Introduction: Permit Compliance with Other Laws

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Regulatory Program Mission

To <u>protect</u> the Nation's aquatic resources, while <u>allowing reasonable development</u> through <u>fair</u>, <u>flexible and balanced permit decisions</u>.









"No Net Loss of Wetlands"



Authorities to Issue Permits





33 CFR Parts 320.2

- Section 9 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899
- Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899
- Section 11 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899
- Section 13 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899
- Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (Section 408)**
- Section 404 of the Clean Water Act
- Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972





Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899

(33 CFR Part 322)

Permit required for construction of structures in, over, or under, excavating from or depositing material into, and any other work affecting the course location, condition, or capacity of navigable waters and interstate lakes or rivers.





Section 404 of the Clean Water Act

(33 CFR Part 323)

Permit required to discharge dredged or fill material into "waters of the United States"



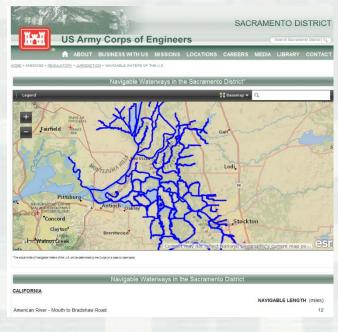




Navigable Waters

(33 CFR Part 329)

Subject to the ebb and flow of the tide and/or are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce.



 Not extinguished by later actions or events which impede or destroy navigable capacity.

http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/
Jurisdiction/NavigableWatersoftheUS.aspx

Waters of the United States

(definition at 33 CFR 328)

- Navigable waters and the territorial seas
- Interstate waters, including wetlands
- Impoundments, tributaries, and adjacent wetlands to the above



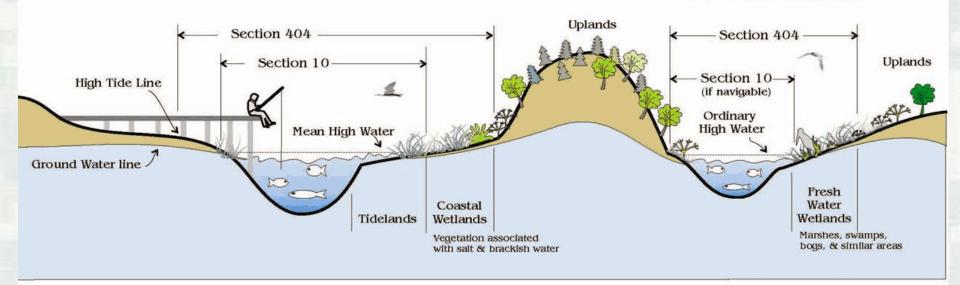




Corps of Engineers Regulatory Jurisdiction

Tidal Waters

Fresh Waters



Section 103

Ocean Disposal of Dredged Material

Typical examples of regulated activities

Ocean discharges of dredged material

Section 404

Discharge of Dredged or Fill Material (all waters of the U.S.)

All filling activities, utility lines, outfall structures, road crossings, beach nourishment, riprap, jetties, some excavation activities, etc.

Section 10

All Structures and Work (navigable waters)

Dreding, marinas, piers, wharves, floats, intake / outtake pipes, pilings, bulkheads, ramps, fills, overhead transmission lines, etc.





Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899

(33 U.S.C. 408)

- Commonly referred to as "Section 408"
- Authorizes the Secretary of the Army, on recommendation of the Chief of Engineers of the USACE, to grant permission for the alteration or occupation or use of a USACE civil works project if determined that the activity will not be injurious to the public interest and impair the usefulness of the project.





Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899

(33 U.S.C. 408)

- Engineer Circular (EC) 1165-2-216, Policy and Procedural Guidance for Processing Requests to Alter U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Projects Pursuant to 33 USC 408 (July 31, 2014)
 - ► Requires **coordination** between Navigation and Regulatory
 - ► The decision on a Department of the Army permit application pursuant to Section 10/404/103 cannot and will not be rendered prior to the decision on the Section 408 request.

Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899

(33 U.S.C. 408)

- CVFPB encroachment permit application for projects within 300 feet of a Designated Floodway or regulated stream: http://www.cvfpb.ca.gov/
- Requires review by Office of Counsel and higher signature authority - be aware of increased timelines.





National Levee Database: http://nld.usace.army.mil/egis/f?p=471:32:14808124515916:LOAD_SEARCH:NO:2



Compliance with Related Laws





33 CFR 320.3 - Related Laws

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401
- Endangered Species Act (ESA)
- Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
- National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)
- Wild and Scenic Rivers Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
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NEPA

(42 U.S.C. 4321-4347)

Section 102: "To the fullest extent possible: (1) The policies, regulations, and public laws of the U.S. shall be interpreted and administered in accordance with the policies set forth in this Act, and (2) all agencies of the Federal Government shall [...] insure that presently unquantified environmental amenities and values may be given appropriate consideration in decision-making along with economic and technical considerations [...]"





NEPA

(42 U.S.C. 4321-4347)

- Implementing regulations at 33 CFR Part 325,
 Appendix B (effective 1988)
 - ➤ General Permits (GP): preparation of a single document with no additional NEPA requirement for subsequent activities under the GP.
 - Letters of Permission (LOP): categorically excluded
 do not require NEPA documentation.
 - ➤ Standard Permits (SP): require issuance of *public* notice and completion of an environmental assessment (EA) or, if impacts are determined to be significant, an environmental impact statement (EIS).

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CWA - Section 401

(33 U.S.C. 1341)

Requires any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct any activity that may result in a discharge of a pollutant into waters of the U.S. to obtain a certification from the State [...] that the discharge will comply with the applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. The certification obtained for the construction of any facility must also pertain to the subsequent operation of the facility.



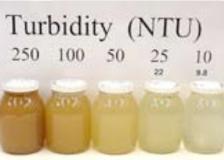


CWA - Section 401

(33 U.S.C. 1341)

- Nationwide permits may be verified conditionally pending issuance or waiver of certification.
- Certification must be issued or waived prior to issuance of an individual permit.
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/
 programs/cwa401/











ESA - Section 7

(50 CFR Part 402)

Requires that federal agencies, in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service, insure that any action authorized, funded, or carried out by the Agency is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of endangered or threatened species or result in the in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat for such species.







Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act

(50 CFR Part 600)

- Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act Amendment of 1996 requires Federal action agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service on essential fish habitat, or EFH.
- http://www.habitat.noaa.gov/protection/efh/efhmapper/index.html





NHPA - Section 106

(16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.)

- Requires the head of any Federal department or independent agency having authority to license any undertaking to take into account the effect of the undertaking on any district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register prior to the issuance of any license.
- Also requires any such Federal agency to afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation a reasonable opportunity to comment.





NHPA - Section 106

(16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.)

- Corps' Regulatory Program's implementing regulations at 33 CFR Part 325, Appendix C and Interim Guidance
 - ➤ Sacramento District 106 Guidelines (checklist)

 (http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Portals/12/documents/regulatory/pdf/2011-02-25_Section_106_Guidelines.pdf)
 - ▶ Be aware of differences between CEQA, NHPA, and Appendix C guidelines for cultural resources







NHPA - Section 101

(16 U.S.C. 470)

- Section 101(d)(6)(B): "In carrying out its responsibilities under section 106 of this Act, a Federal agency shall consult with any Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization that attaches religious and cultural significance to properties described in subparagraph (A)."
- Section 101(d)(6)(A): "Properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization may be determined eligible for inclusion on the National

Register."

In What Other Ways Does the Corps Comply with These Laws?





Evaluation of Proposed Project

- Complete applications!
 - Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) Form for NWPs, including General and Regional Conditions Checklists
 - Individual permits require completion of ENG form 4345
 - All appropriate figures and attached reports (i.e. impact map, delineation, BA, cultural resources evaluation, etc.)
 - Additional information available on our website:



http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/ Missions/Regulatory.aspx

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NWP 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 Waters
- 9. Management of Water Flows
- 10. Fills Within 100-Year Floodplains
- 11. Equipment
- 12. Soil Erosion and Sediment Controls 26. Coastal Zone Management
- 13. Removal of Temporary Fills
- 14. Proper Maintenance
- 15. Single and Complete Project
- 16. Wild and Scenic Rivers
- 17. Tribal Rights



- 19. Migratory Bird and Bald and
- **Golden Eagle Permits**
- 20. Historic Properties
- 21. Discovery of Previously
- **Unknown Remains and Artifacts**
- 22. Designated Critical Resource

- 23. Mitigation
- 24. Safety of Impoundment Structures
- 25. Water Quality
- 27. Regional and Case-by-Case
- Conditions
- 28. Use of Multiple Nationwide Permits
- 29. Transfer of Nationwide Permit
- Verifications
- 30. Compliance Certification
- 31. Pre-Construction Notification



NWP General Conditions

- 1. Navigation
- 2. Aquatic Life Movements
- 3. Spawning Areas

- 18. Endangered Species
- 19. Migratory Bird and Bald and Golden Eagle Permits

16. **Wild and Scenic Rivers.** No 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. 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).

- 16. Wild and Scenic Rivers
- 17. Tribal Rights



- 29. Transfer of Nationwide Permit Verifications
- 30. Compliance Certification
- 31. Pre-Construction Notificatio

NWP Regional Conditions

- 26 Regional Conditions for California for the 2012 NWPs (excludes Lake Tahoe)
 - ▶ RC15 For all activities located in the Mather Core Recovery Area in Sacramento County, as identified in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Recovery Plan for Vernal Pool Ecosystems of California and Southern Oregon dated December 15, 2005, NWPs 14, 18, 23, 29, 39, 40, 42, 43 and 44 are revoked from use in vernal pools that may contain habitat for Federally-listed threatened and/or endangered vernal pool species.



Consultation

- In the case of ESA and NHPA, the Corps makes an effect determination following information review.
- The Corps will initiate consultation with appropriate agency if necessary, and permit will not be verified/issued without ensuring compliance.
- Terms and conditions implemented via project specific special conditions.



Project-Specific Special Conditions

- Used for both General and Individual Permits
 - ▶ The attached Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), entitled _____, and signed by these entities, will be implemented in its entirety. The Corps of Engineers (Corps) has been designated the lead federal agency responsible for implementing and enforcing the Memorandum of Agreement as signed. If you fail to comply with the implementation and associated enforcement of the MOA by DATE the Corps may determine that you are out of compliance with the conditions of the Department of the Army permit/verification and suspend the permit/verification. Suspension may result in modification or revocation of the authorized work.
 - All terms and conditions of the Section 401 Water Quality
 Certification are expressly incorporated as conditions of this permit.



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Questions?

