

SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

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REGULATORY DIVISION

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CHARLESTON DISTRICT REGULATORY UPDATE - COVID 19 AND WORKLOAD PRIORITIZATION

The purpose of this notice is to provide a brief update on the current operational status of the Charleston District's Regulatory Division.

1. **COVID-19 UPDATE:** The number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise in South Carolina; therefore, the Charleston District Regulatory Division is still operating in a maximized telework status and all offices remain closed to the public. We continue to make great strides processing actions electronically and working virtually, to include hosting and participating in virtual meetings. We will continue to conduct site visits on a case-by-case basis. The ability to review a site or project in the field is critical to our program, so your cooperation in following COVID-19 safety measures is greatly appreciated. We continue to ask that all site visits be conducted under social distancing protocols, and a mask be worn when appropriate. Please minimize the number of individuals that attend any site visits and take steps to ensure everyone stays healthy.
2. **Charleston District Prioritization of Projects:** Given the District's current COVID-19 posture and current workload, the Charleston District Regulatory Division would like to remind you that we have determined the most effective and efficient way to serve the public is to prioritize incoming actions in the following manner:
 1. Department of the Army (DA) Permit applications/Pre-construction Notifications (PCNs) that do not need a Jurisdictional Determination (JD);
 2. DA Permit applications/ PCNs with an existing, valid Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD) or Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination (PJD);
 3. DA Permit applications/ PCNs with a valid "Delineation Concurrence" from the Corps;
 4. DA Permit applications/PCNs accompanied with a JD/delineation request; and lastly
 5. Standalone JD or delineation requests.

If you have any further questions concerning the information presented in this public notice or our Program, you may visit our website listed below. You may also contact your local Regulatory Office directly. See the Regulatory Office Service Area Map on our website at <https://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>.

Please note that this prioritization of projects only applies to the Charleston District Regulatory Division's geographic area of responsibility. If your project is located outside of the Charleston District, please contact the appropriate Corps office.