



Public Notice

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**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
Baltimore District

**In Reply Refer to CENAB-OP-RPA
Special Public Notice # 08-22**

**Subject: Revision to the Pennsylvania State Programmatic General
Permit (PASPGP-3) Bog Turtle Habitat Clearance Process.**

This Public Notice is issued jointly by the Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Baltimore Districts of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

In accordance with the procedures for implementing the Pennsylvania State Programmatic General Permit (PASPGP-3), the Corps of Engineers is hereby providing notification to the public regarding updates to lists of counties requiring screening procedures for endangered species. This notice affects proposed projects that may be authorized by the Corps or Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection through the PASPGP-3.

Effective immediately, habitat screenings for the Bog Turtle (*Glyptemys* [= *Clemmys*] *muhlenbergii*), as required for proposed activities that are Federally regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will no longer be required for Franklin County, Pennsylvania. This requirement is made by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The USFWS, the agency responsible for implementing the Federal Endangered Species Act, has determined that Bog Turtles no longer occur in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

This revision is in accordance with the procedures for implementing the PASPGP-3 which provides for periodically updating the list of counties requiring screening in conjunction with information provided by the USFWS for the purpose of ensuring compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

This revision has been made to the PASPGP-3 Permit, Section III. C. 3.b. *Activities Which May Affect Threatened or Endangered Species or Their Critical Habitat*. The PASPGP-3 permit may be viewed on the Baltimore District Regulatory Internet Web page, which is located at www.nab.usace.army.mil/Regulatory

Also modified by this Public Notice is the Corps Special Public Notice SPN 07-37 (Final Regional Conditions and Suspension for the 2007 Nationwide Permits), Enclosure A, Regional Condition 27a, issued on September 11, 2007, which currently indicates that a Pre-construction Notification (PCN) is required for all counties in Pennsylvania where Bog Turtles are known to occur. This condition is being modified to delete Franklin County from this list.

In addition, the *Primary Contact List by County* for Bog Turtle habitat assessments has also been updated as listed below:

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It is requested that you communicate the foregoing information to any persons known by you to be interested and not being known to this office who did not receive a copy of this notice. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Patricia Strong, Baltimore District Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 1715, Pennsylvania Section, Baltimore, Maryland 21203 or via e-mail at pat.strong@usace.army.mil.