

Norfolk District Regulatory Office

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2012 Nationwide Permits

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2012 Nationwide Permits

- **Norfolk District team responsible for 50 decision documents**
- **Regional conditions – may be minor changes**
- **Five commonly used NWP's**
- **What makes a good application?**



2012 Norfolk District Regional Conditions

- **Minor changes from 2007 conditions**
- **NWP 14 for transportation projects limited to tidal waters**
- **NWP 29 for residential developments limited to single residences**
- **NWP 39 for Commercial and Institutional Developments - suspended**
- **Pipe repairs**



2012 Regional Conditions

- **Coordination for Federally listed species and critical habitat**
- **What is IPaC? FWS' Information, Planning, and Conservation System**
- **Website is <http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/>**



Five Most Used NWP's

- **NWP 3 – maintenance activities**
- **NWP 12 – utility line activities**
- **NWP 18 – minor discharges**
- **NWP 27 – aquatic habitat restoration**
- **NWP 43 – stormwater management**



Nationwide Permit 3

- **Authorizes repair/ replacement of previously authorized, currently serviceable structures and fills**
- **Changes – new or additional riprap ok, limits stream channel modifications**
- **200 foot limit for debris and sediment removal**
- **Countersinking regional condition**



Nationwide Permit 12

- **Authorizes utility line activities**
- **1/2 acre limit for each single and complete project**
- **PCN reqd. if impacts exceed 1/10 acre (and for most other cases)**
- **2012 changes: DoD and NOAA notification**



Nationwide Permit 18

- **Authorizes minor discharges of dredged or fill material**
- **OHW/ MHW limits of 25 cubic yds. (10 cu. yds. triggers PCN)**
- **Loss of WOUS may not exceed 1/10 acre**
- **Not used for purpose of stream diversions**



Nationwide Permit 27

- **Aquatic habitat restoration, establishment, and enhancement activities**
- **2012 changes: tidal streams and wetlands added**
- **PCN: reqd. for most projects**
- **Clarification: self mitigating, but please tell us why in the PCN!**



Living Shoreline Project



Nationwide 43 – SWM Mgt. Facilities

- Authorizes discharges of dredged or fill material into non-tidal WOUS
- Limits: ½ acre non-tidal wetlands, 300 linear ft. of stream
- PCN – required unless only restoring to original SWM capacity



What makes a good application?

- **First, identify the application as a PCN**
- **Include permittee information**
- **Project location**
- **Describe your project: purpose, direct and indirect environmental effects, quantify loss or conversion of WOUS**



Good Application (continued)

- **Other RGPs, NWPs, or IPs that may be used in combination**
- **Sketches showing delineated WOUS limits (data sheets)**
- **T&E species and Historic Resources info**
- **1/10 of an acre and compensatory mitigation**



Good application

- **Bottom line:**

The information in your PCN should be detailed enough for the Corps to determine (and document) that the project will have only minimal adverse effects.



Resources and References

- HQ Regulatory website:

<http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/RegulatoryProgramandPermits/NationwidePermits.aspx>

- Norfolk District Regulatory website:

<http://www.nao.usace.army.mil/>



Questions/Comments?

