after reviewing the proposed NWP's.

Draft Decision Documents: Draft decision documents for each of the proposed NWP's, which include environmental documentation prepared for the purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act, have been written by Corps Headquarters. The decision documents will address compliance of the NWP's with the requirements for issuance under the Corps' general permit authority. These draft decision documents, as well as the proposed NWP's, are available for viewing at www.regulations.gov, docket number COE-2020-0002. Final decision documents will be prepared for the NWP's that are issued.

Proposed NWP's and Conditions: Enclosed is an index of the proposed NWP's and conditions. Anyone wishing to provide comments may obtain a full text copy of the

NWPs through the Corps Home Page at <https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/Nationwide-Permits/>, at www.regulations.gov in docket number COE-2020-0002, or at the following [Federal Register](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/09/15/2020-17116/proposal-to-reissue-and-modify-nationwide-permits) address: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/09/15/2020-17116/proposal-to-reissue-and-modify-nationwide-permits>. Enclosure 2 provides a summary of the proposed 2020 NWPs.

NWPs Proposed to be REVOKED in the Buffalo, Huntington, Louisville and Pittsburgh Districts: The Districts are proposing to revoke the following NWPs in both Ohio: 52 in Lake Erie, A, and B. The Districts believe that activities authorized by NWP NWP 52 would result in more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse effects on the environment within the districts. NWP A and NWP B are not applicable in Ohio.

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Nationwide Permits

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Nationwide Permit General Conditions

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Further Information

Definitions

Best management practices (BMPs)
Compensatory mitigation
Currently serviceable
Direct effects
Discharge
Ecological reference
Enhancement
Establishment (creation)
High Tide Line
Historic property
Independent utility
Indirect effects
Loss of waters of the United States
Navigable waters
Non-tidal wetland
Open water
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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
Tribal lands
Tribal rights
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Waterbody