Prospective permittee submits PCN

PCN is received by district, assigned to a project manager, given a number and entered into the database. PCN is then evaluated for completeness.

PCN Complete?

District preliminarily determines that project qualifies for a NWP and/or results in minimal individual and cumulative impacts to aquatic environment or may otherwise be contrary to the public interest?

Prospective permittee submits additional information.

Prospective permittee is notified that PCN is incomplete and Corps requests additional information.

Prospective permittee is notified in writing that the activity does not qualify for a NWP and provide instructions on how to seek authorization under another permit.

Are any of the following required?
1. Agency Coordination (per General Condition 32, paragraph d)
2. Tribal coordination/consultation
3. Consultation for compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act
4. Consultation for adverse effects to essential fish habitat (EFH)
5. Consultation for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Corps Conducts required agency consultations or coordination.

Agency consultations/coordination are completed

Section 401 Certification and/or waiver has been received for the project

Permittee is sent NWP verification letter with applicable special conditions. However, no work may proceed until a Section 401 Water Quality Certification and/or waiver is received by the applicant and submitted to the District office.

Permittee is sent NWP verification letter with applicable special conditions. Work may proceed subject to the general, regional and special conditions of the NWP. If (1) NWP verification is not received within 45 days of receipt of a complete PCN, and (2) the NWP being utilized is not NWPs 21, 49 or 50, and (3) the activity does not require a written waiver to exceed specified limits of a NWP; then work may proceed under authority of the NWP.

PCN is withdrawn

Prospective permittee submits additional information.