

EMERGENCY APPROVALS FOR WORK RELATED TO THE DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL

The New Orleans District has a General Permit (NOD-20) for Emergency Operations within the boundaries of the District.

To obtain an NOD-20, entities proposing the emergency work must provide the following information by telephone, e-mail, or fax:

1. Description of the proposed work and brief statement of the emergency situation;
2. Location of the proposed work (a map or latitude and longitude); and
3. Name, address, telephone, and e-mail contact information for the applicant.

Depending upon the nature and extent of the emergency, immediate verbal authorization may be granted; however, in other cases a written (e-mail or fax is acceptable) request explaining the emergency, with sketches and maps, may be needed to establish qualification for NOD-20.

If the applicant is the State of Louisiana or Parish Government, in addition to submitting the application directly to the New Orleans District, Regulatory Branch, the application must also be entered into the WEBEOC database and the status updated regularly.

Within 30 days of approval, the permittee must provide a restoration plan to restore the impacted site.

Should it be in the public interest to maintain the authorized work, the permittee must apply for a Department of the Army permit within 30 days of the emergency approval.

To obtain emergency approval, forward the information in numbers 1-3 above to:

Pete J. Serio, Chief, Regulatory Branch at:
(504) 862-2255 (Office)
(504) 715-1897 (after normal working hours)
Email: Pete.J.Serio@usace.army.mil

OR

Martin Mayer, Chief, Central Evaluation Section at
(504) 862-2276 (Office)
Email: Martin.S.Mayer@usace.army.mil

Emergency requests may also be faxed to (504) 862-2289 or (504) 862-2574; however, e-mail is the preferred method of contact.

To review the full terms and conditions of NOD-20, visit our website at:

<http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/ops/regulatory/NOD-20.pdf>