

Regulatory Guidance Letter 87-06

SUBJECT: Inspection and Surveillance of Permitted Activities

DATE: July 7, 1987 EXPIRES: December 31, 1989

1. As a result of an accident involving the break away of barges from a fleeting area, the National Transportation Safety Board has recommended the Corps institute a monitoring program for district engineers to verify that the terms and conditions of construction permits issued for barge fleeting areas are met. This recommendation is equally applicable to other permitted activities that could cause extensive danger to life, property or the environment.
2. In accordance with our regulations in 33 CFR part 326, district engineers have a discretionary duty to take reasonable measures to inspect permitted activities as necessary to ensure that these activities comply with specified terms and conditions of the permit.
3. When monitoring permitted activities, the district engineers should give highest priority to those requirements that, if not followed, would have the greatest potential for endangering life or property or result in large environmental impacts.
4. This guidance expires 31 December 1989 unless sooner revised or rescinded.

FOR THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS: