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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE ANNOUNCING NEW NATIONWIDE PERMITS

On January 15, 2002, in Part II of the Federal Register (67FR 2020- 2095), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced the reissuance of all existing Nationwide Permits (NWP), General Conditions, and definitions with some modifications, and one new General Condition (copy enclosed).

After the publication of this Federal Register notice, Corps districts will begin finalizing their regional conditions for the new and modified NWPs. Regional conditions will provide additional protection for the aquatic environment, by ensuring that the NWPs authorize only those activities with minimal adverse effects on the aquatic environment. Regional conditions will help ensure protection of high value waters within the District.

The publication of this Federal Register notice also begins a 60-day process for States and Tribes to make their Section 401 water quality certification and Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) consistency determination decisions. The 401/CZMA decisions must be made within 60 days of publication of the January 15, 2002 Federal Register. At the end of this 60-day period, the reissued NWPs and Corps regional conditions will become effective on March 18, 2002.

The January 15, 2002 Federal Register notice is available for viewing at the Helena Regulatory Office, 301 South Park Avenue, Federal Building Room 283, Helena, Montana 59626-0014 or on the Internet at <http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg/2002nwps.pdf>. As an alternate, World Wide Web users can access the Federal Register through the U.S. Government Printing Office at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html.

The Corps has also issued final decision documents for the new and modified NWPs. These documents are also available on the Internet at <http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg/nw2002dd/index.htm> and Corps district offices. Furthermore, the NWP decision documents will be supplemented by Division Engineers to address decisions concerning regional conditioning of the NWPs.

Enclosed is a copy of the final NWPs and conditions. They are also available through Corps Home Page or the Federal Register.