



INFORMATION NOTICE

FEDERAL AND STATE CONSISTENCY PROCESS FOR THE ILLINOIS' COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (ICMP)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District, Regulatory Branch (District) hereby announces the introduction of the Federal and State Consistency Coordination Process as part of the Illinois' Coastal Management Program (ICMP) which will apply to all regulatory permit projects that have an effect on aquatic resources within the ICMP boundaries in Lake and Cook County, Illinois. A map of the ICMP boundaries can be found at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/boundaries.aspx>.

The District will partner with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), who is the agency in charge of issuing federal consistency determinations for the ICMP. A federal consistency review is required for projects which, are Federal agency activities, require a federal license or permit, or receives federal assistance and are located in the ICMP boundaries. The purpose of the coordinated review is to provide simplified and expeditious means for processing of applications whose proposed activities are regulated by the State of Illinois statutes and the Federal government under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

A step by step process describing consistency determinations and a detailed discussion of federal consistency can be found on the ICMP program document in Chapter 11 located at the following link:
<http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Documents/Illinois%20Coastal%20Management%20Federal%20Consistency%20Review%20Procedures.pdf>

All projects meeting the requirements as stated above and applications received by this office after the effective date February 1, 2012, shall require ICMP certification by the IDNR. The District shall commence a review of our application concurrent with the IDNR's federal consistency review. However, permit decisions will not be issued by the District until the applicant provides this office with a written federal consistency approval or denial for the project from the IDNR.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Kate Bliss by telephone at (312) 846-5542 or email at kate.m.bliss@usace.army.mil.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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