



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
WILMINGTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
P.O. BOX 1890  
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28402-1890**

**SUBJECT: Implementation of South Atlantic Division Shoreline Use Administrative Fee Policy  
For John H. Kerr, Philpott and W. Kerr Scott Reservoirs.**

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Atlantic Division (SAD) plans to implement the collection of an administrative fee for the issuance of certain permits and licenses for private facilities and activities conducted along the shorelines of federal lakes and waterways in the Southeastern U.S., beginning 1 January 2006. Typical activities include the installation on public lands of private facilities such as land-based support structures for boat docks, lighting, walkways, and steps to improve access to permitted boat docks and similar facilities.

The fee will be collected as part of a new consolidated fee which includes boat dock permit processing fees which have been charged by the Corps for many years. The administrative fee portion will recapture the costs to the public associated with the private use of public lands. The administrative fee is to recover labor, equipment, material and supply costs associated with the issuance, re-issuance or modification of a permit or license. For a new permit (new activity or new owner of existing activity), the combined fee will be \$400 for a five-year term, and to re-issue an existing permit to the same owner the fee will be \$175 for the five-year term. To modify an existing permit to the same owner, the fee will be \$90 for the remainder of the five-year term.

Public law encourages Government agencies to be self-sustaining by recovering costs for services (31 USC 9701) and authorizing the acceptance of funds to cover administrative expenses relating to certain real property transactions (10 USC 2695). These funds are then returned to the lake incurring the expense for continued management of the program. By implementing this fee, the individual benefiting from the permit will bear the cost, not the taxpayers.

The fair market value rental consideration for minor land-based facilities and activities will remain unchanged. These fees are returned to the General Treasury of the United States and have not changed since 1983.

Public information is scheduled to be released on 1 November 2005. A regional webpage has been developed to consistently explain the new administrative fees. District and project websites should be linked to the regional webpage located at <http://www.sad.usace.army.mil/adminfees/default.htm>.