

US Army Corps of Engineers Rock Island District

PUBLIC NOTICE

NATIONWIDE PERMITS

Date: June 26, 2007

PUBLIC NOTICE ANNOUNCING REGIONAL CONDITIONS AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR NATIONWIDE PERMITS

On March 12, 2007, in Part II of the *Federal Register* (72 FR 11092), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) announced the reissuance of all existing Nationwide Permits (NWPs), general conditions, and definitions with some modifications. The Corps also issued six new NWPs, two new general conditions, and 13 new definitions. The NWPs became effective on March 19, 2007.

On June 12, 2007, the Mississippi Valley Division Engineer approved Regional Conditions for the Nationwide Permits (NWPs) in Iowa and Illinois. The Regional Conditions for Missouri are still under consideration. These conditions apply to all activities authorized by NWPs. Regional conditions provide additional protection for the aquatic environment by ensuring that the NWPs authorize only those activities with minimal adverse effects on the aquatic environment.

The Rock Island District has posted its Corps regional conditions for the NWPs under the Nationwide Permit section on its Internet home page at: http://www2.mvr.usace.army.mil/Regulatory/.

Iowa Department of Natural Resources issued Section 401 Water Quality Certification for all NWPs.

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency issued Section 401 Water Quality Certification for NWPs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 20, 22, 27, 33, 36, 38, 41, 45, 46, and 47.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources issued Section 401 Water Quality Certifications for NWPs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 30, 31, 33, 36, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, and 47.

For projects within the Meskwaki Nation of Iowa, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has denied Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) for certainin activities. For all other projects authorized by a Nationwide Permit, the USEPA has issued Section 401 WQC.

The full text of the Regional Conditions and the 401 Water Quality Certifications is available on our website under the Nationwide Permit section at: http://www2.mvr.usace.army.mil/Regulatory/.

Questions concerning implementation of the new and modified NWPs and conditions or the Corps regional conditions within the Rock Island District should be sent to Rock Island District, Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Ms. Donna M. Jones, P.E., CEMVR-OD-PE, Post Office Box 2004, Rock Island, Illinois 61204-2004.

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