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SUBJECT FAP Route 338 (IL-59)
Project HSIP-ZXKA (039)
Section 2020-028-TS
Cook County
Contract No. 62K99
Item No. 3, January 21, 2022 Letting
Addendum A

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:

Attached is an addendum to the plans or proposal. This addendum involves revised and/or added material.

1. Revised page ii of the Table of Contents to the Special Provisions
2. Added pages 118-140 to the Special Provisions

Prime contractors must utilize the enclosed material when preparing their bid and must include any changes to the Schedule of Prices in their bid.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack A. Elston".

Jack A. Elston, P.E.
Bureau Chief, Design and Environment

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404 PERMIT



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
231 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604-1437

December 20, 2021

Operations Division
Regulatory Branch
LRC-2021-01153

SUBJECT: Authorization for Roadway Improvements including Grading 0.07 Acres of Waters of the U.S. along Illinois Route 59 near Gary's Mill Road in West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois (Latitude 41.8585, Longitude -88.2948)

Jose Rios
Illinois Department of Transportation
201 West Center Court
Schaumburg, Illinois 60196

Dear Mr. Rios:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District, has completed its review of your notification for authorization under the Regional Permit Program (RPP). This office has verified that your proposed activity complies with the terms and conditions of Regional Permit RP3 – Transportation Projects and the General Conditions for all activities authorized under the Regional Permit Program. The activity may be performed without further authorization from this office provided the activity is conducted in compliance with the terms and conditions of the RPP.

This verification expires three (3) years from the date of this letter and covers only your activity as described in your notification and as shown on the plans entitled "Proposed Highway Plans FAP Route 338: IL-59 (S. Neltor Blvd.) at Gary's Mill Road" dated November 5, 2021, prepared by Illinois Department of Transportation. Caution must be taken to prevent construction materials and activities from impacting waters of the United States beyond the scope of this authorization. If you anticipate changing the design or location of the activity, you should contact this office to determine the need for further authorization.

This authorization is contingent upon implementing and maintaining the Corps approved soil erosion and sediment control measures in a serviceable condition throughout the duration of the project. You shall notify this office of any changes or modifications to the approved plan set. Please be aware that field conditions during project construction may require the implementation of additional SESC measures for further protection of aquatic resources.

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This site is within the aboriginal homelands of several American Indian Tribes. If any human remains, Native American cultural items or archaeological evidence are discovered during any phase of this project, interested Tribes request immediate consultation with the entity of jurisdiction for the location of discovery. In such case, please contact Stasi Brown by telephone at (312) 846-5544, or email at stasi.f.brown@usace.army.mil.

This verification does not obviate the need to obtain all other required Federal, state, or local approvals before starting work. Please note that Section 401 Water Quality Certification has been issued by IEPA for this RP. If you have any questions regarding Section 401 certification, please contact Mr. Darin LeCrone at IEPA Division of Water Pollution Control, Permit Section #15, by telephone at (217) 782-0610.

Once you have completed the authorized activity, please sign and return the enclosed compliance certification. If you have any questions, please contact Stasi Brown of my staff by telephone at (312) 846-5544, or email at stasi.f.brown@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

**Teralyn
Murray**

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Teralyn Murray
Date: 2021.12.20
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Teralyn R. Murray
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosures

Copy Furnished:

DuPage County Stormwater Management (Jenna Fahey)
Illinois Department of Transportation (Vanessa Ruiz, Alycia Klauenberg)

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**PERMIT COMPLIANCE
CERTIFICATION**

Permit Number: LRC-2021-01153
Permittee: Jose Rios - Illinois Department of Transportation
Date: December 14, 2021

I hereby certify that the work authorized by the above-referenced permit has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of said permit and if applicable, compensatory wetland mitigation was completed in accordance with the approved mitigation plan.¹

PERMITTEE

DATE

Upon completion of the activity authorized by this permit and any mitigation required by the permit, this certification must be signed and returned to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Chicago District, Regulatory Branch
231 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1500
Chicago, Illinois 60604-1437

Please note that your permitted activity is subject to compliance inspections by Corps of Engineers representatives. If you fail to comply with this permit, you may be subject to permit suspension, modification, or revocation.

¹ If compensatory mitigation was required as part of your authorization, you are certifying that the mitigation area has been graded and planted in accordance with the approved plan. You are acknowledging that the maintenance and monitoring period will begin after a site inspection by a Corps of Engineers representative or after thirty days of the Corps' receipt of this certification. You agree to comply with all permit terms and conditions, including additional reporting requirements, for the duration of the maintenance and monitoring period.

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2017 REGIONAL PERMIT PROGRAM
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3. TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

RP3 authorizes the construction or replacement of transportation projects, including roads, bridges, runways and taxiways, and railroads. Authorization under RP3 is subject to the General Conditions of the Regional Permit Program beginning on page 6 of this document. In addition, the following requirements must be addressed in writing and submitted with the notification:

- a. The impact to waters of the US must not exceed 1.0 acre for a single and complete project. For projects that impact greater than 0.10 acres of waters of the U.S., the permittee is required to provide compensatory mitigation.
- b. Projects that impact no more than 0.5 acres of waters of the U.S. will be processed under Category I.
- c. Projects that impact over 0.5 acres up to 1.0 acre of waters of the U.S., or cross a Section 10 waterway, will be processed under Category II (www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/NavigableWaters.aspx).
- d. The discharge must be limited to the minimum width necessary to complete the authorized work.
- e. Crossings of waterways and/or wetlands must be culverted, bridged or otherwise designed to prevent the restriction of expected high water flows. The crossing must be designed as to not impede low water flows or the safe passage of fish and aquatic organisms. Additional conditions may be required for streams determined to be a high quality fisheries resource such as designing the bottom of the culvert to include “roughness” to reduce flow velocities. “Roughness” can include cemented-in stone, baffles, or the placement of rock along the bottom of the culvert and/or along the culvert wall. Embedding the culvert to a depth greater than 12 inches may also be required.
 - 1) An alternatives analysis must be prepared for perennial stream crossings where a culvert is proposed for a new crossing or to replace a bridge. The analysis must document why a bridged crossing would not be a practicable alternative. If use of a multiple-barrel pipe or multi-cell box culvert is proposed, document why a single pipe or box -culvert system cannot be utilized. For crossings over HQARs, arch span and bottomless culverts must be considered.

- 2) For culverts, the upstream and downstream invert must be embedded 6 to 12 inches below the streambed elevation. This will allow the natural substrate to colonize the structure's bottom, encourage fish movement, and maintain the existing channel slope. Culvert slope should match adjacent elevations. The width of the base flow culvert must be approximately equal to the average channel width to promote the safe passage of fish and other aquatic organisms. Culvert(s) must not permanently widen /constrict the channel or reduce/increase stream depth. Multiple pipe culverts may not be used to receive base flows.
 - 3) For all crossings, provide cross-sections of the stream in three locations: at the crossing, and upstream and downstream of the crossing. The crossing must be designed to maintain the width of the base flow channel through the project area.
- f. The permittee must clearly label the construction drawings to include limits of Waters of the U.S., existing and proposed grading contours, all structures associated with the installation of the crossing such as wing walls, rock and concrete protection measures, existing and proposed utilities lines, outfalls and associated structures. A detailed narrative must accompany the construction plans and describe all work to be performed as indicated on the plans.
 - g. All temporary construction activities must adhere to the requirements of items c through g of Regional Permit 7 (Temporary Construction Activities) and must be addressed in writing and submitted with the notification.
 - h. This permit may not be used to authorize structural bank stabilization methods such as retaining walls, gabion baskets, riprap, etc., other than those structures necessary to assure the integrity of the stream and stream bank immediately adjacent to the crossing.
 - i. To the greatest extent possible, the permittee must establish and maintain a protective upland buffer composed of native plants (or other appropriate vegetation approved by the District) within the right-of-way adjacent to all waters of the U.S.
 - j. The project must consider permanent, post-construction Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect water quality, preserve natural hydrology and minimize the overall impacts of the project on aquatic resources. BMPs must be evaluated at the earliest planning stages of the project and prior to the purchase of new right-of-way (ROW). Please note that temporary SESC measures are not permanent BMPs.

To the greatest extent practicable, the activity must be designed such that surface water does not directly discharge into waters of the U.S. For each location where stormwater discharges towards a jurisdictional wetland or stream, provide a written narrative discussing opportunities to implement permanent BMPs. The type of BMPs proposed should be based on the scope of work, the change in impervious surface runoff discharging to the waters of the U.S., and the overall direct impacts to waters of the U.S. resulting from the proposed work.

Possible BMPs include, but are not limited to: preserving (i.e. not developing) existing permeable areas on site, native vegetated swales, permanent ditch checks, bioswales, infiltration trenches, naturalized detention basins, and mechanical stormwater treatment units. For bridge replacements, stormwater from the bridge deck should be directed to the roadside ditches and as far from the stream as practicable so that water does not directly enter the stream through drains in the bridge deck.

For discharges associated with maintenance projects, partial intersection improvements, and bridge/culvert replacements, native vegetated roadside ditches could be utilized as an appropriate BMP. For capacity improvement projects (intersection reconstructions, road widening) or for projects that impacts HQARs, the use of permanent ditch checks, bioswales or naturalized basins should be utilized. Compensatory storage basins may also be modified to provide water quality benefit. Appropriate BMPs will be determined during permit review.

Naturalized detention basin design should include:

- 1) Emergent vegetation in the bottoms of the wetland basins and along the periphery of wet bottom basins and side slopes vegetated in native prairie (traditional dry bottom basins are not approved BMPs).
- 2) Stilling basins at inlets
- 3) Design the basin to maximize the distance between inlet(s) and outlet(s)

A management and monitoring plan will be required on a case-by-case basis and will include performance standards such as the BMPs ability to function as designed, percent coverage of vegetation, stabilization of soils, and corrective measures to bring areas into compliance. For additional information, please refer to our BMP Maintenance & Monitoring (M&M) Guidelines: www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Portals/36/docs/regulatory/pdf/BMPMMG.pdf

- k. This permit does not authorize discharges into jurisdictional areas for temporary use of construction material or equipment storage.
- l. For a project site adjacent to a conservation area, the permittee must request a letter from the organization responsible for management of the area. The response letter must identify recommended measures to protect the area from impacts that may occur as a result of the development. A copy of the request and any response received from the organization must be submitted to the District with the notification.
- m. This permit cannot be used to authorize the installation of road crossings associated with residential, commercial or institutional developments.



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CHICAGO DISTRICT REGIONAL PERMIT PROGRAM

Effective: April 1, 2017 (As revised January 10, 2020)
Expiration: April 1, 2022
Authority: 33 U.S.C. 401 et seq.; 33 U.S.C. 1344

A. Introduction

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District (the District) hereby issues the Regional Permit Program (RPP) that includes a set of Regional Permits for activities with minimal individual and cumulative impacts on the aquatic environment in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties, Illinois (see Regional Permits). Please visit our website for a copy of the following: joint application form for Illinois; mitigation requirements and various other documents; and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) regarding the RPP. The FAQ contains a comprehensive listing of frequently asked questions and answers that specifically pertain to the RPP. For information on our RPP, please reference the District website at: www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx.

The purpose of the RPP is to provide a simplified and expeditious means to review activities that meet the specified terms and conditions described herein.

Regional permits are a type of general permit as defined in 33 CFR 322.2(f), 33 CFR 323.2(h) and 325.2(e) (2). A regional permit may be issued by a District Commander for a category of activities that are substantially similar in nature and cause only minimal individual and cumulative environmental impacts.

B. Applicability

The RPP authorizes activities that involve structures or work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States (U.S.) under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and/or discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S. under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

For a list of waters that meet the definition of Section 10, please reference the District's website of navigable waterways at www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/NavigableWaters.aspx. Section 404 waters are defined at and determined in accordance with 33 CFR 328-329 and 40 CFR 230.3.

C. Definitions

Definitions found at 33 CFR Parts 320-332 and 40 CFR Part 230 are applicable to the RPP and are incorporated by reference herein.

1. Agency Request for Comments (ARC) is the notice provided to agencies, and Section 106 Consulting Parties, which describes the proposed project and requests comments concerning a "Category II" activity to ensure compliance with the Clean Water Act, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (See General Condition 23).



2. Applicant is the individual, organization or company requesting authorization under the RPP. The applicant must be the owner of the property in question, or possess the authority to undertake the activities.
3. Authorization is written verification by the District that an activity qualifies for, and may proceed under, the RPP provided the terms and conditions of the program are followed. Verification under the RPP is valid for a period of three (3) years from the date of verification.
4. Best Management Practices (BMPs) are policies, practices, procedures or structures implemented to mitigate the direct and indirect degradation of surface water quality from an activity. BMPs include non-structural elements such as the preservation of existing natural areas and drainageways, and structural elements such as vegetated swales, filter strips and infiltration trenches which are designed to remove pollutants, reduce runoff rates and velocity, and protect aquatic resources.
5. Buffer is a protective strip of land along the edge of waters of the U.S., including wetlands, that is maintained in native vegetation. Buffers protect shorelines and banks from erosion, provide wildlife habitat, filter pollutants from the water, and protect environmentally sensitive areas from potential effects of development.
6. Compensatory wetland mitigation is the creation, restoration, enhancement, or in exceptional circumstances, preservation of wetlands and/or other aquatic resources for the purpose of compensating for unavoidable impacts which remain after all appropriate and practicable avoidance and minimization has been achieved. See "Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources: Final Rule", dated April 10, 2008 (33 CFR 332) at www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2012-title33-vol3/xml/CFR-2012-title33-vol3-part332.xml
7. Complete application is all required notification materials submitted by the applicant to the District. If all materials are not submitted, the application is considered incomplete and cannot be processed under the RPP.
8. Conservation area is any national park or forest, natural heritage landmark, State nature preserve or conservation area, Illinois Natural Area Inventory site (including proposed sites), county forest preserve, or land managed by a local government or organization for conservation purposes.
9. Currently serviceable means that a structure or fill is useable as is, or with some maintenance, but not so degraded as to require reconstruction.
10. High-quality aquatic resources (HQARs) are aquatic areas considered to be regionally critical due to their uniqueness, scarcity, and/or value, and other wetlands considered to perform functions important to the public interest, as defined in 33 CFR Part 320.4(b)(2). Descriptions of high-quality aquatic resources are provided in APPENDIX A.
11. Historic Property is any prehistoric or historic district, site (including archaeological site), building, structure, or other object included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places maintained by the Secretary of the Interior. This term includes artifacts, records, and remains that are related to and located within such properties. The term includes properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to an Indian tribe that meets the National Register criteria (36 CFR Part 60).



12. Impact is the direct and indirect loss of waters of the U.S., including wetlands, which results from implementation of a proposed activity. This includes waters of the U.S. that are permanently adversely affected by filling, flooding, excavation, or drainage because of the regulated activity. Waters of the U.S. temporarily filled, flooded, excavated, or drained, but restored to pre-construction contours and elevations after construction, are not included in the measurement of impact.



13. Independent Utility is a test to determine what constitutes a single and complete non-linear project in the Corps regulatory program. A project is considered to have independent utility if it would be constructed absent the construction of other projects in the project area. Portions of a multi-phase project that depend on other phases of the project do not have independent utility. Phases of a project that would be constructed even if the other phases were not built can be considered as separate single and complete projects with independent utility.



14. Linear Project is a project constructed for the purpose of getting people, goods, or services from a point of origin to a terminal point, which often involves multiple crossings of one or more waterbodies at separate and distant locations.

15. Notification is the submission of application materials by the applicant to the District.

16. Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) is that line on the shore established by the fluctuations of water and indicated by physical characteristics such as clear, natural line impressed on the bank, shelving, changes in the character of soil, destruction of terrestrial vegetation, the presence of litter and debris, or other appropriate means that consider the characteristics of the surrounding areas (33 CFR 328.3(e), 33CFR 329.11(a)(1), and RGL 05-05)

17. Permittee is the individual, organization or company authorized to complete an activity under the RPP.

18. Section 10 Waters are "Navigable Waters of the United States". This is defined to include all those waters that are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide, and/or are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce (33 CFR Part 329.4). These waters are listed on our internet site at www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/NavigableWaters.aspx.



19. Single and complete project is defined (for non-linear projects) as the total project proposed or accomplished by one owner/developer or partnership or other association of owners/developers. A single and complete non-linear project must have independent utility (see definition of "independent utility"). Single and complete non-linear projects may not be "piecemealed" to avoid the limits in an RPP authorization. Applied to linear projects, the term is defined as that portion of the total linear project proposed or accomplished by one owner/developer or partnership or other association of owners/developers that includes all crossings of a single water of the United States (i.e., a single waterbody) at a specific location. For linear projects crossing a single or multiple waterbodies several times at separate and distant locations, each crossing is considered a single and complete project for purposes of RPP authorization. However, individual channels in a braided stream or river, or individual arms of a large, irregularly shaped wetland or lake, etc., are not separate waterbodies, and crossings of such features cannot be considered separately.

20. Single-family residence is a parcel of land owned by an individual and used by that individual as his/her personal habitation.

21. Special conditions are conditions added by the District to the authorization for projects on a case-by-case basis to ensure an activity has no more than minimal impacts on aquatic resources and complies with the RPP.
22. Terms and conditions are the parameters, including thresholds, limitations and requirements, for completing an activity under the RPP. These parameters are described in each Regional Permit and in Section I (General Conditions) of this document. Case-specific conditions (called “special conditions”) may also be added by the District on individual authorizations to ensure that an activity has minimal individual and cumulative impacts.
23. Unauthorized Activity is a regulated activity that has not received prior authorization.
24. Utility line is any pipeline used to transport a gaseous, liquid, liqescent or slurry substance for any purpose, and any cable, line or wire for the transmission of electrical energy, telephone, radio signals, television signals or data communication. This definition does not include pipes or ditches which serve to drain a water of the United States, such as drainage tile; however, it does apply to pipes conveying drainage from one area to another.
25. Waters of the United States (WOUS) is an all-encompassing term referring to lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands, and other aquatic resources that are regulated by the Corps under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. A complete definition can be found at 33 CFR 328.3.

D. Permit Expiration

The Regional Permit Program (RPP) is valid for a period of five (5) years from the date of issuance (or reissuance). The District will periodically review the RPP and their conditions and will decide to modify, reissue, or revoke the permits with opportunity for public comment. If the RPP is not modified or reissued within five years of its effective date, it automatically expires and becomes null and void. Activities authorized under the RPP which was in effect at the time the activity was completed continue to be authorized by the RPP.

A verification letter from the District is valid for a period of three years unless the RPP is modified, suspended, or revoked. A verification letter will remain valid if the RPP authorization is reissued without modification or the activity complies with any subsequent modification of the RPP authorization.

E. Activity Categories

Activities to be covered under the RPP will fall under one of two categories:

Category I: Activities with minimal impacts requiring review by the District. Authorization may include special conditions to ensure compliance with the RPP. The District has the discretion to elevate a Category I activity to a Category II review when it has concerns for aquatic resources under the Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines or for any factor of the public interest.

Category II: Activities with minimal impacts requiring more rigorous review by the District and coordination with resource agencies. Authorization may include special conditions to ensure compliance with the RPP.

Activities that do not fall into one of the above categories, by definition, have more than minimal impacts and are therefore subject to the Individual Permit review process. Please refer to the Regional Permit Program Activity Categories in Appendix B for a table listing Category I and Category II activities for each Regional Permit.

F. Discretionary Authority

The District has the discretion to suspend, modify, or revoke authorizations under this RPP. This discretionary authority may be used by the District to further condition or restrict the applicability of the Regional Permits for cases when it has concerns for aquatic resources under the Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines or for any factor of the public interest. Because of the nature of most Category I activities, the District anticipates that it will not exert discretionary authority except in extraordinary cases. For Category II activities, the District will evaluate each proposed activity before issuing authorization. Should the District determine that a proposed activity may have more than minimal individual or cumulative adverse impacts to aquatic resources or otherwise be contrary to the public interest, the District will notify the applicant that the proposed activity is not authorized by the RPP and provide instructions on how to seek authorization under an Individual Permit. The District may restore authorization under the RPP at any time it determines that the reason for asserting discretionary authority has been resolved or satisfied by a condition, project modification, or new information.

G. Authorization

Applicants seeking authorization under the RPP must notify the District in accordance with the RPP General Condition 23 prior to commencing a proposed activity. If the District determines that a proposed activity complies with the terms and conditions of the RPP, it will notify the applicant within 60 calendar days of receipt of a complete application. If the District determines that an activity does not comply with the RPP, it will notify the applicant in writing within sixty (60) calendar days following receipt of a complete application and provide instructions on the procedures to seek authorization under an Individual Permit. If the District determines that an unauthorized activity complies with the terms and conditions of the RPP, the District will notify the applicant to commence the after-the-fact permit process.

If the District does not provide a written response to the applicant within 60 calendar days following receipt of a complete application, the applicant may presume the proposed activity qualifies for the requested Regional Permit(s), provided the activity complies with the terms and conditions of the RPP.

The District may add special conditions to an authorization to ensure that the activity complies with the terms and conditions of the RPP and the adverse impacts on the aquatic environment or other aspects of the public interest are individually and cumulatively minimal.

Multiple Regional Permits may be combined to authorize a proposed single and complete project, except as indicated under specific Regional Permits. If multiple Regional Permits are used, the total impact may not exceed the maximum allowed by the Regional Permit with the greatest impact threshold. To use multiple Regional Permits, the applicant will submit notification under General Condition 23 and indicate which Regional Permits are to be used for the project.

Any activity verified by the District under the RPP must be completed within three (3) years of the date it is verified. The verification date of a Regional Permit (RP) is the date the District confirms in writing that the activity meets the terms and conditions of the RPP. A request for a time extension or modifications to the project must be considered on a case by case basis by the District. Only one time extension may be granted per project.

H. Unauthorized Activities

The District evaluates unauthorized activities for enforcement action under 33 CFR Part 326. After considering whether a violation was knowing or intentional, and consideration of the need for a penalty and/or restoration, the District can suspend enforcement proceedings and allow the submittal of an application for an after the fact authorization under the RPP. An after-the-fact application will not be accepted until signature of the Tolling Agreement has been received by the District. An after-the-fact RPP authorization must be consistent with the Army/EPA Memorandum of Agreement on Enforcement.

I. General Conditions

The permittee must comply with the terms and conditions of the Regional Permits and the following general conditions for all activities authorized under the RPP:

1. State 401 Water Quality Certification - Water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act may be required from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The District may consider water quality, among other factors, in determining whether to exercise discretionary authority and require an Individual Permit. Please note that Section 401 Water Quality Certification is a requirement for projects carried out in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Projects carried out in accordance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 do not require Section 401 Water Quality Certification

On February 16, 2017, the IEPA granted Section 401 certification, with conditions, for all Regional Permits, except for activities in certain waterways noted under RPs 4 and 8. The following conditions of the certification are hereby made conditions of the RPP:

1. The applicant must not cause:
 - a) a violation of applicable water quality standards of the Illinois Pollution Control Board Title 35, Subtitle C: Water Pollution Rules and Regulations;
 - b) water pollution defined and prohibited by the Illinois Environmental Protection Act;
 - c) interference with water use practices near public recreation areas or water supply intakes;
 - d) a violation of applicable provisions of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act.
2. The applicant must 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. Except as allowed under condition 7, 9 and 10, 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 must 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 constructed during zero or low flow conditions. The applicant shall be responsible for obtaining a NPDES Storm Water Permit prior to initiating construction if the construction activity associated with the project will result in the disturbance of (1) one 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 Illinois EPA'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; 2016).

6. The applicant is advised that the following permits(s) must be obtained from the Illinois EPA: The applicant must obtain permits to construct sanitary sewers, water mains and related facilities prior to construction.
7. Backfill used in stream crossing trenches shall be predominantly sand or larger size material, with less than 20% passing a #230 U.S. sieve.
8. Any channel relocation shall be constructed under dry conditions and stabilized to prevent erosion prior to the diversion of flow.
9. Backfill used within trenches passing through surface waters 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:
 - a) particle size analysis is conducted and demonstrates the material to be at least 80% sand or larger size material, using #230 U.S. sieve; or
 - b) excavation and backfilling are done under dry conditions.
10. 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.
11. Any applicant proposing activities in a mined area or previously mined area shall provide to the IEPA a written determination regarding the sediment and materials used which are considered "acid-producing material" as defined in 35 Il. Adm. Code, Subtitle D. If considered "acid-producing material," the applicant shall obtain a permit to construct pursuant to 35 Il. Adm. Code 404.101.
12. Asphalt, bituminous material and concrete with protruding material such as reinforcing bar or mesh shall not be 1) used for backfill, 2) placed on shorelines/stream banks, or 3) placed in waters of the State.
13. Applicants that use site dewatering techniques in order to perform work in waterways for construction activities approved under Regional Permits 1 (Residential, Commercial and Institutional Developments), 2 (Recreation Projects), 3 (Transportation Projects), 7 (Temporary Construction Activities), 9 (Maintenance), or 12 (Bridge Scour Protection) shall maintain flow in the stream during such construction activity by utilizing dam and pumping, fluming, culverts or other such techniques.
14. In addition to any action required of the Regional Permit 13 (Cleanup of Toxic and Hazardous Materials Projects) with respect to the "Notification" General Condition 23, the applicant shall notify the Illinois EPA Bureau of Water, of the specific activity. This notification must 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 remediation. This Regional Permit is not valid for activities that do not require or will not receive authorization or approval from the BOL.
15. The applicant shall implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect water quality, preserve natural hydrology and minimize the overall impacts to aquatic resources during and after construction. If the project involves a water with an approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) allocation for any parameter, measures which ensure consistency with the assumption and requirements of the TMDL shall be included. TMDL program information and water listings are available at <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/tmdls/Pages/default.aspx>. If the project involves and impaired water listed on the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Section

303(d) list for suspended solids, turbidity, or siltation, measures designed for at least a 25-year, 24-hour rainfall event shall be incorporated. Impaired waters are identified at <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/tmdls/Pages/303d-list.aspx>.

16. Earthen granular fill used for construction of temporary structures in waters of the State shall have less than 20% passing a #230 U.S. sieve.
17. The use of directional drilling to install utility pipelines below surface waters of the State is hereby certified provided that:
 - a) All pits and other construction necessary for the directional drilling process are located outside of surface waters of the State;
 - b) All drilling fluids shall be adequately contained such that they cannot cause a discharge to surface waters of the State. Such fluids shall be managed such that they are not discharged to waters of the State and disposed of appropriately in accordance with the regulations at 35 Il. Adm. Code Subtitle G.
 - c) Erosion and sediment control is provided with Conditions 2, 4, and 5.

2. Illinois Coastal Management Program - Any non-federal entity applying to the Corps for an Individual Permit or a Letter of Permission for a project located within the boundary of the Illinois Coastal Management Program (ICMP), including waters of Lake Michigan, is required to submit a Federal Consistency Determination confirmation from the Illinois Coastal Management Program as part of the permit review process.

On February 18, 2017, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Management Program granted the Federal Consistent Determination for the Regional Permit Program. This determination is confirmation that the activities covered under the Regional Permit Program are consistent with the policies of the ICMP.

PDF maps of the Illinois Coastal Management Program's Zone Boundaries can be found at the bottom of the page at www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/boundaries.aspx and instructions on requesting an ICMP Federal Consistency Determination can be found at www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Documents/ICMPFederalConsistencyReviewProcedures.pdf.

3. Threatened and Endangered Species –

- a) For applications where a Federal agency other than the District is designated as the lead agency, the designated lead agency shall follow agency specific procedures for complying with the requirements of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act). Federal permittees must provide the District with the following documentation to demonstrate compliance with those requirements: the species list, your effects determination for each species, and the rationale for your effects determination for each species.
- b) For non-Federal permittees, if the District determines that the activity may affect Federally listed species or critical habitat, the District must initiate section 7 consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). Applicants must provide additional information that would enable the District to conclude that the proposed action will have no effect on Federally listed species.

The application packet must indicate whether resources (species, their suitable habitats, or critical habitat) listed or designated under the Act, may be present within areas affected (directly or indirectly)

by the proposed project. Applicants must provide a section 7 species list for the action area using the on-line process at the USFWS website. You can access "U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Endangered Species Program of the Upper Midwest" website at www.fws.gov/midwest/Endangered. Click on the section 7 Technical Assistance green shaded box in the lower right portion of the screen and follow the instructions to completion. Review all documentation pertaining to the species list and provide your effects determination for each species along with the rationale for your effects determination for each species to this office for review.

If no species, their suitable habitats, or critical habitats are listed, then a "no effect" determination can be made, and section 7 consultation is not warranted. If species or critical habitat appear on the list or suitable habitat is present within the action area, then a biological assessment or biological evaluation will need to be completed to determine if the proposed action will have "no effect" or "may affect" the species or suitable habitat. The District must request initiation of section 7 consultation with the USFWS upon agreement with the applicant on the effect determinations in the biological assessment or biological evaluation.

If the issues are not resolved, the analysis of the situation is complicated, or impacts to listed species or critical habitat are found to be greater than minimal, the District will consider reviewing the project under the Individual Permit process.

Projects in Will, DuPage, or Cook Counties that are located in the recharge zones for Hine's emerald dragonfly critical habitat units may be reviewed under the RPP, with careful consideration due to the potential impacts to the species. All projects reviewed that are located within 3.25 miles of a critical habitat unit will be reviewed under Category II of the RPP. Please visit the following website for the locations of the Hine's emerald dragonfly critical habitat units in Illinois.
www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/insects/hed/FRHinesFinalRevisedCH.html

4. Historic Properties - In cases where the District determines that the activity may affect properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places, the activity may require an Individual Permit. A determination of whether the activity may be authorized under the RPP instead of an Individual Permit will not be made until the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) have been satisfied.

Federal permittees designated as the lead agency shall follow agency specific procedures for complying with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Federal permittees must provide the District with the appropriate documentation to demonstrate compliance with those requirements.

Non-Federal permittees must include notification to the District if the authorized activity may have the potential to cause effects to any historic properties listed, determined to be eligible for listing on, or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, including previously unidentified properties. For such activities, the permit application must state which historic properties may be affected by the proposed work or include a vicinity map indicating the location of the historic properties or the potential for the presence of historic properties. Assistance regarding information on the location of or potential for the presence of historic resources can be sought from the State Historic Preservation Officer or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, as appropriate, and the National Register of Historic Places (see 33 CFR 330.4(g)).

When reviewing permit submittals, the District will comply with the current procedures for addressing the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Based on the information submitted and these efforts, the District will determine whether the proposed activity has the potential to cause an effect on the historic properties. Where the non-Federal applicant has identified historic properties which the activity may have the potential to cause effects and so notified the District, the non-Federal applicant must not begin the

activity until notified by the District either that the activity has no potential to cause effects or that consultation under Section 106 of the NHPA has been completed.

The District must take into account the effects on such properties in accordance with 33 CFR Part 325, Appendix C, and 36 CFR 800. If all issues pertaining to historic properties have been resolved through the consultation process to the satisfaction of the District, Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the District may, at its discretion, authorize the activity under the RPP.

Applicants are encouraged to obtain information on historic properties from the SHPO and the National Register of Historic Places at the earliest stages of project planning. For information, contact:

Illinois State Historic Preservation Office
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Attn: Review & Compliance
Old State Capital
1 Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702
(217) 782-4836
<https://www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric/Pages/default.aspx>

If you discover any previously unknown historic, cultural or archeological remains and artifacts while accomplishing the activity, you must immediately notify this office of what you have found, and to the maximum extent practicable, stop activities that would adversely affect those remains and artifacts until the required coordination has been completed. The District will initiate the Federal, Tribal and State coordination required to determine if the items or remains warrant a recovery effort or if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

5. Soil Erosion and Sediment Control - Measures must be taken to control soil erosion and sedimentation at the project site to ensure that sediment is not transported to waters of the U.S. during construction. Soil erosion and sediment control measures must be implemented before initiating any clearing, grading, excavating or filling activities. All temporary and permanent soil erosion and sediment control measures must be maintained throughout the construction period and until the site is stabilized. All exposed soil and other fills, and any work below the ordinary high water mark must be permanently stabilized at the earliest practicable date.

Applicants are required to prepare a soil erosion and sediment control (SESC) plan including temporary best management practices (BMPs) to be implemented during construction. It is recommended that the plan be designed in accordance with the Illinois Urban Manual, current edition (www.aiswcd.org/illinois-urban-manual). Practice standards and specifications for measures outlined in the soil erosion and sediment control plans should follow the latest edition of the "Illinois Urban Manual: A Technical Manual Designed for Urban Ecosystem Protection and Enhancement." Additional SESC measures not identified in the Illinois Urban Manual may also be utilized upon District approval.

At the District's discretion, an applicant may be required to submit the SESC plan to the local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) or the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) for review. When the District requires submission of an SESC plan, the following applies: An activity may not commence until the SESC plan for the project site has been approved; The SWCD/SMC will review the plan and provide a written evaluation of its adequacy; A SESC plan is considered acceptable when the SWCD/SMC has determined that it meets technical standards. Once a determination has been made, the authorized work may commence unless the SWCD/SMC has requested that they be notified prior to commencement of the approved

plans. The SWCD/SMC may elect to attend pre-construction meetings with the permittee and conduct inspections during construction to determine compliance with the plans. Applicants are encouraged to begin coordinating with the appropriate SWCD/SMC office at the earliest stages of project planning. For information, contact:

Kane-DuPage SWCD
2315 Dean Street, Suite 100
St. Charles, IL 60174
(630) 584-7960 ext.3
www.kanedupageswcd.org

Lake County SMC
500 W. Winchester Rd, Suite 201
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 377-7700
www.lakecountyil.gov/stormwater

McHenry-Lake County SWCD
1648 South Eastwood Dr.
Woodstock, IL 60098
(815) 338-0099 ext.3
www.mchenryswcd.org

North Cook County SWCD
640 Cosman Rd
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
(847) 885-8830
www.northcookswcd.org

Will/South Cook SWCD
1201 S. Gougar Rd
New Lenox, IL 60451
(815) 462-3106
www.will-scookswcd.org

6. Total Maximum Daily Load - For projects that include a discharge of pollutant(s) to waters for which there is an approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) allocation for any parameter, the applicant must develop plans and BMPs that are consistent with the assumptions and requirements in the approved TMDL. The applicant must incorporate into their plans and BMPs any conditions applicable to their discharges necessary for consistency with the assumptions and requirements of the TMDL within any timeframes established in the TMDL. The applicant must carefully document the justifications for all BMPs and plans, and install, implement and maintain practices and BMPs that are consistent with all relevant TMDL allocations and with all relevant conditions in an implementation plan. Information regarding the TMDL program, including approved TMDL allocations, can be found at the following website: www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/tmdls/Pages/default.aspx

7. Floodplain - Discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States within the 100-year floodplain (as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency) resulting in permanent above-grade fills must be avoided and minimized to the maximum extent practicable. When such an above-grade fill would occur, the applicant may need to obtain approval from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources, (IDNR-OWR) which regulates activities affecting the floodway and the local governing agency (e.g., Village or County) with jurisdiction over activities in the floodplain. Compensatory storage may be required for fill within the floodplain. Applicants are encouraged to obtain information from the IDNR-OWR and the local governing agency with jurisdiction at the earliest stages of project planning. For information on floodway construction, contact:

IDNR/OWR
2050 Stearns Road
Bartlett, IL 60103
(847) 608-3100
www.dnr.illinois.gov/WaterResources/

For information on floodplain construction, please contact the local government and/or the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Pursuant to 33 CFR 320.4(j), the District will consider the likelihood of the applicant obtaining approval for above-ground permanent fills in floodplains in determining whether to issue authorization under the RPP.

8. Navigation - Regulated activities may not cause more than a minimal adverse effect on navigation. Safety lights and signals prescribed by the U.S. Coast Guard, through regulations or otherwise, must be installed and maintained at the permittee's expense on authorized facilities within navigable waters of the United States. The permittee understands and agrees that if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration of the structure or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative, said structure or work will cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the permittee will be required, upon due notice from the Corps of Engineers, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States. No claim will be made against the United States on account of any such removal or alteration.

9. Proper Maintenance - Authorized structures or fill must be properly maintained, including that necessary to ensure public safety.

10. Aquatic Life Movements - Regulated activities may not substantially disrupt the movement of those species of aquatic life indigenous to the waterbody, including species that normally migrate through the area, unless the activity's primary purpose is to impound water.

11. Equipment - Soil disturbance and compaction in regulated areas must be minimized through the use of low ground pressure equipment, matting for heavy equipment, or other measures as approved by the District.

12. Wild and Scenic Rivers - Regulated activities may not occur in a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System, or in a river officially designated by Congress as a "study river" for possible inclusion in the system, while the river is in an official study status. Information on Wild and Scenic Rivers may be obtained from the appropriate land management agency in the area, such as the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service.

13. Tribal Rights - Regulated activities or their operation may not impair reserved Tribal rights, including, but not limited to, reserved water rights and treaty fishing and hunting rights.

14. Water Supply Intakes - Discharges of dredged or fill material may not occur in the proximity of a public water supply intake except where the discharge is for repair of the public water supply intake structures or adjacent bank stabilization.

15. Shellfish Production - Discharges of dredged or fill material may not occur in areas of concentrated shellfish production.

16. Suitable Material - Discharges of dredged or fill material may not consist of unsuitable material. Material discharged must be free from toxic pollutants in toxic amounts (see Section 307 of the Clean Water Act). Unsuitable material includes trash, debris, vehicle parts, asphalt, and creosote treated wood.

17. Spawning Areas - Discharges in spawning areas during spawning seasons must be avoided to the maximum extent practicable.

18. Obstruction of High Flows - Discharges must not permanently restrict or impede the passage of normal or expected high flows. All crossings must be culverted, bridged or otherwise designed to prevent the restriction

of expected high water flows and designed so as not to impede low water flows or the movement of aquatic organisms.

19. Impacts From Impoundments - If the discharge creates an impoundment of water, adverse impacts on aquatic resources caused by the accelerated passage of water and/or the restriction of its flow must be avoided to the maximum extent practicable.

20. Waterfowl Breeding Areas - Discharges into breeding areas utilized by migratory waterfowl must be avoided to the maximum extent practicable.



21. Removal of Temporary Fills - Temporary fill material must be removed in its entirety and the affected area returned to pre-existing condition.

22. Mitigation - All appropriate and practicable steps must first be taken to avoid and minimize impacts to aquatic resources. For unavoidable impacts, compensatory mitigation is required to replace the loss of wetland, stream, and/or other aquatic resource functions (33 CFR 332). The proposed compensatory mitigation must utilize a watershed approach and fully consider the ecological needs of the watershed. Where an appropriate watershed plan is available, mitigation site selection should consider recommendations in the plan. The applicant must describe in detail how the mitigation site was chosen and will be developed, and be based on the specific resource need of the impacted watershed. Permit applicants are responsible for proposing an appropriate compensatory mitigation option to offset unavoidable impacts. However, the District is responsible for determining the appropriate form and amount of compensatory mitigation required when evaluating compensatory mitigation options and determining the type of mitigation that would be environmentally preferable. In making this determination, the District will assess the likelihood for ecological success and sustainability, the location of the compensation site relative to the impact site, and their significance within the watershed. Methods of providing compensatory mitigation include aquatic resource restoration, establishment, enhancement, and in certain circumstances, preservation. Compensatory mitigation will be accomplished by establishing a minimum ratio of 1.5 acres of mitigation for every 1.0 acre of impact to waters of the U.S. Furthermore, the District has the discretion to require additional mitigation to ensure that the impacts are no more than minimal. Further information is available at www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Illinois/Mitigation.aspx.

23. Notification - The applicant must provide written notification (i.e., a complete application) for a proposed activity to be verified under the RPP prior to commencing a proposed activity. The District's receipt of the complete application is the date when the District receives all required notification information from the applicant (see below). If the District informs the applicant within 60 calendar days that the notification is incomplete (i.e., not a complete application), the applicant must submit to the District, in writing, the requested information to be considered for review under the Regional Permit Program. A new 60 day review period will commence when the District receives the requested information. Applications that involve unauthorized activities that are completed or partially completed by the applicant are not subject to the 60-day review period. Applications may be either sent to ChicagoRequests@usace.army.mil or mailed to our office: USACE Regulatory Branch, 231 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1500, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

For all activities, notification must include:

- a. A detailed narrative of the proposed activity describing all work to be performed, a clear project purpose and need statement, the Regional Permit(s) to be used for the activity, the area (in acres) of permanent and temporary fills proposed in each water of the U.S., and a statement that the terms and conditions of the RPP will be followed. For projects with impacts to multiple aquatic resources, provide a table identifying impact types and amounts.

-  b. A completed application form signed by the applicant or agent. The application form is available at <https://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Illinois/>. If the applicant does not sign the application form, notification must include a signed, written statement from the applicant designating the agent as their representative.
- c. A delineation of waters of the U.S., including wetlands, for the project area, and for areas adjacent to the project site (off-site wetlands must be identified through the use of reference materials including review of local wetland inventories, soil surveys, and the most recent available aerial photography), must be prepared in accordance with the current U.S. Army Corps of Engineers methodology (www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/RegulatoryProgramandPermits/reg_supp.aspx) and generally conducted during the growing season.* The District's wetland delineation standards are available at www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Portals/36/docs/regulatory/pdf/Delineations.pdf. For sites supporting wetlands, the delineation must include a Floristic Quality Assessment (Flora of the Chicago Region: A Floristic and Ecological Synthesis, Wilhelm and Rericha, 2017). The delineation must also include information on the occurrence of any high-quality aquatic resources (see Appendix A), and a listing of waterfowl, reptile and amphibian species observed while at the project area. The District reserves the right to exercise judgment when reviewing submitted wetland delineations. Flexibility of these requirements may be allowed by the District on a case-by-case basis only.
-  d. A street map showing the location of the project area.
- e. Latitude and longitude for the project in decimal degrees format (for example 41.878639N, -87.631212W).
- f. Preliminary engineering drawings sized 11" by 17" (full-sized may be requested by the project manager) showing all aspects of the proposed activity and the location of waters of the U.S. to be impacted and not impacted. The plans must include grading contours, proposed and existing structures such as buildings footprints, roadways, road crossings, stormwater management facilities, utilities, construction access areas and details of water conveyance structures. The plans must also depict buffer areas, outlots or open space designations, best management practices, deed restricted areas and restoration areas, if required under the specific RP.
- g. Submittal of soil erosion and sediment control (SESC) plans that identify all SESC measures to be utilized during construction of the project.
- h. A determination whether resources (species, their suitable habitats, or critical habitat) listed or designated under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, may be present within areas affected (directly or indirectly) by the proposed project. Applicants must provide a section 7 species list for the action area using the on-line process at the USFWS website. You can access "U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Endangered Species Program of the Upper Midwest" website at www.fws.gov/midwest/Endangered. Click on the section 7 Technical Assistance green shaded box in the lower right portion of the screen and follow the instructions to completion. Review all documentation pertaining to the species list and provide your effects determination for each species along with the rationale for your effects determination for each species to this office for review.

In the event there are no species, their suitable habitats, or critical habitats within areas affected (directly or indirectly) by the proposed project, then a "no effect" determination can be made and section 7

* If a wetland delineation is conducted outside of the growing season, the District will determine on a case-by-case basis whether sufficient evidence is available to make an accurate determination. If the District finds that the delineation lacks sufficient evidence, the application will not be considered complete until the information is provided. This may involve re-delineating the project site during the growing season.

consultation is not warranted. If species or critical habitat appear on the list, or suitable habitat is present within the action area, then a biological assessment or biological evaluation will need to be completed to determine if the proposed action will have a “no effect” or a “may affect” determination on the species or suitable habitat. The District will request initiation of section 7 consultation with the USFWS upon agreement with the applicant on the effects determinations in the biological assessment or biological evaluation. If the issues are not resolved, the analysis of the situation is complicated, or impacts to listed species or critical habitat are found to be greater than minimal, the District will consider reviewing the project under the Individual Permit process.

- i. A determination of the presence or absence of any State threatened or endangered species. Please contact the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to determine if any State threatened and endangered species could be in the project area. You can access the IDNR’s Ecological Compliance Assessment Tool (EcoCAT) at the following website: dnr.illinois.gov/EcoPublic/. For the first general information question, select “To obtain information on Illinois T&E species or INAI sites for federal agency actions” and select “U.S. Army Corps of Engineers” from the drop down menu. Once the EcoCAT and consultation process is complete, forward all resulting information to this office for consideration. The report must also include recommended methods as required by the IDNR for minimizing potential adverse effects of the project.



- j. A statement about the knowledge of the presence or absence of historic properties, which includes properties listed, or properties eligible to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The permittee must provide all pertinent correspondence documenting compliance. Initial documentation required for the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer (ILSHPO) is located here: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric/preserve/pages/resource-protection.aspx>. The Historic and Architectural Resources Geographic Information System (HARGIS) at <http://gis.hpa.state.il.us/hargis/> is the public portal to Illinois’ historic buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts. This database contains properties that have been listed in the National Register of Historic Places, determined eligible for listing, or surveyed without a determination.

- k. Where an appropriate watershed plan is available, the applicant must address in writing how the proposed activity is aligned with the relevant water quality, hydrologic, and aquatic resource protection recommendations in the watershed plan. A list of watershed plans is available at www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Illinois/WatershedPlans.aspx.

- l. A discussion of measures taken to avoid and/or minimize impacts to aquatic resources on the project site.

- m. A compensatory mitigation plan for all impacts to waters of the U.S. (if compensatory mitigation is required under the specific RP) in compliance with 33 CFR 332.

- n. A written narrative individually addressing each of the items listed under the specific RP(s) being requested.



For non-commercial and non-institutional projects (e.g. single-family home activities; bank stabilization, docks and piers, etc.), the District may provide one or more “simple application checklist(s)” for applicants to use. If an applicant believes a project qualifies for use of such a checklist, they should provide the information required therein in the notification. The District will determine within 60 days whether the project is appropriate for use of the checklist; and if so, may determine that the application is complete if it includes all required information. If information is missing, or if more information is needed for a particular project (up to the requirements of this condition, listed above), the District will notify the applicant within 60 days of receipt of the notification, and the application will not be considered “complete” until such information is provided.



For Category II activities, the District will provide an Agency Request for Comments (ARC) which describes the proposed activity. The ARC will be sent to the USFWS, USEPA, state natural resource and water quality agencies, any consulting parties if a Section 106 NHPA consultation is included in the ARC, and the USCG for activities in Navigable Waters, for review and comment. The USEPA, USFWS, USCG, IEPA, and IDNR have ten (10) calendar days from the date of the ARC to contact the District and either provide comments or request an extension, not to exceed fifteen (15) calendar days. If a Section 106 consultation is included in the ARC, consulting parties (which include at a minimum the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and interested Indian Tribes) have thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the ARC to provide comments. The District will fully consider agency comments received within the specified time frame. Additional entities may also be notified as needed, and these entities must provide their comments within 10 days of the ARC if they wish to respond. If the District grants a time extension to an agency with statutory consulting rights, all comments received within that extended time period will be considered.

If the District determines that the activity complies with the terms and conditions of the RPP and impacts on aquatic resources are minimal, the District will notify the applicant in writing and include special conditions if deemed necessary. If the District determines the impacts of the proposed activity are more than minimal, the District will notify the applicant that the project does not qualify for authorization under the RPP and instruct the applicant on the procedures to seek authorization under an Individual Permit.

24. Compliance Certification - Any permittee who has received authorization under the RPP from the District must submit a signed certification stating that the authorized work has been completed. The certification will be forwarded by the District with the authorization letter and will include: a) a statement that the authorized work was done in accordance with the District's authorization, including any general or specific conditions; b) a statement that any required mitigation was completed in accordance with the permit conditions, and; c) the signature of the permittee certifying the completion of the work and mitigation.

25. Multiple use of Regional Permits - In any case where a Regional Permit is combined with any other Regional Permit to cover a single and complete project (except where prohibited under specific Regional Permits), the applicant must notify the District in accordance with General Condition 23. If multiple Regional Permits are used, the total impact may not exceed the maximum allowed by the Regional Permit with the greatest impact threshold.



In the event that one or more Regional Permit(s) are sought for a subsequent phase of a project, where one or more previous phase(s) have been previously authorized, the District retains the right to determine that the phase(s) were in fact a single and complete project. If the current or future phase(s) would together result in greater impacts than allowable under the RPP, the District may suspend and/or revoke the previous authorization(s) as appropriate, and proceed under the appropriate individual permit and/or enforcement process(es).

26. Other Restrictions - Authorization under the RPP does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, State or local permits, approvals, or authorizations required by law nor does it grant any property rights or exclusive privileges, authorize any injury to the property or rights of others or authorize interference with any existing or proposed Federal project.

Approved by:

//ORIGINAL SIGNED//

Christopher T. Drew
Colonel, U.S. Army
District Commander

March 23, 2017

Date