



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**

Omaha District

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE ANNOUNCING NEW NATIONWIDE PERMITS

On March 12, 2007, in Part II of the *Federal Register* (72 FR 11092), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) announced the reissuance of all existing Nationwide Permits (NWP), general conditions, and definitions with some modifications. The Corps also issued six new NWPs, two new general conditions, and 13 new definitions. The NWPs will be effective on March 19, 2007.

After the publication of this *Federal Register* notice, Corps districts will begin finalizing their regional conditions for the new and reissued 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 the 60-day period for states, Indian Tribes, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to complete their water quality certification (WQC) process for the NWPs. This 60-day period will end on May 11, 2007.

While the states, Indian Tribes, and EPA complete their WQC processes, the use of an NWP to authorize a discharge into waters of the United States is contingent upon obtaining individual water quality certification or a case-specific WQC waiver.

The March 12, 2007, *Federal Register* notice is available for viewing on the Internet at http://www.usace.army.mil/cw/cecwo/reg/nwp/nwp_2007_final.pdf . As an alternate, World Wide Web users can access the *Federal Register* through the U.S. Government Printing Office at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html> .

The Corps has also issued final decision documents for the new and reissued NWPs. These documents are also available on the Internet at http://www.usace.army.mil/cw/cecwo/reg/nwp/nwp_final.htm . Furthermore, the NWP decision documents will be supplemented by Division Engineers to address decisions concerning regional conditioning of the NWPs.