

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

March 7, 2013

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 approved by the South Atlantic Division Commander on March 30, 2012.

In order to insure consistency amongst all of the NWPs, the Charleston District is proposing the addition of one regional condition to the Approved 2012 Nationwide Permit Regional Conditions for South Carolina. The proposed regional condition is below:

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 written authorization from the Corps prior to construction.

No changes are being proposed for the existing approved regional conditions.

Comments on the proposed new regional condition listed above are to be sent to the

Charleston District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Division
ATTN: Tracy Sanders
69-A Hagood Avenue, Charleston, S.C. 29403.

Comments in response to this public notice are due by **April 5, 2013.**

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>