



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Wilmington District

North Carolina Global TransPark (NCGTPA) (Regulatory)

- Permit Issued to North Carolina Global TransPark Authority (NCGTPA) in 1998
- North Carolina Global TransPark (NCGTPA) requested permit modification to include an additional 158.3 acre parcel
- Potential for large wetland impacts
- This work is not addressed by the original EIS nor authorized by the original permit



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: NC-7

DATE: 23 February 2015

1. PURPOSE

To provide information regarding the proposed modification of the permit boundary for NCGTP in Kinston, Lenoir County, North Carolina.

2. BACKGROUND

a. On 21 October 1998, the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) issued a Section 404 permit (ORM ID SAW-1992-02851) to the NCGTPA to allow for construction of the North Carolina Global TransPark (NCGTP) within a 5,770 acre permit boundary. This permit action involved extensive jurisdictional delineation and evaluation of environmental impacts through an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

b. The permit authorized impacts to jurisdictional wetlands for activities associated with development of the NCGTP and included compensatory mitigation measures provided by NCGTPA to offset the environmental effects caused by the impacts.

c. The permit allowed for the phased construction of NCGTP facilities as final design was completed on each project. Notification to the Corps is required prior to commencement of work, and future infrastructure and facility construction plans are reviewed to ensure that impacts to waters of the United States are avoided and minimized to the maximum extent practicable.

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d. The original permit has been renewed several times and has remained active. On September 17, 2008, at the request of the NCGTPA, the Corps extended the expiration date of the original NCGTP permit to October 21, 2018.

e. In a letter dated July 31, 2014, NCGTPA requested that the permit boundary be expanded to the northwest of the current boundary to include an additional 158.3 acres. Based on the jurisdictional delineation information provided, approximately 141 acres of the 158.3 acre parcel are jurisdictional wetlands subject to the requirements of the Clean Water Act.

3. CURRENT STATUS

On January 14, 2015, the Corps sent a letter to NCGTPA stating that the addition of the 158.3 acre tract that contains approximately 141 acres of wetlands, which was not disclosed in the original EIS, constitutes a substantial increase in scope over the original permit and thus must be evaluated as a new application.