On March 18, 2012, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers published a notice in Part II of Federal Register 77 FR 10184 announcing the re-issuance of all existing Nationwide Permits (NWPs), general conditions, and definitions with some modifications and the issuance of two new NWPs. The goal of the NWP program is to protect the aquatic environment and the public interest while effectively authorizing activities that have minimal individual and cumulative effects on the aquatic environment.

On March 30, 2011, the Chicago District published its intention to revoke previously suspended nationwide permits, and add regional conditions to NWP 52 as well as maintain current conditions to NWP 45 and 46. For information on the NWP program in the Chicago District, visit our website. Interested parties were invited to provide written comments on the proposed revocation. No written comments were received during the comment period.

On February 24, 2012, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division Engineer, revoked selected NWPs at the request of the Chicago District. The approval of the proposed revocation concludes this process. Attached is an index of all permits revoked or retained by the Chicago District, as well as information on the new NWPs and their conditions.

If you have any questions, please contact Stasi Brown of my staff by telephone at (312) 846-5544, or email at Stasi.F.Brown@usace.army.mil.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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Chief, Regulatory Branch
ATTACHMENT: Index of Existing, New/Reissued 2012 Nationwide Permits
Revoked/Retained in the Chicago District - Illinois

NATIONWIDE PERMITS REVOKED IN THE CHICAGO DISTRICT - ILLINOIS

1. Aids to Navigation
2. Maintenance
7. Outfall Structures and Maintenance
10. Mooring Devices
11. Temporary Recreational Structures
12. Utility Line Activities
13. Bank Stabilization
14. Linear Transportation Projects
18. Minor Discharges
19. Minor Dredging
20. Oil Spill Cleanup
22. Removal of Vessels
25. Structural Discharges
26. Reserved
27. Stream and Wetland Restoration Activities
29. Single Family Housing
31. Maintenance of Existing Flood Control Projects
32. Completed Enforcement Actions
33. Temporary Construction Access and Dewatering
36. Boat Ramps
38. Cleanup of Hazardous and Toxic Waste
41. Reshaping Existing Drainage Ditches
42. Recreational Facilities

These revoked activities can be authorized under the District’s Regional Permit Program (RPP) provided that they meet its specific terms and conditions.

B. NATIONWIDE PERMITS RETAINED BY THE CHICAGO DISTRICT - ILLINOIS

2. Structures in Artificial Canals
4. Fish and Wildlife Harvesting Activities
5. Scientific Measurement Devices
6. Survey Activities
8. Oil and Gas Structure
9. Structures in Fleeting/Anchorage Areas
15. U.S. Coast Guard Approved Bridges
16. Return Water from UCD Areas
17. Hydropower Projects
21. Surface Coal Mining Activities
23. Approved Categorial Exclusions
28. Modifications to Existing Marinas
30. Moist Soil Management for Wildlife
34. Cranberry Production Activities
35. Maintenance Dredging of Existing Basins
37. Emergency Watershed Protection
40. Agricultural Activities
43. Stormwater Management Facilities
44. Mining Activities
45. Repair of Uplands Damaged by Discrete Events
46. Discharges in Ditches
47. Pipeline Safety Program
48. Shellfish Aquaculture Activities
49. Coal Re-mining Activities
50. Underground Coal Mining Activities

NEW NATIONWIDE PERMITS TO BE RETAINED BY THE CHICAGO DISTRICT - ILLINOIS

51. Land-Based Renewable Energy Generation Facilities
52. Water-Based Renewable Energy Generation Pilot Projects

REGIONAL CONDITIONS IN THE CHICAGO DISTRICT - ILLINOIS

NWP 45. Repair of Uplands Damaged by Discrete Events
   a. Projects that involve the use of vegetative and biotechnical bank stabilization practices are not subject to length restrictions.
   b. Projects that involve the construction of new structural bank stabilization practices, such as riprap, gabions, lunker boxes, steel sheetpiling or fabric-formed concrete will be processed under the Chicago District’s Regional Permit 10 (Bank Stabilization).
   c. Projects that involve the sidecasting of dredged sediments into waters of the United States are not authorized by this permit. All dredged materials must be disposed in an upland area.

NWP 46. Discharges into Ditches and Canals
   a. Projects that would sever the jurisdiction of an upstream “waters of the United States” from a downstream “waters of the United States” is not authorized by this permit.

NWP 52. Water-Based Renewable Energy Generation Pilot Projects
   a. No project will be authorized within Lake Michigan. An individual permit will be required.