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RENEWAL OF REGIONAL GENERAL PERMIT

Wilmington, NC- The District Engineer, Wilmington District announces the re-issuance of Regional General Permit (RGP) 198200031 (NCDOT Bridge Construction, Maintenance and Repair).

Authority

The Corps reissued RGP 19820031 (also known as GP 31) pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, Paragraph 325, authorizes the District Engineer to issue regional general permits to authorize activities, which are substantially similar in nature and cause only minimal individual and cumulative environmental impacts.

Scope

RGP 198200031 (copy attached) authorizes the construction, maintenance, and repair of NCDOT bridge work conducted in waters of the United States that are located in the State of North Carolina. The RGP includes authorization of bridge work conducted in waters of the United States by other federal, state or local governments. The RGP also includes authorization of cofferdams, abutments, foundation seals, piers, approach fills, detour fills, box culvert installation and temporary construction and access fills associated with bridge construction.

RGP 198200031 is not applicable when the proposed activity would adversely affect areas that possess historic, cultural, scenic, conservation or recreational values.

Process

The RGP has been extensively reviewed through a public notice process, and no substantive objections to the re-issuance of the RGP were received. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) have reviewed this RGP and have no unresolved concerns.

The RGP was not found to be controversial or to have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. The RGP was also not found to be a major federal action

that would significantly affect the human environment; and hence, detailed statements under Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environment Policy Act of 1969 were not prepared.

The decision to re-issue the RGP was based on evaluations of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activities and their intended use on the public interest. The re-issuance of the RGP will not be contrary to the general public interest provided those availing themselves of the authority comply with the general and special conditions incorporated in the RGP.

Additional information concerning this RGP can be obtained from Richard K. Spencer, Wilmington Regulatory Field Office, Wilmington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 69 Darlington Avenue, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403-1343 or telephone (910) 251-4172