



PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO THE REGIONAL PERMIT PROGRAM REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Chicago District

Comment Period Begins: September 16, 2011

Comment Period Expired: November 16, 2011

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District, (District) is proposing to modify the set of Regional Permits (RPs) for activities which would have minimal individual and cumulative impacts on aquatic resources in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties in Illinois. The previous Regional Permit Program (RPP) was modified on April 1, 2007. The District is proposing modifications and clarifications to the RPP. No new additional RPs are proposed and no RPs will be deleted. The purpose of the RP Program (RPP) is to provide a simplified and expeditious means for review of activities under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act that meet the specified terms and conditions of the program.

The proposed changes are on the District's Regulatory Public Notices web site. We have two documents available to show the proposed changes:

- 1) A list of significant changes proposed for the revised RPP:
<http://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/co-r/pn/2012RPPlist.pdf>
- 2) The proposed modified RPP:
<http://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/co-r/pn/2012RPP.pdf>

Interested parties are invited to provide written comments on the proposed changes to the RPP. All comments received by November 16, 2011 will become part of the administrative record and will be considered by the District in deciding whether to modify the RPP. Please note that the 60-day public review period already includes the allowable 30-day extension 33 CFR 325.2(d)(2)

All comments are due by November 16, 2011. Comments must be submitted to:

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Chicago District, Regulatory Branch
Attention: Kimberly Kubiak, RPP Coordinator
111 N. Canal Street, Suite 600
Chicago, Illinois 60606**

If you have any questions about this public notice, please contact Ms. Kimberly Kubiak of my staff by telephone at (312) 846-5541, or email at kimberly.j.kubiak@usace.army.mil. **It should be noted that ALL comments received by this office (via hard copy or electronic) will only be accepted with the full name and address of the individual commenting.**

FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER:

//ORIGINAL SIGNED//

Leesa A. Beal
Chief, Regulatory Branch

WATER QUALITY:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has reviewed the proposed regional permits developed by the Chicago Corps of Engineers for water quality certification, or waiver thereof, for the proposed activities in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Certification or waiver indicates that the IEPA believes the activities will not violate applicable water quality standards. The review by the IEPA is conducted in accordance with the Illinois water quality standards under 35 Illinois Administrative Code Subtitle C by providing an antidegradation assessment, which includes an evaluation of alternatives to any proposed increase in pollutant loading that may result from this activity.

The "Fact Sheet" containing the antidegradation assessment for this proposal may be found on the IEPA's web site, at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/. In the event that the IEPA is unable to publish the "Fact Sheet" corresponding to the timeframe of this Joint Public Notice, a separate public notice and "Fact Sheet" will be published by the IEPA at the web site identified above. You may also obtain a copy of the "Fact Sheet" by contacting the IEPA at the address or telephone number shown below.

Written comments concerning possible impacts to water quality should be addressed to the following agency, along with a copy of the comments provided to the Corps of Engineers:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Division of Water Pollution Control
Permit Section
1021 N. Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

If you have any questions about water quality certification, please contact Thaddeus Faught at the IEPA at (217) 782-3362.