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Please address all comments and inquiries to:
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NATIONWIDE PERMIT REISSUANCE REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

On September 15, 2020, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers published in the Federal Register its proposal to reissue the 52 existing nationwide permits (NWP) and issue five new NWP.

Nationwide permits are general permits issued on a nationwide basis to streamline the authorization of activities that result in no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects. Many of the proposed NWP require notification to the district engineer before commencing those activities, to ensure that the activities authorized by those NWP cause no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects.

National Issues Concerning the Proposed NWP: The Federal Register notice is the public's opportunity to comment on the proposed NWP, general conditions, and definitions. Comments on national issues relating to these NWP should be submitted to docket number COE-2020-0002 at www.regulations.gov, or by email to nationwidepermits2020@usace.army.mil or by mail to Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Directorate of Civil Works, ATTN: CECW-CO-R, 441 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20314-1000. Instructions for submitting comments are provided in the September 15, 2020 Federal Register notice. Comments on the proposed NWP are due by November 16, 2020.

Regional Issues Concerning the Proposed NWP, Including Regional Conditioning: Division engineers are authorized to add regional conditions specific to the needs and/or requirements of a particular region or state. Regional conditions are an important mechanism to help ensure that the adverse environmental effects of activities authorized by the NWP are no more than minimal, both individually and cumulatively. Division engineers may also suspend or revoke specific NWP in certain geographic areas (e.g., states or watersheds) or high-value aquatic systems where the adverse environmental effects caused by activities authorized by those NWP may be more than minimal. An enclosure for this public notice (Enclosure 1) lists the proposed regional conditions currently under consideration by the GREAT LAKES AND OHIO RIVER DIVISION FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY. The Louisville District is seeking comments on the proposed regional conditions and seeking comments on the need for additional regional conditions to help ensure that the adverse environmental effects of activities authorized by the proposed NWP are no more than minimal, individually and cumulatively. Unless otherwise

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noted, all proposed regional conditions listed on this enclosure are applicable for activities in Kentucky. Comments on regional issues relating to the proposed NWP and proposed regional conditions should be sent to Louisville District, CELRL-OPF-S, Rm 752, P.O. Box 59, Louisville, Kentucky 40201 (telephone number (502) 315-6709). Comments relating to regional conditions are due by **November 16, 2020**. Similar public notices proposing regional conditions in other regions or states are being published concurrently by other division or district offices. If you desire to submit your comments on the proposed regional conditions by email, you must comply with the following:

a) In the subject line of your email, type in **ONLY** the Public Notice ID No. LRL-2020-00006.

Example:

Subject: LRL-2020-00006

b) Provide your physical mailing address and telephone number.

c) Send your email to: rl.regulatorypubliccomment@usace.army.mil.

d) If you are sending attachments greater than 1 Mb in size with your email, you must send a hard copy (CD or paper) to the Corps' physical address as well.

After the final NWP is issued, the final regional conditions will be issued after they are approved by the Division Commander. States, tribes, and other certifying authorities will make their Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification (WQC) decisions after reviewing the proposed NWP.

Draft decision documents for each of the proposed NWP, which include environmental documentation prepared for the purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act, have been written by Corps Headquarters. The decision documents will address compliance of the NWP with the requirements for issuance under the Corps' general permit authority. These draft decision documents, as well as the proposed NWP, are available for viewing at www.regulations.gov, docket number COE-2020-0002. Final decision documents will be prepared for the NWP that are issued.

Enclosed is an index of the proposed NWP and conditions. Anyone wishing to provide comments may obtain a full text copy of the NWP through the Corps Home Page at <https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/Nationwide-Permits/>, at www.regulations.gov in docket number COE-2020-0002, or at the following Federal Register address: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/09/15/2020-17116/proposal-to-reissue-and-modify-nationwide-permits>.

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Currently serviceable
Direct effects
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Enhancement
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KENTUCKY REGIONAL GENERAL CONDITIONS

These regional conditions are in addition to, but do not supersede, the requirements in the Federal Register (Volume 85, No. 179 of Date September 15, 2020, pp 57289).

Notifications for all Nationwide Permits (NWP) shall be in accordance with General Condition No. 32.

1. For activities that would result in a loss of Outstanding State or National Resource Waters (OSNRWs), Exceptional Waters (EWs), Coldwater Aquatic Habitat Waters (CAHs) and waters with Designated Critical Habitat (DCH) under the Endangered Species Act for the NWP listed below, a Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) will be required to the Corps. The Corps will coordinate with the appropriate resource agencies (see attached list) on these NWP for impacts to these waters.

NWP 3 (Maintenance)

NWP 4 (Fish and Wildlife Harvesting, Enhancement, and Attraction Devices and Activities)

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NWP 7 (Outfall Structures and Associated Intake Structures)

NWP 12 (Utility Line Activities)

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NWP 25 (Structural Discharges)

NWP 27 (Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Establishment, and Enhancement Activities)

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NWP 51 (Land-Based Renewable Energy Generation Facilities)
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NWP C (Electric Utility Line and Telecommunications Activities)
NWP D (Utility Line Activities for Water and Other Substances)
NWP E (Water Reclamation and Reuse Facilities)

2. In addition to the notification and agency coordination requirements in the NWPs, for impacts greater than 0.25 acres in all “waters of the U.S.” for the NWPs listed below, a PCN will be required to the Corps. The Corps will coordinate with the appropriate resource agencies (see attached list) on these NWPs:

NWP 3 (Maintenance)
NWP 7 (Outfall Structures and Associated Intake Structures)
NWP 12 (Utility Line Activities)
NWP 14 (Linear Transportation Projects)
NWP 29 (Residential Developments)
NWP 39 (Commercial and Institutional Developments)
NWP 40 (Agricultural Activities)
NWP 42 (Recreational Facilities)
NWP 43 (Stormwater Management Facilities)
NWP 44 (Mining Activities)
NWP 51 (Land-Based Renewable Energy Generation Facilities)
NWP 52 (Water-Based Renewable Energy Generation Pilot Projects)
NWP 53 (Removal of Low-Head Dams)
NWP C (Electric Utility Line and Telecommunications Activities)
NWP D (Utility Line Activities for Water and Other Substances)
NWP E (Water Reclamation and Reuse Facilities)

3. For activities in all “waters of the U.S.” for the NWPs listed below, a PCN will be required to the Corps. The Corps will coordinate with the appropriate resource agencies (see attached list) on these NWPs:

NWP 21 (Surface Coal Mining Activities)
NWP 27 (Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Establishment & Enhancement Activities)
NWP 49 (Coal Remining Activities)
NWP 50 (Underground Coal Mining Activities)

4. Nationwide Permit No. 14 – Linear Transportation Projects.
 - (a) New road alignments or realignments are limited to a permanent loss of 500 linear feet of intermittent or perennial stream length at each crossing. Road crossings with permanent losses greater than 500 linear feet of intermittent or perennial stream associated with new alignments or realignments will be evaluated as an individual permit (i.e., a Letter of Permission or as a Standard Individual Permit).
 - (b) In addition to the notification requirements contained in NWP 14, the permittee must submit a PCN to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity for the permanent loss of greater than 300 feet of intermittent and perennial stream of all “waters of the U.S.” (See General Condition 32 and the definition of "loss of waters of the United States" in the Nationwide Permits for further information.)
5. Notification in accordance with Condition 32 is required to the Corps for all activities which are subject to jurisdiction under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).
6. All applications and requests should be submitted electronically. To submit applications or other requests electronically, all documents should be saved as a PDF document, and then submitted as an attachment in an email to the following email address:

CELRL.Door.To.The.Corps@usace.army.mil

Your email should include the following:

- a) Subject Line with the name of the applicant, type of request, and location (County and State). Example: RE: Doe, John, DA Permit Application, Jefferson County, KY
- b) Brief description of the request and contact information (phone number, mailing address, and email address) for the applicant and/or their agent.
- c) Project Location: Address and Latitude/Longitude in decimal degrees (e.g. 42.927883, -88.362576).

All forms that require signature must be digitally signed or signed manually, scanned and then sent electronically.

Electronic documents must have sufficient resolution to show project details. In order to have the highest quality documents, the original digital documents should be converted to PDF rather than providing scanned copies of original documents.

The electronic application and attached documents must not exceed 10 megabytes (10MB).

7. For all activities, the applicant shall review the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s IPaC website: <http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac> to determine if the activity might affect threatened and/or endangered species or designated critical habitat. If federally-listed species or designated critical habitat are identified, a PCN in accordance with General Condition 18 and 32 would be triggered and the official species list

generated from the IPaC website must be submitted with the PCN.

Further information:

Outstanding State or National Resource Water (OSNRWs), Exceptional Waters (EWs), and Coldwater Aquatic Habitat Waters (CAHs) are waters designated by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet. The list can be found at the following link: <http://eppcapp.ky.gov/spwaters/>

Designated Critical Habitat (DCH) under the Endangered Species Act is determined within the Commonwealth of Kentucky by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The current list of Kentucky's Threatened, Endangered, and Federal Candidate Species can be found at the following link: <http://www.fws.gov/frankfort/EndangeredSpecies.html>

Information on Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) can be found at NWP General Condition No. 32 in the Federal Register (Volume 85, No. 179 of Date September 15, 2020, pp 57390).

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ADDITIONAL COORDINATING RESOURCE AGENCY
FOR NWPS 21, 49, AND 50

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