



The Department of the Army Regulatory Program is one of the oldest in the Federal Government. Initially it served a fairly simple, straightforward purpose: to protect and maintain the navigable capacity of the nation's waters. Time, changing public needs, evolving policy, case law, and new statutory mandates have changed the complexion of the program, adding to its breadth, complexity and authority.

The Regulatory Program is committed to protecting the Nation's aquatic resources, while allowing reasonable development through fair, flexible and balanced permit decisions. The Corps evaluates permit applications for essentially all construction activities in the Nation's waters.

The Regulatory Program operates under two authorities:

- Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. This Act has jurisdiction over any work or structure in, over, or under navigable waters of the United States. Section 10 waters within the Kansas City District include all or part of the following waters: Missouri, Kansas, Blue, Grand, Lamine, Osage and Gasconade Rivers and the Lake of the Ozarks.
- Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. This Act has jurisdiction over the discharge of dredged or fill material in all waters of the United States, including rivers, streams, lakes and wetlands.

The Kansas City District has Regulatory Program responsibility for all of Kansas, and a little over half of Missouri. To provide service and access for the public, we have divided this area into five geographic service areas staffed with full service project managers located at Kanopolis Lake Kan., El Dorado Lake Kan., Kansas City Mo., Harry S. Truman Reservoir Mo. and Jefferson City Mo.

Our project managers are drawn from a number of disciplines including; biology, wildlife management, ecology, hydrology, geography, agronomy and soil science, and develop skills in wetland delineation, environmental impact assessment, habitat analysis, aquatic mitigation, mitigation banking, public participation, enforcement and compliance and conflict resolution.

We measure our work with eight national performance measures, four of which focus on on-the-ground permit and mitigation site compliance, two on resolution of noncompliance and unauthorized work cases and two on the timeliness of permit decisions.

#### Key Messages & Facts

- The Kansas City District is the Lead Regulatory District in Missouri, and though a Regulatory Board, we build program consistency and share technical expertise in the development of tools and policies for Missouri.
- The Kansas City District is a regional leader in the development of Regional General Permits (RGPs). These RGPs provide simple and fast permit decisions for the public, provide for protection of important resources and reduce resource costs for the Corps and other agencies. Our most important RGPs include one for post-flood recovery, shoreline development activities at the Lake of the Ozarks and for USDA approved farmer conservation practices in Kansas.
- In FY 2013, the Kansas City District produced over 3,000 Standard, General and Nationwide Permit decisions. This number does not include other workload such as jurisdictional determinations, exemption determinations and enforcement actions.