9. **MAINTENANCE**

RP9 authorizes the following activities:

1. The repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of any previously authorized, currently serviceable structure or fill, provided that the structure or fill is not to be put to uses differing from those uses specified or contemplated for it in the original permit or the most recently authorized modification. Minor deviations in the structure's configuration or footprint may be permitted, provided the environmental impacts resulting from such repair, rehabilitation, or replacement are minimal. This includes changes in materials, construction techniques, or current construction codes or safety standards which are necessary to implement the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement.

2. The repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of those structures destroyed by storms, floods, fire or other discrete events, provided the repair or rehabilitation is commenced or under contract to commence within three years of the date of their destruction or damage.

3. The maintenance of existing flood control facilities, retention/detention basins, and channels that were constructed by the Corps and transferred to a local sponsor for operation and maintenance. Maintenance is limited to that approved in a maintenance baseline determination made by the District. This determination will be based on the approved plans, the facility actually constructed, maintenance history, present versus original flood control needs, and presence of sensitive/unique functions and values of aquatic resources that may be adversely affected. Applicants are encouraged to meet with the District to establish the maintenance baseline prior to notification.

Authorization under RP9 is subject to the General Conditions of the Regional Permit Program beginning on page 6 of this document. In addition, the following requirements must be addressed in writing and submitted with the notification:

a. All projects meeting RP9 requirements will be processed under Category I.

b. All temporary construction activities must adhere to the requirements of items c through g of Regional Permit 7 (Temporary Construction Activities) and must be addressed in writing and submitted with the notification.

c. In the event of repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of any previously authorized, currently serviceable structure or fill, provide plan drawings disclosing that the work will not be put to uses differing than those specified in the original permit or most recently authorized modification.
d. In the event of repair, rehabilitation or replacement of those structures destroyed by storms, floods, fire or other discrete events, provide written and photographic evidence that the structure(s) has been affected by such events.

e. Projects along the Lake Michigan shoreline are not authorized under this regional permit.

f. Maintenance dredging and beach restoration are not authorized by this regional permit.

g. Replacement of culverts is not authorized under this regional permit if it will impede low water flows or the safe passage of fish and aquatic organisms.