

To ensure projects covered by a nationwide permit will result in minimal adverse impacts to the aquatic environment, we propose the following Regional Conditions for projects proposed within the State of Iowa, including Indian Country:

1. Side slopes of a newly constructed channel will be no steeper than 2:1 and planted to permanent, perennial, native vegetation if not armored.
2. Nationwide permits with mitigation may require recording of the nationwide permit and pertinent drawings with the Registrar of Deeds or other appropriate official charged with the responsibility for maintaining records of title to, or interest in, real property, and that the permittee provide proof of that recording to the Corps.
3. Mitigation shall be scheduled prior to, or concurrent with the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.
4. For newly constructed channels through areas that are unvegetated, native grass filter strips, or a riparian buffer with native trees or shrubs a minimum of 35 feet wide from the top of bank must be planted along both sides of the new channel. A survival rate of 80% of desirable species shall be achieved within 3 years of establishment of the buffer strip.
5. For single family residences authorized under Nationwide Permit No. 29, the permanent loss of waters of the United States (including jurisdictional wetlands) must not exceed 1/4 acre.
6. For NWP 46, the discharge of dredged or fill material into ditches that would sever the jurisdiction of an upstream water of the United States from a downstream water of the United States is not allowed.