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Rock Island District
Corps of Engineers
Clock Tower Building
Rock Island, IL 61201

Re: Final Notice of Issuance of Nationwide Permits, January 15, 2002
Section 401 Certifications, Denials, and Regional Conditions

Gentlemen:

On January 15, 2002 the Corps of Engineers issued the final notice concerning the disposition of the expiring Nationwide Permits (NWP) under Section 10 of the 1899 Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Based on our review of the final rules, Section 401 certifications are hereby issued for the following NWPs without conditions:

- NWP 3—Maintenance
- NWP 4—Fish and Wildlife Harvesting, Enhancement, and Attraction Device and Activities
- NWP 5—Scientific Measuring Devices
- NWP 6—Survey Activities
- NWP 7—Outfall Structures
- NWP 20—Oil Spill Cleanup
- NWP 22—Removal of Vessels
- NWP 36—Boat Ramps

In addition, the following NWPs are hereby issued Section 401 certifications subject to the regional conditions as indicated below:

NWP 12—Utility Line Activities. Refer to Regional Conditions contained in Attachment 1.

NWP 13—Bank Stabilization. Any spoil material excavated, dredged or otherwise produced must not be returned to the waterway but must be deposited in a self-contained area in compliance with all state statues, regulations and permit requirements with no discharge to waters of the State unless a permit has been issued by the Illinois EPA. Any backfilling must be done with clean material and placed in a manner to prevent violation of applicable water quality standards. Asphalt and construction or demolition debris cannot be used as fill or bank stabilization material.

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NWP 14—Linear Transportation Projects. Refer to Regional Conditions contained in Attachment 2.

NWP 27—Stream and Wetland Restoration Activities. All activities conducted under NWP 27 shall be in accordance with the provisions of 35 Il. Adm. Code 405.108. Work in reclaimed surface coal mine areas are required to obtain prior authorization from the Illinois EPA for any activities that result in the use of acid-producing mine refuse.

NWP 29—Single-family Housing. Refer to Regional Conditions contained in Attachment 3.

NWP 38—Cleanup of Hazardous and Toxic Waste. Refer to Regional Conditions contained in Attachment 4.

NWP 41—Reshaping Existing Drainage Ditches. Refer to Regional Conditions contained in Attachment 5.

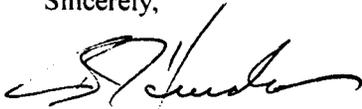
NWP 44—Mining Activities. Refer to Regional Conditions contained in Attachment 6.

Section 401 Certification is denied for the following NWPs:

- NWP 15—U.S. Coast Guard Approved Bridges
- NWP 16—Return Water from Upland Contained Disposal Areas
- NWP 17—Hydropower Projects
- NWP 18—Minor Discharges
- NWP 19—Minor Dredging
- NWP 21—Surface Coal Mining Activities
- NWP 23—Approved Categorical Exclusions
- NWP 25—Structural Discharges
- NWP 30—Moist Soil Management for Wildlife
- NWP 31—Maintenance of Existing Flood Control Facilities
- NWP 32—Completed Enforcement Actions
- NWP 33—Temporary Construction, Access and Dewatering
- NWP 34—Cranberry Production Activities
- NWP 37—Emergency Watershed Protection and Rehabilitation
- NWP 39—Residential, Commercial, and Institutional Developments
- NWP 40—Agricultural Activities
- NWP 42—Recreational Facilities
- NWP 43—Stormwater Management Facilities

Should you have any questions or comments regarding the content of this letter, please contact me or my staff at the above telephone number and address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Yurdin', written in a cursive style.

Bruce J. Yurdin
Manager, Watershed Management Section
Bureau of Water

cc: Records Unit
CoE, Chicago District
CoE, Louisville District
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USEPA, Region 5
USFWS, Rock Island, Barrington and Marion

Attachment 1

ILLINOIS EPA WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION REGIONAL CONDITIONS FOR NATIONWIDE PERMIT 12

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency hereby issues Section 401 water quality certification applicable to Nationwide Permit 12. Department of the Army (DA) authorization pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) under Nationwide 12 will be subject to the Illinois EPA conditions in addition to the conditions imposed by the Corps of Engineers, issued with the Nationwide Permits. The affected geographical area is the entire State of Illinois and all waters of the United States on the border and therein.

Case-specific water quality certification from the Illinois EPA will be required for activities in the following waters:

- A. Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal
- B. Calumet-Sag Channel
- C. Little Calumet River
- D. Grand Calumet River
- E. Calumet River
- F. South Branch of the Chicago River (including the South Fork)
- G. North Branch of the Chicago River (including the East and West Forks and the Skokie Lagoons)
- H. Chicago River (Main Stem)
- I. Lake Calumet
- J. Des Plaines River
- K. Fox River (including the Fox Chain of Lakes)
- L. Saline River (in Hardin County)
- M. Richland Creek (in St. Clair and Monroe Counties)
- N. Lake Michigan
- O. Rock River (in Winnebago County)
- P. Illinois River upstream of mile 229.6 (Illinois Route 178 bridge)
- Q. Illinois River between mile 140.0 and 182.0
- R. Pettibone Creek (in Lake County)
- S. All Public and Food Processing Water Supplies with surface intake facilities (as specified in the Illinois EPA's "List of Public and Food Processing Water Supplies Utilizing Surface Water")

2. Section 401 is hereby issued for all other waters, with the following conditions:

- A. The applicant for Nationwide Permit 12 shall not cause:
 - i. violation of applicable water quality standards of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, Title 35, Subtitle C: Water Pollution Rules and Regulation;
 - ii. water pollution defined and prohibited by the Illinois Environmental Protection Act; or
 - iii. interference with water use practices near public recreation areas or water supply intakes.

- B. The applicant for Nationwide Permit shall provide adequate planning and supervision during the project construction period for implementing construction methods, processes and cleanup procedures necessary to prevent water pollution and control erosion.
- C. Material resulting from trench excavation within surface waters of the State may be temporarily sidecast adjacent to the trench excavation provided that:
- i. Sidecast material is not placed within a creek, stream, river or other flowing water body such that material dispersion could occur;
 - ii. Side cast material is not placed within ponds or other water bodies other than wetlands; and
 - iii. Sidecast material is not placed within a wetland for a period longer than twenty (20) calendar days. Such sidecast material shall either be removed from the site (refer to Condition 2.F), or used as backfill (refer to Condition 2.D and 2.E).
- D. Backfill used within trenches passing through surface water of the State, except wetland areas, shall be clean course aggregate, gravel or other material which will not cause siltation, pipe damage during placement, or chemical corrosion in place. Excavated material may be used only if:
- i. Particle size analysis is conducted and demonstrates the material to be at least 80% sand or larger size material, using a #230 U.S. sieve; or
 - ii. Excavation and backfilling are done under dry conditions.
- E. Backfill used within trenches passing through wetland areas shall consist of clean material which will not cause siltation, pipe damage during placement, or chemical corrosion in place. Excavated material shall be used to the extent practicable, with the upper six (6) to twelve (12) inches backfilled with the topsoil obtained during trench excavation.
- F. All material excavated which is not being used as backfill as stipulated in Condition 2.D and 2.E shall be stored or disposed in self-contained areas with no discharge to waters of the State. Material shall be disposed of appropriately under the regulations at 35 Il. Adm. Code Subtitle G.
- G. All areas affected by construction shall be mulched and seeded as soon after construction as possible. The applicant for Nationwide 12 shall undertake necessary measures and procedures to reduce erosion during construction. Interim measures to prevent erosion during construction shall be taken and may include the installation of staked straw bales, sedimentation basins and temporary mulching. All construction within the waterway shall be conducted during zero or low flow conditions. The applicant for Nationwide 12 shall be responsible for obtaining an NPDES Storm Water Permit prior to initiating construction if the construction activity associated with the project will result in the disturbance of 5 (five) or more acres, total land area. An NPDES Storm Water Permit may be obtained by submitting a properly completed Notice of Intent (NOI) form by certified mail to the Agency's Division of Water Pollution Control, Permit Section.
- H. The applicant for Nationwide 12 shall implement erosion control measures consistent with the "Illinois Urban Manual" (IEPA/USDA, NRCS; 1995).
- I. The use of directional drilling to install utility pipelines below surface waters of the State is hereby certified provided that:

- i. All pits and other construction necessary for the directional drilling process are located outside of surface waters of the State;
- ii. All drilling fluids shall be adequately contained such that they cannot make their way to surface waters of the State. Such fluids shall be treated as stipulated in Condition 2.F; and
- iii. Erosion and sediment control is provided in accordance with Conditions 2.B, 2.G, and 2.H.

Attachment 2

**ILLINOIS EPA WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
REGIONAL CONDITIONS FOR NATIONWIDE PERMIT 14**

- The affected area of the stream channel shall not exceed 100 linear feet, as measured along the stream corridor.
2. Temporary runarounds shall be constructed of clean course aggregate.
 3. Any spoil material excavated, dredged or otherwise produced must not be returned to the waterway but must be deposited in a self-contained area in compliance with all state statutes, as determined by the Illinois EPA.
 4. Any backfilling must be done with clean material and placed in a manner to prevent violation of applicable water quality standards.
 5. The applicant shall not cause:
 - A. violation of applicable water quality standards of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, Title 35, Subtitle C: Water Pollution Rules and Regulation;
 - B. water pollution defined and prohibited by the Illinois Environmental Protection Act; or
 - C. interference with water use practices near public recreation areas or water supply intakes.
 6. All areas affected by construction shall be mulched and seeded as soon after construction as possible. The applicant shall undertake necessary measures and procedures to reduce erosion during construction. Interim measures to prevent erosion during construction shall be taken and may include the installation of staked straw bales, sedimentation basins and temporary mulching. All construction within the waterway shall be conducted during zero or low flow conditions. The applicant shall be responsible for obtaining an NPDES Storm Water Permit prior to initiating construction if the construction activity associated with the project will result in the disturbance of 5 (five) or more acres, total land area. An NPDES Storm Water Permit may be obtained by submitting a properly completed Notice of Intent (NOI) form by certified mail to the Agency's Division of Water Pollution Control, Permit Section.
 7. The applicant shall implement erosion control measures consistent with the "Illinois Urban Manual" (IEPA/USDA, NRCS; 1995).

Attachment 3

**ILLINOIS EPA WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
REGIONAL CONDITIONS FOR NATIONWIDE PERMIT 29**

The applicant shall not cause:

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 - B. water pollution defined and prohibited by the Illinois Environmental Protection Act; or
 - C. interference with water use practices near public recreation areas or water supply intakes.
2. The NWP applicant shall provide adequate planning and supervision during the project construction period for implementing construction methods, processes and cleanup procedures necessary to prevent water pollution and control erosion.
 3. Any spoil material excavated, dredged or otherwise produced must not be returned to the waterway but must be deposited in a self-contained area in compliance with all state statutes, regulations and permit requirements with no discharge to waters of the State unless a permit has been issued by the Illinois EPA. Any backfilling must be done with clean material and placed in a manner to prevent violation of applicable water quality standards.
 4. All areas affected by construction shall be mulched and seeded as soon after construction as possible. The NWP applicant shall undertake necessary measures and procedures to reduce erosion during construction. Interim measures to prevent erosion during construction shall be taken and may include the installation of staked straw bales, sedimentation basins and temporary mulching. All construction within the waterway shall be conducted during zero or low flow conditions. The applicant shall be responsible for obtaining an NPDES Storm Water Permit prior to initiating construction if the construction activity associated with the project will result in the disturbance of 5 (five) or more acres, total land area. An NPDES Storm Water Permit may be obtained by submitting a properly completed Notice of Intent (NOI) form by certified mail to the Agency's Division of Water Pollution Control, Permit Section.
 5. The applicant shall implement erosion control measures consistent with the "Illinois Urban Manual" (IEPA/USDA, NRCS; 1995).
 6. This NWP is not valid for the placement of fill for the installation of wastewater soil treatment (septic) systems unless a project-specific Section 401 water quality certification is obtained in writing from the Illinois EPA.

Attachment 4

**ILLINOIS EPA WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
REGIONAL CONDITIONS FOR NATIONWIDE PERMIT 38**

The applicant shall not cause:

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 - B. water pollution defined and prohibited by the Illinois Environmental Protection Act; or
 - C. interference with water use practices near public recreation areas or water supply intakes.
2. In addition to any actions required of the NWP applicant with respect to the “Notification” General Condition 13, the applicant shall notify the Illinois EPA, Bureau of Water, of the specific activity. This notification shall include information concerning the orders and approvals that have been or will be obtained from the Illinois EPA Bureau of Land (BOL), for all cleanup activities under BOL jurisdiction or for which authorization or approval is sought from BOL for no further remedial action.
3. This Nationwide Permit is not valid for activities that do not require or will not receive authorization or approval from the BOL.

Attachment 5

**ILLINOIS EPA WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
REGIONAL CONDITIONS FOR NATIONWIDE PERMIT 41**

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The applicant for Nationwide Permit shall provide adequate planning and supervision during the project construction period for implementing construction methods, processes and cleanup procedures necessary to prevent water pollution and control erosion.

- 3 Any spoil material excavated, dredged or otherwise produced must not be returned to the waterway but must be deposited in a self-contained area in compliance with all state statutes, regulations and permit requirements with no discharge to waters of the State unless a permit has been issued by the Illinois EPA. Any backfilling must be done with clean material and placed in a manner to prevent violation of applicable water quality standards.
4. All areas affected by construction shall be mulched and seeded as soon after construction as possible. The applicant shall undertake necessary measures and procedures to reduce erosion during construction. Interim measures to prevent erosion during construction shall be taken and may include the installation of staked straw bales, sedimentation basins and temporary mulching. All construction within the waterway shall be conducted during zero or low flow conditions. The applicant shall be responsible for obtaining an NPDES Storm Water Permit prior to initiating construction if the construction activity associated with the project will result in the disturbance of 5 (five) or more acres, total land area. An NPDES Storm Water Permit may be obtained by submitting a properly completed Notice of Intent (NOI) form by certified mail to the Agency's Division of Water Pollution Control, Permit Section.
- 5 The applicant shall implement erosion control measures consistent with the "Illinois Urban Manual" (IEPA/USDA, NRCS; 1995).
6. The applicant is advised that the following permit(s) must be obtained from the Agency: the applicant must obtain permits to construct sanitary sewers, water mains and related facilities prior to construction.

The proposed work shall be constructed with adequate erosion control measures (i.e., silt fences, straw bales, etc.) to prevent transport of sediment and materials to the adjoining wetlands and/or streams.

Attachment 6

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5. The applicant shall implement erosion control measures consistent with the "Illinois Urban Manual" (IEPA/USDA, NRCS; 1995).
6. Any applicant that is proposing mining activities shall obtain a construction and/or operation permit or exemption thereof pursuant to 35 Il. Adm. Code, Subtitle D, Sections 403, 404.101 and 404.103.