



US Army Corps
Of Engineers
Wilmington District

PUBLIC NOTICE

RENEWAL/MODIFICATION AND ISSUANCE OF GENERAL (REGIONAL) PERMIT

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The DISTRICT ENGINEER, WILMINGTON DISTRICT, 69 Darlington Avenue, Wilmington North Carolina 284032, hereby announces the modification and renewal of Regional General Permit 198200031 (RGP 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). This RGP is effective immediately.

General permits, as defined at 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 322.2(f)(1) and 33 CFR 323.2(h)(1), are Department of the Army (DA) authorizations that are issued on a nationwide or regional basis for a category or categories of activities when those activities are substantially similar in nature and cause only minimal individual and cumulative environmental impacts. Regional permits are a type of general permit that may be issued by a division or district engineer (33 CFR 325.2(e)(2)).

You may view [RGP 31 on our website](#) at:

<http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryPermitProgram/Permits/RegionalGeneralPermits.aspx>

<u>File Number</u>	<u>General Permit</u>	<u>Description</u>
SAW 2013-00537	GP 198200031	NCDOT Bridges, Widening Projects, Interchange Improvements, and Stream Relocations

This RGP has been extensively reviewed through a public notice process and no substantive objections to modifying and renewing RGP 31 were received. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Marine Fishery Service (NMFS) have reviewed RGP 31 and have no unresolved concerns.

It was determined that this RGP is not controversial and is not a major Federal action which would significantly affect the human environment; therefore, a detailed statement under Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environment Policy Act of 1969 was not prepared.

The decision to modify and renew RGP 31 was based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activities and their intended use on the public interest. Appropriate conditions have been added to the permit to protect the public interest. This permit will not be contrary to the general public interest provided

that the permittee complies with the general and special conditions incorporated in the permit.

Questions or comments may be addressed to Lori Beckwith, Regulatory Project Manager, Asheville Regulatory Field Office, at (828) 271-7980, ext. 223 or loretta.a.beckwith@usace.army.mil.