



PUBLIC NOTICE

Issuance of the Lake Michigan Regional General Permit (LMRGP)

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CHICAGO DISTRICT

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District, (District) is announcing the establishment of the Lake Michigan Regional General Permit (LMRGP) for activities located within Lake Michigan in Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois, effective October 1, 2020. The LMRGP authorizes a group of activities which would have minimal individual and cumulative impacts on aquatic resources. The purpose of the LMRGP 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 permit.

Activities covered under the LMRGP include the following:

1. Installation, repair, and modification of permanent and seasonal piers/docks, boat ramps, boat hoists, and lifts;
2. Navigational and mooring aids;
3. Temporary recreational structures;
4. Installation, repair, and modification of shore protection;
5. Beach nourishment;
6. Maintenance of existing public harbors, public access facilities, and navigational features required for maintaining existing function;
7. In-water discharge of dredged material, including beneficial use of dredged material for beach nourishment, shore protection, or ecosystem restoration;
8. Temporary structures and minor discharges of dredged or fill material necessary for the removal of vessels (wrecked, abandoned, or disabled) or for the removal of man-made obstructions to navigation.

Section 401 of the Clean Water Act:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has issued water quality certification (WQC), with conditions, for the proposed activities in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The IEPA granted Section 401 certification on September 29, 2020, with conditions, for the LMRGP. A copy of the Section 401 WQC is enclosed in Appendix 1. Conditions of the certification are conditions of this permit.

Illinois Coastal Management Program (ICMP):

On September 27, 2020, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Coastal Management Program granted the Federal Consistent Determination for the LMRGP. This determination is

confirmation that the activities covered under the LMRGP are consistent with the policies of the ICMP.

PDF maps of the ICMP's Zone Boundaries can be found at the bottom of the page at: www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/boundaries.aspx.

Instructions on requesting an ICMP Federal Consistency Determination can be found at: www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Documents/ICMPFederalConsistencyReviewProcedures.pdf.

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