

PUBLIC NOTICE
ANNOUNCING APPROVED NEW 2012 NATIONWIDE PERMIT REGIONAL
CONDITION FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

March 10, 2014

On February 21, 2012, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) published the notice in the *Federal Register* announcing the reissuance of all existing nationwide permits (NWPs), general conditions, and definitions with some modifications. The Corps also issued two new NWPs, three new general conditions, and three new definitions. The NWPs went into effect on March 19, 2012, and will expire on March 18, 2017.

Division engineers are authorized to add regional conditions specific to the needs and/or requirements of a particular region or state. Regional conditions are important mechanisms to ensure that impacts to the aquatic environment authorized by the NWPs are minimal, both individually and cumulatively. Division engineers may also suspend or revoke specific NWPs in certain geographic areas (e.g., states or watersheds) or high-value aquatic systems where impacts authorized by those NWPs may be more than minimal.

The Charleston District's regional conditions for the 2012 Nationwide Permits were previously approved by the South Atlantic Division Commander on March 30, 2012. The Charleston District's proposal to add a new regional condition to the 2012 Nationwide Permits was noticed on March 7, 2013. The new regional condition, condition #35, was approved by the South Atlantic Division Commander on January 17, 2014, and reads as follows:

For **NWP's 3, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 22, and 33**, temporary structures, fills, and/or work are only authorized for a period of 90 days. Upon written request by the permittee and a complete PCN, the District Engineer may extend the 90-day period to no more than a total of 180 days, where appropriate. NOTE: All temporary structures, fills, and/or work that exceed 180 days will require Individual Permit authorization from the Corps prior to construction.

Enclosed with today's public notice are the 2012 Approved Nationwide Permit Regional Conditions for South Carolina, Revised. These regional conditions are effective immediately and are applicable throughout the entire Charleston District, which includes the State of South Carolina.

Nationwide Permit information, including the General Conditions, Regional Conditions, and Checklists are available on the Charleston District website at <http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PermittingProcess>