

**U.S. Army Corps
Of Engineers**
Norfolk District

Fort Norfolk, 803 Front Street
Norfolk, Virginia 23510-1096

**CENAO-REG
13-RP-18**

REGIONAL PERMIT

Effective Date: August 14, 2013

Expiration Date: August 14, 2018

I. AUTHORITIES:

13-RP-18, Regional Permit 18 (RP), authorizes the installation and/or construction of open-pile piers, mooring structures/devices, fender piles, covered boathouses/boat slips, boat lifts, osprey pilings/platforms, accessory pier structures, and devices associated with shellfish gardening, for private, commercial, community, and government use.

The intent of this Regional Permit is to provide a streamlined permitting process for those activities listed in paragraph 1 that do not adversely affect general navigation and the aquatic environment.

The people of the Commonwealth of Virginia are hereby authorized by the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Engineers pursuant to Section 10 of the River and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. § 403) to install and/or construct open-pile piers, mooring structures/devices, fender piles, covered boathouses/boat slips, boat lifts, osprey pilings/platforms, accessory pier structures, and devices associated with shellfish gardening, for private or certain public uses within navigable waters of the United States within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Activities receiving written authorization under this RP do not require further authorization unless the District Engineer determines that overriding national factors of the public interest would require an individual permit (in accordance with 33 CFR Part 325) for a particular project that might generally qualify for this RP. This RP covers only those activities that strictly comply with all of the descriptions, general and special conditions set out below. Any work that does not comply with the following terms, conditions, standards and limitations does not qualify for this RP and will require a separate Department of the Army authorization.

II. PROCEDURES:

Prospective permittees/applicants must notify the Corps' District Engineer, via the submission of a Joint Permit Application (JPA), and must receive written notification from the Corps acknowledging that the project satisfies the criteria of this RP. **No work is authorized until the Corps issues a written permit verification.** A JPA can be obtained by writing to the District at the above address or telephoning (757) 201-7652. With internet access, an application may also

be obtained by downloading a copy at the following link:
<http://www.nao.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/JPA.aspx> .

For an application to be considered complete:

1. The applicant **MUST** provide written justification as to the purpose if the proposed work would extend a pier greater than one-fourth of the distance across the open water measured from mean high water (MHW) or the channelward edge of the wetlands.
2. The applicant **MUST** provide written justification if the proposed work would involve the construction of a pier greater than five feet wide or less than four feet above any wetland substrate.
3. The Corps **MAY** require depth soundings across the waterway at increments designated by the Corps project manager. Inclusion of depth sounding data in the original JPA submittal is highly recommended in order to expedite permit evaluation. Depth soundings are typically taken at 10-foot increments for waterways less than 200 feet wide and 20-foot increments for waterways greater than 200 feet wide. Please include the date and time the measurements were taken, whether the data was collected at mean low water (MLW) or MHW, and how the soundings were taken (e.g., tape, range finder, etc.).

III. STATE AND LOCAL APPROVALS:

1. A permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) to encroach upon State bottom and/or a local wetlands board permit may also be required for work authorized by this RP.
2. The State Water Control Board provided unconditional §401 Water Quality Certification for the 13-RP-18. Therefore, the activities that qualify for this RP meet the requirements of Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Virginia Water Protection Permit Regulation, provided that the permittee abides by the terms and conditions of 13-RP-18.
3. Those activities on the Potomac River extending beyond the mean low water line may require authorization by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) and/or the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Authorization may also be needed from the Tennessee Valley Authority for projects constructed on the Clinch and Holston Rivers.
4. Pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) of 1972, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) completed its review of the Federal Consistency Determination (FCD) for this RP on May 10, 2013 and provided concurrence that this RP is consistent with the VCP.

5. Permittees should ensure that projects are designed and constructed in a manner consistent with all state and local requirements pursuant to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act (CBPA) (Virginia Code 10.1-2100 *et seq.*) and the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Designation and Management Regulations (9 VAC 10-20-10 *et seq.*).
6. Authorizations under this RP do not supersede state or local government authority or responsibilities pursuant to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act or to any State or local laws or regulations.

IV. SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. For the construction or expansion of any private piers and structures:
 - a. If the Corps determines that the proposed activity does not adversely affect general navigation and/or the environment, the Corps may authorize the proposed activity under this RP if it exceeds the limitation of one-fourth of the width of the waterway specified in the Norfolk District's Regional Permit 17 (13-RP-17).
 - b. The Corps may determine that piers constructed over wetlands can exceed the five feet width restriction and/or that the work can be less than the four-feet-above the wetland substrate restrictions of 13-RP-17 (which requires that such piers be no more than a maximum of five feet wide and that the decking be at least four feet above any wetland substrate), if the applicant submits a demonstrated need for the increase width or lowered height, and if the Corps determines that the pier as proposed will have minimal environmental impacts.
2. For the construction or expansion of community, commercial, and/or government piers and structures:
 - a. This authorization covers all open-pile piers, docks, wharfs associated with the construction or expansion of any community, commercial, or government facility whose primary use is commercial, governmental, and/or recreational. This would include, but not be limited to, community fishing piers, piers at seafood processing facilities, piers at boat repair facilities, piers at marine terminals, recreational piers located on military installations, piers for military associated operational facilities utilized for training, aggregate handling facilities, and other non-recreational facilities. (Marine railways are excluded from this regional permit.)
 - b. If the original purpose of the structure or facility changes, the permittee must submit a request for a permit modification (i.e. a recreational marina to a grain loading facility or coal handling facility).
3. For mooring structures/devices, pilings, and fender piles: This authorization includes all such structures, either isolated or part of large facilities, whose primary purpose is private, commercial, governmental, and/or recreational. This would include, but not be limited to, mooring buoys, mooring balls, mooring piles, mooring dolphins, mooring

camels, fender piles, and osprey pilings/platforms at private piers, community piers, seafood processing facilities, boat repair facilities, marine terminals, military installations and other commercial and/or recreational facilities. Should primary use of the permitted structure change, a permit modification must be requested.

4. This permit authorizes private, public, commercial and/or governmental mooring structures/devices. Private mooring buoys can also be authorized under Nationwide Permit 10. The location and maximum radius of swing including the moored vessel's length must be included on the drawings as part of the Joint Permit Application. The US Coast Guard may also have to issue approval and it is up to the applicant to obtain the Coast Guard's approval.
5. A pier may be constructed in and over wetland areas to allow access. Such piers shall be attached to the upland at a point landward of mean high water.
6. Mooring piles and/or mooring structures/devices will be permitted in wetland areas for the purpose of boat mooring only if sufficient water depths exist to float the vessel during periods of low water without alteration of the wetland.
7. Floatation units must be made of materials that will not become waterlogged or sink if punctured. Floating sections must be braced so they will not rest on the bottom during periods of low water.
8. Work in areas with submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) should be avoided. However, if work is proposed in areas that contain (SAV), additional avoidance and minimization measures, such as relocating a structure, time of year restrictions, compensatory mitigation, etc. may be required to reduce impacts to SAV. Conditions relating to SAV impacts will be determined on a case-by-case basis after consultation with the NOAA Fisheries Service (NOAA).
9. A proponent (permittee or applicant) of work proposed in portions of the following waterways may require an easement to be obtained from the Corps Real Estate Branch to cross government property before any construction can take place:
 - a. James River
 - b. Lynnhaven Inlet and Long Creek
 - c. All Local Cooperation Agreement areas
 - d. Dismal Swamp Canal
 - e. Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal
 - f. Appomattox River
 - g. Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.
 - h. Craney Island
 - i. Gathright Dam

For further information regarding the government easements, please contact the Norfolk District's Real Estate Office at the address on the first page of this RP or at (757) 201-7735.

10. The permittee recognizes the possibility that the structures permitted herein may be subject to damage by waves caused by passing vessels. This RP does not relieve the permittee from taking all proper steps to ensure the integrity of the structures permitted herein and the safety of boats moored thereto from damage from wave wash, and the permittee hereby acknowledges and admits that the United States is not liable for any such damage and that it shall not seek to involve the U.S. in any actions or claims regarding such damages.
11. All structures must be of suitable materials and practical design so as to reasonably ensure a safe and sound structure.
12. This permit does not authorize any dredging and filling of waters of the United States, including wetlands. If dredging is proposed, it must be authorized under a separate Department of the Army permit. However, a permit for a certain structure or activity does not imply that future dredging proposals will be approved.
13. The proposed structure(s) (including any moored vessels) should be located on the property in accordance with the local zoning requirements.
14. If the display of lights and signals on the structure or work authorized herein is not otherwise provided for by law, such lights and signals as may be prescribed by the United States Coast Guard shall be installed and maintained at the expense of the permittee. The USCG may be reached at the following address and telephone number: Commander (oan), Fifth Coast Guard District, Federal Building, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704-5004, telephone number (757) 398-6230.
15. If and when the permittee desires to abandon the authorized activity he or she must restore the area to a condition satisfactory to the District Engineer unless the permittee is transferring his or her interest to a third party. See general condition number 43.
16. The Secretary of the Army or his/her authorized representative may direct the permittee to restore the waterway to its former condition, with no expense to the United States. If the permittee fails to comply with the directive, the Secretary or his/her representative may restore the area to its former condition, by contract or otherwise, and recover the cost thereof from the permittee.
17. No activity is authorized pursuant to this RP if it causes more than a minimal adverse effect on an adjacent property owner's right of access to navigable waters.
18. Any structure authorized shall be properly maintained, including maintenance to ensure public safety.

V. GENERAL CONDITIONS:

The following conditions apply to all activities authorized under Regional General Permits (RP).

1. **Geographic jurisdiction.** This regional permit will authorize work undertaken within the geographical limits of the Commonwealth of Virginia under the regulatory jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps).
2. **Compliance Certification.** A Certificate of Compliance must be completed and a copy retained for your records. The original Certificate of Compliance shall be mailed to, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, 803 Front Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510-1096 within 30 days of completion of the project.
3. **Other permits.** Authorization does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, state, or local authorizations required by law or to comply with all Federal, state, or local laws.
4. **Minimal effects.** Projects authorized shall have no more than minimal individual or cumulative adverse environmental impacts, as determined by the Corps.
5. **Discretionary authority.** The Norfolk District Corps of Engineers District Engineer retains discretionary authority to require processing of an individual permit based on concerns for the aquatic environment or for any other factor of the public interest (33 CFR Part 320.4(a)). This authority is exercised on a case-by-case basis.
6. **Single and complete projects.** This RP shall only be applied to single and complete projects. A single and complete project means the total project proposed or accomplished by one owner/developer or partnership and which has independent utility. For linear transportation projects with multiple crossings or encroachments a determination of "single and complete" will typically apply to each crossing of waters that occurs (i.e., single waterbody and/or wetlands) at separate and distinct locations and with independent utility. However, in cases where there are many crossings in close proximity, numerous crossings of the same waterbody, multiple crossings, or multiple encroachments that otherwise may have more than minimal individual or cumulative impacts; the Corps has the discretion to consider all the crossings cumulatively as one single and complete project.
7. **Independent Utility** A project is considered to have independent utility if it would be constructed absent the construction of other projects in the project area. Portions of a multi-phase project that depend upon other phases of the project do not have independent utility. Phases of a project that would be constructed even if the other phases were not built can be considered as single and complete projects with independent utility.
8. **Multiple general permit authorizations.** This Regional Permit may be combined with any Corps general permits (including Nationwide (NWP) or Regional Permits (RP) for a single and complete project, as long as the impacts are considered cumulatively and do not exceed the acreage limit or linear foot limits of the RP/ NWP.
9. **Permit on-site.** The permittee shall ensure that a copy of the RP and the accompanying authorization letter are at the work site at all times. These copies must be made available to any regulatory representative upon request. Although the permittee may assign various aspects of the work to different contractors or sub-contractors, all contractors and sub-contractors shall be expected to comply with all conditions of any general permit authorization.

General Conditions Related to National Concerns:

10. **Historic properties.** (a) In cases where it is determined that the activity may affect properties listed, or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, the activity is not authorized until the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) have been satisfied. (b) Federal permittees should follow their own procedures for complying with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Federal permittees must provide the Corps with the appropriate documentation to demonstrate compliance with those requirements. The Corps will review the documentation and determine whether it is sufficient to address Section 106 compliance for the RP activity, or whether additional Section 106 consultation is necessary. (c) Non-federal permittees must submit a statement to the Corps regarding the authorized activity's potential to cause effects to any historic properties listed, or determined to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, including previously unidentified properties. The statement must say which historic properties may be affected by the proposed work or include a vicinity map indicating the location of the historic properties or the potential for the presence of historic properties. Assistance regarding information on the location or potential for the presence of historic resources can be sought from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) (<http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/>) or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), as appropriate, and the National Register of Historic Places. Where an applicant has identified historic properties which the proposed activity may have the potential to affect, the applicant shall not begin the activity until notified by the Corps that the activity has no potential to cause effects or that consultation under Section 106 of the NHPA has been completed. (d) Prospective permittees should be aware that Section 110(k) of the NHPA (16 U.S.C. § 470(h)-2(k)) prevents the Corps from granting a permit or other assistance to an applicant who, with intent to avoid the requirements of Section 106 of the NHPA, has intentionally significantly adversely affected a historic property to which the permit would relate, or having legal power to prevent it, allowed such significant adverse effect to occur, unless the Corps, after consultation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), determines that circumstances justify granting such assistance despite the adverse effects created or permitted by the applicant. If circumstances justify granting the assistance, the Corps is required to notify the ACHP and provide documentation specifying the circumstances, explaining the degree of damage to the integrity of any historic properties affected, and proposed mitigation. This documentation must include any views obtained from the applicant, SHPO/ THPO, appropriate Indian tribes if the undertaking occurs on or affect historic properties on tribal lands or affects properties of interest to those tribes, and other parties known to have legitimate interest in the impacts to the permitted activity on historic properties.
11. **Discovery of Previously Unknown Remains and Artifacts.** If you discover any previously unknown historic, cultural, or archaeological remains and artifacts while accomplishing activity authorized by this permit, you must immediately stop work and notify the Corps of what has been found, and to the maximum extent practicable, avoid construction activities that may affect the remains and artifacts until the required coordination has been completed. The Corps will initiate Federal, Tribal, and state

coordination required to determine if the items or remains warrant a recovery effort or if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

12. **Tribal rights.** No activity authorized may impair reserved tribal rights, including, but not limited to, reserved water rights, treaty fishing, and hunting rights.
13. **Federal Lands.** Authorized activities shall not impinge upon the value of any National Wildlife Refuge, National Forest, National Park, or any other area administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, or National Park Service unless approval from the applicable land management agency is provided with the permit application.
14. **Endangered species.** (a) No activity is authorized under any RP which is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of a threatened or endangered species or a species proposed for such designation, as identified under the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA), or which will destroy or adversely modify the critical habitat of such species. No activity is authorized under any RP which "may affect" a listed species or critical habitat, unless Section 7 consultation addressing the effects of the proposed activity has been completed; (b) Federal agencies should follow their own procedures for complying with the requirements of the ESA. Federal permittees must provide the District Engineer with the appropriate documentation to demonstrate compliance with those requirements. (c) Non-federal permittees shall notify the District Engineer if any proposed or listed species or proposed or designated critical habitat may be affected or is in the vicinity of the project, or if the project is located in designated critical habitat, and shall not begin work on the activity until notified by the District Engineer that the requirements of the ESA have been satisfied and that the activity is authorized. Information on the location proposed/listed species and proposed/designated critical habitat can be obtained directly from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) online project review process at http://www.fws.gov/northeast/virginiafield/endspecies/Project_Reviews.html and/or the NOAA Fisheries Service Protected Resources Division (NOAA PRD), at 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930 or via telephone at (978) 281-9328, email: <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/protected/index.html>. Notification must include the name(s) of the proposed or listed species and/or proposed or designated critical habitat that may be affected by the proposed work or that utilize the designated critical habitat that may be affected by the proposed work. The District Engineer will determine whether the proposed activity "may affect" or will have "no effect" to proposed or listed species or proposed or designated critical habitat and will notify the non-Federal applicant of the Corps' determination within 45 days of receipt of a complete notification. In cases where the non-Federal applicant has identified proposed or listed species or proposed or designated critical habitat that might be affected or is in the vicinity of the project, and has so notified the Corps, the applicant shall not begin work until the Corps has provided notification that the proposed activities will have "no effect" on proposed or listed species or proposed or designated critical habitat, or until Section 7 consultation has been completed. (d) As a result of formal or informal consultation with the USFWS or NOAA PRD the District Engineer may add species-specific regional endangered species conditions to the RP. (e) Authorization of an activity by a RP does not authorize the "take" of a threatened or endangered species as defined under the ESA. In the absence of separate authorization (e.g., an ESA Section 10 Permit, a Biological Opinion with

“incidental take” provisions, etc.) from the USFWS or NOAA PRD, both lethal and non-lethal “take” of protected species are in violation of the ESA.

15. **Essential Fish Habitat.** The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA), as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-297; 11 October 1996), requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NOAA Fisheries Service Habitat Conservation Division (NOAA HCD) on all actions, or proposed actions, authorized, funded, or undertaken by the agency that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The EFH Designations within the Northeast Region (Maine to Virginia), dated March 1, 1999, has identified EFH for a number of species and their life stages within Virginia waters. If EFH consultation is required with NOAA HCD, the applicant shall not begin work until the Corps has provided notification that the EFH consultation has concluded.
16. **Migratory Birds and Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.** The bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) is no longer a federally listed threatened or endangered species; therefore, the Endangered Species Act provisions are not applicable to this species. The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) does not require that a federal agency involved in permitting the proposed action conduct coordination. The permittee is responsible for obtaining any “take” permits required under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s regulations governing compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act or the BGEPA. The applicant should either obtain “take” permit or a letter of concurrence from USFWS indicating that a permit is not necessary prior to initiating construction activities. You should contact USFWS concerning this matter at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Field Office, ATTN: Kim Smith, 6669 Short Lane, Gloucester, VA 23061. Information on active bald eagle nests and concentration areas can be obtained in Step 6 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s online project review system available at: http://www.fws.gov/northeast/virginiafield/endspecies/Project_Reviews_Introduction.html.
17. **Wild and Scenic Rivers.** Currently, there are no designated Wild and Scenic Rivers in the Commonwealth of Virginia; however, the portion of the Upper New River from Glen Lyn, Virginia to the West Virginia/Virginia state line was designated a “study river” by Congress on October 26, 1992. No activity may occur in a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System, or in a river officially designated by Congress as a “study river” for possible inclusion in the system, while the river is in an official study status, unless the appropriate Federal agency with direct management responsibility for such river has determined, in writing, that the proposed activity will not adversely affect the Wild and Scenic River designation or study status. Information on Wild and Scenic Rivers may be obtained from the appropriate Federal land management agency in the area (e.g., National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service). Impacts that occur in these resource areas will require coordination with the appropriate Federal agency.
18. **Federal navigation project.** Authorized activities may not interfere with any existing or proposed Federal navigation projects.
19. **Navigation.** (a) No authorized activity may cause more than a minimal adverse effect on navigation. (b) The permittee understands and agrees that if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration of the structure or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his/her authorized

representative, said structure or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the permittee will be required, upon due notice from the Corps, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States. No claim shall be made against the United States on account of any such removal or alteration.

20. **Floodplains.** All practicable efforts shall be made to conduct the work authorized by this RP in a manner so as to avoid any adverse impact on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated 100-year floodplain.
21. **Real estate.** Activities authorized under this RP do not grant any Corps or Federal real estate rights. If real estate rights are needed from the Corps, you must contact the Corps Real Estate Office at (757) 201-7735 or at the address listed on the front page of this permit.
22. **Environmental Justice.** Activities authorized under this RP must comply with Executive Order 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations".
23. **Federal liability.** In issuing this RP, the Federal government does not assume any liability for the following: (a) damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of other permitted or unpermitted activities or from natural causes; (b) damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of current or future activities undertaken by or on behalf of the United States in the public interest; (c) damages to persons, property, or to other permitted or unpermitted activities or structures caused by the activity authorized by this RP; (d) design or construction deficiencies associated with the permitted work; (e) damage claims associated with any future modification, suspension, or revocation of this permit.

General Conditions Related to Minimizing Environmental Impacts:

24. **Avoidance and minimization.** Except as provided under section 404(b)(2), no discharge of dredged or fill material shall be permitted if there is a practicable alternative to the proposed discharge which would have less adverse impact on the aquatic ecosystem, so long as the alternative does not have other significant adverse environmental consequences. (40 CFR Part 230.10(a) Section 404 (b)(1) Guidelines).
25. **Mitigation.** Mitigation in all its forms (avoiding, minimizing, or compensating for resource losses) may be required to the extent necessary to ensure that the adverse effects to the aquatic environment are minimal. The activity must be designed and constructed to avoid and minimize adverse effects, both temporary and permanent, to waters of the United States to the maximum extent practicable at the project site (i.e., on site)."
26. **Heavy equipment in wetlands.** Heavy equipment working in wetlands must be placed on mats or other measures must be taken to minimize soil disturbance.
27. **Temporary fills.** All temporarily disturbed waters and wetlands must be restored to preconstruction contours within 6 months of commencing the temporary impact's construction. Impacts that will not be restored within 6 months (calculated from the start of the temporary impacts construction) will be considered permanent unless otherwise approved by the RP. Following restoration of contours, the soil in wetlands must be mechanically loosened to a depth of 12 inches, and the wetlands must then be seeded or sprigged with appropriate native wetland vegetation.

28. **Sedimentation and erosion control.** Appropriate erosion and sediment controls must be employed and maintained in effective operating condition during construction, and all exposed soil and other fills, as well as any work below the ordinary high water mark, must be permanently stabilized at the earliest practicable date.
29. **Aquatic life movements.** No authorized activities may substantially disrupt the necessary life cycle movements of aquatic life indigenous to the waterbody, including those species which normally migrate through the area, unless the activity's primary purpose is to impound water. The Corps has determined that fish and wildlife are most often present in any stream being crossed, in the absence of evidence to the contrary. All permanent and temporary crossings of water bodies shall be suitably culverted, bridged, or otherwise designed and constructed to maintain low flows to sustain the movement of those aquatic species. This includes providing invert elevations of culverts at or below the streambed to ensure unrestricted passage of aquatic organisms, where possible.
30. **Discharge of pollutants.** All authorized activities involving any discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States shall be consistent with applicable water quality standards, effluent limitations, standards of performance, prohibitions, and pretreatment standards and management practices established pursuant to the CWA (33 U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.*) and applicable state and local laws. No discharge of dredged or fill material in association with this authorization may consist of unsuitable material such as trash, debris, car bodies, asphalt, etc.
31. **Obstruction of high flows.** Discharges of dredged or fill material must not permanently restrict or impede the passage of normal or expected high flows.
32. **Waterbird breeding areas.** Discharges of dredged or fill material into breeding areas for migratory waterfowl must be avoided to the maximum extent practicable.
33. **Native trout and anadromous fishes.** Authorizations for discharges of dredged or fill material into native trout waters or anadromous fish use areas will be conditioned to limit in-stream work within timeframes recommended by the DGIF and/or NOAA Fisheries Service. Coordination with DGIF and/or NOAA Fisheries Service will be conducted by the Corps. The applicant shall not begin work until notification is received that all coordination has been completed and/or the Corps has provided the applicant with the appropriate time of year restrictions regarding work in native trout waters or anadromous fish use areas.
34. **Water supply intakes.** No discharge of dredged or fill material may occur in the proximity of a public water supply intake except where the discharge is for adjacent bank stabilization and/or the Corps has provided specific authorization under this permit.

General Procedural Conditions:

35. **Inspections.** A copy of this permit and any verification letter must be provided to the contractor and made available at the project site to any regulatory representative. The permittee understands and agrees that the Corps are permitted and allowed to make periodic inspections at any time the Corps deems necessary in order to assure that the activities being performed under authority of this permit are in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed herein. The Corps reserves the right to require post-construction engineering drawings and/or surveys of any work authorized under this RP, as deemed necessary on a case-by-case basis.

36. **Maintenance.** The permittee shall maintain the work authorized herein in good condition and in conformance with all terms and conditions of this permit. All fills shall be properly maintained to ensure public safety.
37. **Property rights.** This General Permit does not convey any property rights, either in real estate or material, or convey any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to property or invasion of rights or any infringement of Federal, state, or local laws or regulations.
38. **Modification, suspension, and revocation.** This RP may be either modified, suspended, or revoked in whole or in part pursuant to the policies and procedures of 33 CFR Part 325.7. Any such action shall not be the basis for any claim for damages against the United States.
39. **Restoration directive.** The permittee, upon receipt of a restoration directive, shall restore the waters of the United States to their former conditions without expense to the United States and as directed by the Secretary of the Army or his/her authorized representative. If the permittee fails to comply with such a directive, the Secretary or his/her designee, may restore the waters of the United States to their former conditions, by contract or otherwise, and recover the cost from the permittee.
40. **Special conditions.** The Corps may impose other special conditions on a project authorized pursuant to this RP that are determined necessary to minimize adverse navigational and/or environmental effects or based on any other factor of the public interest. Failure to comply with all general conditions of the authorization, including special conditions, constitutes a permit violation and may subject the permittee, or his/her contractor, to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties and/or restoration.
41. **False or incomplete information.** In granting authorization pursuant to this permit, the Corps has relied upon information and data provided by the permittee. If, subsequent to notification by the Corps that a project qualifies for this permit, such information and data prove to be materially false or materially incomplete, the authorization may be suspended or revoked, in whole or in part, and/or the United States may institute appropriate legal proceedings.
42. **Abandonment.** If the permittee decides to abandon the activity authorized under this RP, unless such abandonment is merely the transfer of property to a third party, he/she may be required to restore the area to the satisfaction of the Corps.
43. **Transfer of authorization.** In order to transfer authorization under this RP, the transferee or permittee must supply the Corps with a written and signed, by all appropriate parties, request to make such a transfer. Such transfer is not effective until written approval has been granted by the Corps.
44. **Binding effect.** The provisions of the permit authorization shall be binding on any assignee or successor in interest of the original permittee.

General Conditions Regarding Duration of Authorizations, Time Extensions for Authorizations, and Permit Expiration:

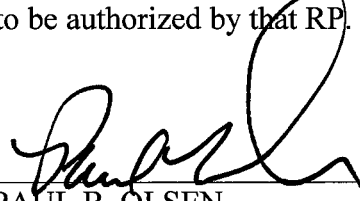
45. **Duration of Activity's Authorization.** Activities authorized under 13-RP-18 must be completed by August 14, 2018. If this RP is reissued at that time, and if this work has not been started or completed, but the project continues to meet the terms and conditions of the revalidated RP, then the project will continue to be authorized. The Corps will issue a

special public notice announcing any changes to the Regional Permits when they occur; however, it is incumbent upon you to remain informed of changes to the RPs. Activities which have commenced (i.e., are under construction) or are under contract to commence in reliance upon this RP that do not meet the terms and conditions of the revalidated RP will remain authorized provided the activity is completed within twelve months of the date of this RP's expiration (i.e. August 14, 2019), unless discretionary authority has been exercised on a case-by-case basis to modify, suspend, or revoke the authorization in accordance with 33 CFR Part 325.7(a-e). If work cannot be completed by August 14, 2019, you must reapply for separate permit authorization in order to meet current permit criteria.

46. **Expiration of 13-RGP-18.** Unless further modified, suspended, or revoked, this general permit will be in effect until August 14, 2018. Upon expiration, it may be considered for revalidation. Activities completed under the authorization of a RP which was in effect at the time the activity was completed continue to be authorized by that RP.

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