

Categorical Permission Alteration Checklist – 10. Fences, Gates, and Signage

The categorical permission covers the installation, modification, and replacement of fences, gates, and signage, and similar activities located within the federal project easement.

If a fence is approved in the levee easement the following requirements apply:

- Fences must be constructed of durable, see-through materials (e.g., chain link, wrought iron, barbed wire) to ensure adequate levee visibility.
- Where appropriate, fences must include gates for access
- All fences, including all pertinent features, on the waterside must be completely removable.
- Requests to install removable fences in critical levee areas will be considered by the USACE on a case by case basis.

Gates must be wide enough to allow personnel, equipment, and/or vehicle access where appropriate. In general, swing gates are preferred to rolling gates.

The USACE, non-federal sponsor, and local maintaining agency must be given keys to all gates that lead to the floodway, levee ramps, levee toes, and the levee crown.

When required by the USACE, non-federal sponsor, or the local maintaining agency, gates must remain open for levee inspections, maintenance, construction, high water patrol, and flood-fighting.

After each period of high water, all debris caught by fences must be cleared and disposed of outside the limits of the federal project easement.

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Please note, the following checklist is intended for planning purposes only and reflects information that USACE reviewers will look for when considering a Section 408 request for fences, gates, and signage under the Categorical Permission. To be reviewed under the Categorical Permission, the proposed project must adhere to all requirements of the Categorical Permission, including the full alteration description (see previous page). The plans and narrative project description should reflect this information.

Fence to be constructed of durable see-through materials: Yes NA

Where appropriate, fences must include gates for access: Yes NA

Fences on the waterside will be completely removable: Yes NA

Request to install a removable fence in a critical levee area: Yes No

Gate(s) will be wide enough to allow personnel, equipment, and vehicle access: Yes NA

Any work within the levee crown? Yes No

Any work >3 feet into the levee embankment? Yes No

Any work within the levee slope or within 15 feet of the levee toe? Yes No

Any work \geq 12 inches into the levee embankment? Yes No

Hydraulic blockage calculation \geq 1%? Yes No NA

Hydraulic model used for hydraulic analysis? Yes No NA