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Lt. Colonel Damon Delarosa Attn: Ms. Kelly Urbanek, Mr. Greg Martinez Walla Walla District, Corps of Engineers 201 North Third Avenue Walla Walla, Washington 99362-1876

Dear Colonel Delarosa:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has completed its review of the Federal Register Notice dated January 6, 2017, to reissue the 50 existing Nationwide Permits, general conditions, and definitions with some modifications, and to issue two new Nationwide Permits (53 Removal of low-head dams and 54 Living shorelines), one new general condition, and five new definitions. Changes were made at the national level to Nationwide Permits 3, 9, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 29, 31, 32, 33, 35, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 48, 50, 51, and 52. This review was conducted in response to the Corps' request to certify pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act that there is reasonable assurance that the Department of the Army's proposed modifications and additions of Nationwide Permits at Appendix A to 33 CFR Part 330 will comply with applicable provisions of CWA Section 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 in those areas where the EPA is the certifying authority within the State of Idaho. The EPA is responsible for providing CWA Section 401 water quality certification in Indian country for tribes who do not have treatment as a state and on lands with exclusive federal jurisdiction. In Idaho the three tribes for whom the EPA has this responsibility are listed in the cc line below.

This letter documents the EPA's decisions to certify, partially certify with conditions, or deny certification for each specific Nationwide Permit. Appendix 1 (enclosed) identifies the EPA's CWA Section 401 water quality certification General Conditions applicable to all certified Nationwide Permits where the EPA is the certifying authority within the State of Idaho. Appendix 1 also identifies Nationwide Permit-specific water quality conditions and criteria. The EPA's decisions are based on the 2017 Nationwide Permits and National General Conditions as published in the Federal Register on January 6, 2017, the Walla Walla District's proposed General Regional Conditions and the Nationwide Permit-specific Regional Conditions as published in special public notice dated June 13, 2016 for the State of Idaho.

Representatives from the EPA, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Idaho Department of Water Resources, Idaho Department of Fish & Game, and the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office have met throughout this reauthorization period with representatives from the Walla Walla District to provide input in the development of the District's Regional Conditions. The EPA appreciates the Corps' efforts to actively engage with us and other agencies in this process. The EPA's CWA Section 401 certification decisions and conditions were developed after coordinating with and providing consultation offer letters to affected tribes and coordinating with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

This letter and enclosure constitute the CWA Section 401 water quality certification for the reissuance of all existing 50 Nationwide Permits, their general conditions and definitions, and for the addition of

two new Nationwide Permits 53 and 54. We understand that the District's final regional conditions for the reissued and new Nationwide Permits may not be published until March 19, 2017. If the final regional conditions are substantially different than originally proposed, we reserve the right to modify the EPA's CWA Section 401 water quality certification decisions for the affected Nationwide Permits within a reasonable time. This certification applies to Corps permit authorizations, including CWA Section 404 and Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 activities, that may result in a discharge to waters of the U.S. where the EPA is the certifying authority.

The EPA denies CWA Section 401 water quality certification for the following NWPs:

NWP 16 - Return Water from Upland Contained Disposal Areas

NWP 17 - Hydropower Projects

NWP 21 - Surface Coal Mining Activities

NWP 29 - Residential Developments

NWP 39 - Commercial and Institutional Developments

NWP 42 - Recreational Facilities

NWP 43 - Stormwater Management Facilities

NWP 44 - Mining Activities

NWP 46 - Discharges to Ditches and Canals

NWP 49 - Coal Remining Activities

NWP 50 - Underground Coal Mining Activities

NWP 53 - Removal of Low-Head Dams

The EPA partially denies CWA Section 401 water quality certification for the following Nationwide Permits. An individual CWA Section 401 certification is required for any project that is denied certification as described below. Projects that are not denied certification as described below, are certified and subject to all conditions of the Nationwide Permits, the District's regional conditions and the enclosed CWA Section 401 water quality certification General Conditions and Nationwide Permitspecific water quality conditions and criteria contained in Appendix 1.

NWP 3 - Maintenance: Maintenance or replacement activities in fish bearing waters of the U.S. that extend beyond their prior footprint, or activities that require excavation or dredging in open water are denied certification.

NWP 6 - Survey Activities: Projects involving oil or natural gas exploration or requires trenching in wetlands are denied certification.

NWP 7 - Outfall Structures and Associated Intake Structures: Projects having associated outfall to a wetland or where receiving waters cannot be diverted are denied certification.

NWP 12 - Utility Line Activities: Any excavation or dredging activities affecting open water areas (e.g., trenching across streams), or where there are associated permanent access roads, temporary structures or fills, or if the project is authorized under one or more nationwide permit by the Corps that result(s) in greater than 1/10 acre of impacts to aquatic resources, results in a permanent conversion of greater than 1/10 acre of wetlands (i.e., forested wetlands to emergent wetlands), or over 300 linear feet of stream are denied certification.

NWP 13 - Bank Stabilization: Projects in excess of 300 linear feet, or that do not include bioengineering (unless a registered professional engineer identifies non-bioengineered solutions that are the only way to protect an existing transportation related structure), or that propose permanent fill in adjacent wetlands are denied certification.

- **NWP 14 Linear Transportation Projects:** Any excavation or dredging activities affecting open water areas (e.g., trenching across streams), or where there are associated permanent access roads, temporary structures or fills, or if the project is authorized under one or more nationwide permit by the Corps that result(s) in greater than a 1/10 acre of impacts to wetlands, results in a permanent conversion of greater than 1/10 acre of wetlands (i.e., forested wetlands to emergent wetlands), or over 300 linear feet of stream are denied certification.
- **NWP 23 Approved Categorical Exclusions:** Projects having more than 1/10 acre of fill or in excess of 300 linear feet of stream are denied certification.
- NWP 27 Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Establishment, and Enhancement Activities: Projects that will involve greater than 1/2 acre of fill in waters of the U.S. are denied certification.
- **NWP 41 Reshaping Existing Drainage Ditches:** Projects in excess of 500 linear feet are denied certification
- NWP 51 Land-Based Renewable Energy Generation Facilities: Projects affecting greater than 1 acre of aquatic resources are denied certification.
- NWP 52 Water-Based Renewable Energy Generations Pilot Projects: Projects or activities impacting fish bearing streams, or special aquatic sites (including mudflats, vegetated shallows, wetlands) are denied certification.

The EPA certifies that the discharges authorized by all other Nationwide Permits comply with the applicable provisions of the Clean Water Act provided that the permittee complies with the EPA General Conditions which shall be included as enforceable conditions of the Nationwide Permits:

- NWP 1 Aids to Navigation
- NWP 2 Structures in Artificial Canals
- NWP 4 Fish & Wildlife Harvesting, Enhancement, and Attraction Devices and Activities
- **NWP 5 Scientific Measurement Devices**
- NWP 8 Oil and Gas Structures on the Outer Continental Shelf
- NWP 9 Structures in Fleeting and Anchorage Areas
- **NWP 10 Mooring Buoys**
- NWP 11 Temporary Recreational Structures
- NWP 15 U.S. Coast Guard Bridges
- **NWP 18 Minor Discharges**
- **NWP 19 Minor Dredging**
- NWP 20 Response Operations for Oil or Hazardous Substances
- NWP 22 Removal of Vessels
- NWP 24 Indian Tribe or State Administered Section 404 Programs
- **NWP 25 Structural Discharges**
- NWP 28 Modifications of Existing Marinas
- NWP 30 Moist Soil Management for Wildlife
- **NWP 31 Maintenance of Existing Flood Control Facilities**
- **NWP 32 Completed Enforcement Actions**
- NWP 33 Temporary Construction, Access and Dewatering
- **NWP 34 Cranberry Production Activities**
- NWP 35 Maintenance Dredging of Existing Basins
- **NWP 36 Boat Ramps**
- NWP 37 Emergency Watershed Protection and Rehabilitation
- NWP 38 Cleanup of Hazardous and Toxic Waste

NWP 40 - Agricultural Activities

NWP 45 - Repair of Uplands Damaged by Discrete Events

NWP 48 - Commercial Shellfish Aquaculture Activities

NWP 54 - Living Shorelines

Tribes within the State of Idaho for whom the EPA has authority to issue CWA Section 401 water quality certifications shall be notified of these final conditions by a copy of this letter. Tribes with their own CWA Section 401 water quality certification authority will be provided a copy of this letter as a courtesy. For any questions regarding the EPA's final CWA Section 401 water quality certifications of the Corps Nationwide Permits, please contact Tracy Peak at 208-378-5756 or peak.tracy@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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Appendix 1

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Water Quality Conditions for the 2017 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permits on Tribal Lands without Treatment as a State and Lands with Exclusive Federal Jurisdiction in Idaho

In addition to all the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) National and Walla Walla District's Regional permit conditions, the following EPA Section 401 water quality certification General Conditions apply to all Nationwide Permits (NWPs). It is the responsibility of the permit applicant to meet the EPA's General Conditions, ensure that the EPA has all relevant information, and to contact the EPA with questions. The EPA will strive to issue individual 401 certifications within 90 days of receipt of a complete request, but under statute has up to one (1) year. The EPA point of contact (Linda Storm) can be reached by emailing storm.linda@epa.gov or calling (206) 553-6384.

The EPA either certifies, partially certifies (with conditions), or denies water quality certification for projects located on tribal lands that are authorized by Corps NWPs. For the 2017-2022 permit cycle, the EPA has certified, conditioned, or denied water quality certification for the following NWPs in Idaho:

<u>Certified</u>: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-11, 15, 18-20, 22, 24, 25, 28, 30-38, 40, 45, 48, and 54. <u>Partially Certified with Conditions</u>: 3, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 23, 27, 41, 51, and 52. Denied: 16, 17, 21, 29, 39, 42, 43, 44, 46, 49, 50, and 53.

- For NWPs which have been denied, the EPA shall prepare a 401 water quality certification. For NWPs which have been partially certified, the EPA may require an individual 401 water quality certification. It is the responsibility of the permit applicant to review the EPA specific water quality conditions and the EPA General Conditions. The permittee must provide the EPA with the same project documentation provided to the Corps, to include any updates and/or change in plans. Separately, the EPA must also receive a request for an individual 401 water quality certification from the Corps. The EPA's preparation of a 401 water quality certification will not commence until documentation is received from both the permittee and the Corps.
- For NWPs which are certified but subject to one or more of the EPA General Conditions, the EPA shall conduct a 401 certification review to confirm the activity meets all the criteria under the certification. See General Condition 6 below for additional information.

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¹ The Clean Water Act Section 401(a)(1) states that if the ... Administrator fails or refuses to act on a request for certification within a reasonable time (which shall not exceed one year) after receipt of such request, the certification requirements of this subsection shall be waived with respect to such Federal application. No license or permit shall be granted until the certification required by this section has been obtained or has been waived as provided in the preceding sentence. No license or permit shall be granted if certification has been denied by the ... Administrator (https://www.epa.gov/cwa-404/clean-water-act-section-401-certification)

EPA GENERAL CONDITIONS

EPA General Condition 1 – Special Aquatic Sites

Any activities in the following types of waters of the U.S., including wetlands, will requires individual 401 certification review: Mature forested wetlands; bogs; peatlands; vernal pools; aspen-dominated wetlands; alkali wetlands; or camas prairie wetlands.

EPA General Condition 2 – Soil Erosion and Sediment Controls

A 401 certification determination is based on the project or activity meeting established turbidity levels. The EPA will use as guidance the State of Idaho's water quality standards [IDAPA 58.01.02.250.02.e] to determine if standards are exceeded. Turbidity shall not exceed background turbidity by more than 50 NTU instantaneously or more than 25 NTU for more than 10 consecutive days. Projects or activities that are expected to exceed these levels will require an individual 401 certification, as determined by the EPA. For more information about Idaho's water quality standards, visit the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's website at: http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/surface-water/standards.aspx.

The water quality standards allow for short-term turbidity exceedances after all necessary Best Management Practices (BMPs) have been implemented (e.g., properly placed and maintained filter fences, hay bales and/or other erosion control devices, adequate detention of runoff to prevent turbid water from flowing off-site, providing a vegetated buffer between the activity and open water, etc.), and only up to the following limits:

Wetted Stream Width at Discharge Point	Approximate Downstream Point for Determining Compliance
Up to 30 feet	50 feet
>30 to 100 feet	100 feet
>100 feet to 200 feet	200 feet
>200 feet	300 feet
Lake, Pond, Reservoir	Lesser of 100 feet or maximum surface dimension

EPA General Condition 3 – Compliance with Stormwater Pollution Prevention and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Provisions

All projects that involve land disturbance or impervious surfaces must implement stormwater pollution prevention or control measures to avoid discharge of pollutants in stormwater runoff to waters of the U.S.

- a. For land disturbances during construction that disturb one or more acres of land, or will disturb less than one acre of land but are part of a common plan of development or sale that will ultimately disturb one or more acres of land, the permittee must obtain and implement Construction Stormwater General Permit requirements
 [https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-discharges-construction-activities]
- b. Following construction, prevention or treatment of on-going stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces must be implemented.

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The EPA encourages prevention of discharges by managing stormwater on site through Low Impact Development principles and other prevention techniques. The EPA will use Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's (IDEQ) most recent <u>Catalog of Stormwater Best Management Practices for Idaho Cities and Counties</u> as guidance for meeting water quality standards when writing individual 401 water quality certifications.

EPA General Condition 4 – Compliance with Requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for Industrial or Municipal Activities

For projects and activities requiring coverage under an industrial or municipal (non-stormwater) NPDES permit, 401 certification is based on compliance with the requirements of that permit. The EPA will determine if the project is compliant. Projects and activities not in compliance with NPDES requirements will require an individual 401 certification, as determined by the EPA. To inquire about whether an individual 401 certification may be required, contact the EPA point-of-contact (Linda Storm) by emailing storm.linda@epa.gov or calling (206) 553-6384.

EPA General Condition 5 – Projects or Activities Discharging to Impaired Waters

An individual 401 certification review is required for projects or activities authorized under the Nationwide Permits (NWPs) if the project will involve work in an active channel of a waterbody on the 303(d) List of impaired waterbodies *and* the discharge may result in further exceedance of a specific parameter (e.g. total suspended solids, dissolved oxygen, temperature) for which the waterbody is listed. The EPA will determine if the discharge results in an exceedance of a specific parameter.

The current list of 303(d)-listed waterbodies is available on the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality web site at: http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/surface-water/monitoring-assessment/integrated-report.aspx, or by contacting IDEQ's water quality staff.

For projects or activities that will discharge to a 303(d)-listed waterbody that does not have an approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) or an approved water quality management plan, the permittee must provide documentation for EPA approval demonstrating that the discharge will not result in further exceedance of the listed contaminant or impairment. Contact the EPA point-of-contact (Linda Storm) by emailing storm.linda@epa.gov or calling (206) 553-6384 with questions.

For projects or activities that will discharge to a 303(d)-listed waterbody that does have an approved TMDL, the permittee must provide documentation for EPA approval showing that the discharge is within the limits established in the TMDL. The current list of 303(d)-listed waterbodies in Idaho State will be consulted in making this determination and is available on the EPA's web site at: https://www.epa.gov/tmdl/impaired-waters-and-tmdls-region-10 with reference to IDEQ's web site at: https://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/surface-water/tmdls/.

EPA General Condition 6 – Notification and 401 Water Quality Certification Application

For projects requiring either an individual 401 certification or a 401 certification review, permittees must provide the EPA with the same documentation provided to the Corps (as described in Corps' National General Condition 32, Pre-Construction Notification), including, when applicable:

a. A description of the project, including site plans, project purpose, direct and indirect adverse environmental effects the project would cause, any other U.S. Department of the Army permits used or intended to be used to authorize any part of the proposed project or any related activity.

- b. Delineation of special aquatic sites and other waters of the United States. Wetland delineations must be prepared in accordance with the current method required by the Corps.
- c. A statement describing how the compensatory mitigation requirement will be satisfied. A conceptual or detailed mitigation or restoration plan may be submitted.
- d. Other applicable requirements of Corps National General Condition 32, Corps Regional Conditions, or notification conditions of the applicable NWP.
- e. Any updated information or changes to the proposed project, activities or work must also be submitted to the EPA.

Preparation of an individual 401 certification will not commence until EPA is provided the applicable documents noted above, and will be finalized after the EPA has received a copy of the Corps' provisional verification letter authorizing the project under the NWP Program. The EPA will strive to issue individual 401 certifications within 90 days of receipt of a complete application, but under statute has up to 1-year. ²

EPA General Condition 7 – Mitigation

An individual 401 certification is based on adequate compensatory mitigation being provided for unavoidable impacts to aquatic resources, as required by the Corps, and other water quality-related impacts of projects or activities authorized under the NWP Program. The issuance of an individual 401 certification may require additional aquatic resource mitigation to maintain water quality standards and the integrity of the aquatic systems if the project:

- a. impacts aquatic resources requiring special protection (as defined in EPA General Condition 1), or
- b. impacts greater than 1/10 acre of aquatic resources or greater than 300 linear feet of stream and requires an individual 401 certification for NWPs 12, 13, 14, 17, 21, 23, 29, 39, 42, 43, 44, 49, and 50. ³

Compensatory mitigation plans must be based on the 2008 Corps and the EPA Joint Federal Rule on Compensatory Mitigation (https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-

<u>03/documents/2008_04_10_wetlands_wetlands_mitigation_final_rule_4_10_08.pdf</u>) and must include, at a minimum, the following:

² The Clean Water Act Section 401(a)(1) states that if the ... Administrator fails or refuses to act on a request for certification within a reasonable time (which shall not exceed one year) after receipt of such request, the certification requirements of this subsection shall be waived with respect to such Federal application. No license or permit shall be granted until the certification required by this section has been obtained or has been waived as provided in the preceding sentence. No license or permit shall be granted if certification has been denied by the ... Administrator (https://www.epa.gov/cwa-404/clean-water-act-section-401-certification)

³ The list of Nationwide Permits under General Condition 7b is a sub-set of those that the EPA either denied or conditioned. The list provided here is to indicate when compensatory mitigation for unavoidable impacts is likely to be required by the EPA as part of the Section 401 water quality certification conditions so that permit applicants can provide compensatory mitigation plans to address impacts for activities authorized by the Corps under these specific NWPs.

- 1) A description of the measures taken to avoid and minimize impacts to wetlands and other waters of the U.S.
- 2) The nature of the proposed impacts (e.g., acreage of wetlands and functions lost or degraded).
- 3) The rationale for the mitigation site that was selected.
- 4) The ecological goals and objectives of the compensatory mitigation project.
- 5) How the mitigation project will be accomplished (work plan), including proposed performance standards for measuring success.
- 6) How the site will be maintained and monitored through time to assess progress towards goals and objectives.
- 7) Submittal of an "as-built conditions report" upon construction of the mitigation.
- 8) Submittal of monitoring reports at agreed upon intervals showing the results of monitoring to meet performance standards and criteria.
- 9) Legal site protection mechanism (conservation easement or restrictive covenant) to ensure that the compensatory mitigation site will be legally protected for the long-term.
- 10) Long term management and maintenance plan.
- 11) Financial assurances.

EPA General Condition 8 – Temporary Fills

An individual 401 certification review is required for any activity planning to retain temporary fill in wetlands or other waterbodies for more than 90 days. The 90-day period begins when the fill material is placed in the wetland or other waterbody, not the date of permit issuance. For unplanned temporary fill in wetlands or other waterbodies that will exceed 90 days, the permittee must notify the EPA point-of-contact (Linda Storm, storm.linda@epa.gov) in writing prior to the 90th day, to request an individual 401 certification review.

EPA General Condition 9 – Designated Critical Resource Waters

An individual 401 certification review is required for any proposed project or activity in waterbodies on the most current list of the following Designated Critical Resource Waters (per the Corps' National General Condition #22).

EPA General Condition 10 – Fills Within 100-Year Floodplains

An individual 401 certification review is required for any proposed project or activity that involves fill in waters of the U.S. and would increase permanent, above-grade fill within the 100-year floodplain (including the floodway and the flood fringe).

[*Note:* The 100-year floodplain is defined as those areas identified as Zones A, A1-30, AE, AH, AO, A99, V, V1-30, and VE on the most current Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Rate Insurance Maps, or areas identified as within the 100-year floodplain on applicable local Flood Management Program maps. The 100-year flood is also known as the flood with a 100-year recurrence interval, or as the flood with an exceedance probability of 0.01.]

EPA General Condition 11 – Chemically Treated Wood

An individual 401 certification review is required if the permittee proposes to use wood products treated with biologically harmful leachable chemical components (e.g., copper, arsenic, zinc, creosote, chromium, chloride, fluoride, pentachlorophenol), unless the wood products meet the following conditions:

- a. Wood preservatives and their application must be in compliance with EPA label requirements and criteria of approved EPA Registration Documents under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act,
- b. Use of chemically treated wood products must follow the Western Wood Preservatives Institute (WWPI) guidelines and best management practices to minimize the preservative migrating from treated wood into the aquatic environment (see: http://preservedwood.org/HowTo/BestManagementPractices.aspx)
- c. For new or replacement wood structures, the wood must be sealed with non-toxic products such as water-based silica or soy-based water repellants or sealers to prevent or limit leaching. Acceptable alternatives to chemically treated wood are encouraged and include untreated wood, steel (painted, unpainted or coated with epoxy petroleum compound or plastic), concrete and plastic lumber; and
- d. All removal of chemically treated wood products (including pilings) must follow the most recent "EPA Region 10 Best Management Practices for Piling Removal and Placement in Washington State."

EPA NWP-SPECIFIC WATER QUALITY CONDITIONS

1. Aids to Navigation.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

2. Structures in Artificial Canals.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

3. Maintenance.

EPA 401 Certification – Conditioned

An individual certification is required for maintenance or replacement activities authorized under this NWP if:

- activities occur in fish bearing waters of the U.S. that extend beyond their prior footprint, or
- activities require excavation or dredging in open water.
- 4. Fish and Wildlife Harvesting, Enhancement, and Attraction Devices and Activities.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

5. Scientific Measurement Devices.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

6. Survey Activities.

EPA 401 Certification – Conditioned

An individual 401 certification is required for projects authorized under this NWP if:

- the project or activity involves oil or natural gas exploration, or
- the project or activity requires trenching in waters of the U.S.

7. Outfall Structures and Associated Intake Structures.

EPA 401 Certification – Conditioned

An individual 401 certification is required for projects authorized under this NWP if:

- the project or activities have an associated outfall to a special aquatic site (e.g., mudflat,

vegetated shallow, wetland), or

- the receiving waters cannot be diverted.

8. Oil and Gas Structures on the Outer Continental Shelf EPA 401 Certification – Certified

9. Structures in Fleeting and Anchorage Areas.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

10. Mooring Buoys.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

11. Temporary Recreational Structures.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

12. Utility Line Activities.

EPA 401 Certification – Conditioned

An individual 401 certification is required for projects authorized under this NWP if:

- the project or activity involves any excavation or dredging activities affecting open water areas (e.g., trenching across streams); or
- there are any permanent access roads, temporary structures or fill associated with the utility line activities; or
- the project is authorized under one or more Nationwide Permit by the Corps that results in greater than 1/10 acre of impacts to aquatic resources, results in a permanent conversion of greater than 1/10 acre of wetlands (i.e., forested wetlands to emergent wetlands), or over 300 linear feet of stream.

13. Bank Stabilization.

EPA 401 Certification – Conditioned

An individual 401 certification is required for projects authorized under this NWP if:

- the entire scope of the project is greater than 300 linear feet, or
- does not include bioengineering (unless a registered professional engineer identifies nonbioengineered solutions that are the only way to protect an existing transportation related structure), or
- proposes permanent fill in adjacent wetlands.

14. Linear Transportation Projects.

EPA 401 Certification – Conditioned

An individual 401 certification is required for projects authorized under this NWP if:

- the project is authorized under one or more nationwide permit by the Corps that results in greater than 1/10 acre of impacts to aquatic resources, results in a permanent conversion of greater than 1/10 acre of wetlands (i.e., forested wetlands to emergent wetlands), or over 300 linear feet of stream.

15. U.S. Coast Guard Approved Bridges.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

16. Return Water from Upland Contained Disposal Areas.

EPA 401 Certification – Denied

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An individual 401 certification is required for all projects.

17. Hydropower Projects.

EPA 401 Certification – Denied

An individual 401 certification is required for all projects.

18. Minor Discharges.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

19. Minor Dredging.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

20. Response Operations for Oil or Hazardous Substances.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

21. Surface Coal Mining Operations.

EPA 401 Certification – Denied

An individual 401 certification is required for all projects.

22. Removal of Vessels.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

23. Approved Categorical Exclusions.

EPA 401 Certification – Conditioned

An individual 401 certification is required for projects authorized under this NWP if:

- the project or activities involve greater than 1/10 acre of impacts to aquatic resources, or
- would impact greater than 300 linear feet stream.

24. Indian Tribe or State Administered Section 404 Programs.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

25. Structural Discharges.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

26. [Reserved]

27. Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Establishment, and Enhancement Activities

EPA 401 Certification – Conditioned

An individual 401 certification is required for projects or activities that will affect greater than ½ acre of impacts to aquatic resources or 300 linear feet of fish bearing stream.

28. Modifications of Existing Marinas.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

29. Residential Developments.

EPA 401 Certification – Denied

An individual 401 certification is required for all projects.

30. Moist Soil Management for Wildlife.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

31. Maintenance of Existing Flood Control Facilities.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

32. Completed Enforcement Actions.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

33. Temporary Construction, Access, and Dewatering.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

34. Cranberry Production Activities.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

35. Maintenance Dredging of Existing Basins.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

36. Boat Ramps.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

37. Emergency Watershed Protection and Rehabilitation.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

38. Cleanup of Hazardous and Toxic Waste.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

39. Commercial and Institutional Developments.

EPA 401 Certification – Denied

An individual 401 certification is required for all projects.

40. Agricultural Activities.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

41. Reshaping Existing Drainage Ditches.

EPA 401 Certification – Conditioned

An individual 401 certification is required for projects authorized under this NWP if the scope of the project is greater than 500 linear feet.

42. Recreational Facilities.

EPA 401 Certification – Denied

An individual 401 certification is required for all projects.

43. Stormwater Management Facilities.

EPA 401 Certification – Denied

An individual 401 certification is required for all projects.

44. Mining Activities.

EPA 401 Certification – Denied

An individual 401 certification is required for all projects.

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45. Repair of Uplands Damaged by Discrete Events.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

46. Discharges in Ditches.

EPA 401 Certification – Denied

An individual 401 certification is required for all projects.

47. [Reserved].

48. Commercial Shellfish Aquaculture Activities.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified

49. Coal Remining Activities.

EPA 401 Certification – Denied

An individual 401 certification is required for all projects.

50. Underground Coal Mining Activities.

EPA 401 Certification – Denied

An individual 401 certification is required for all projects.

51. Land-Based Renewable Energy Generation Facilities

EPA 401 Certification – Conditioned

An individual 401 certification is required for projects authorized under this NWP if the project or activity affects greater than ½ acre of aquatic resources or greater than 300 linear feet of stream.

52. Water-Based Renewable Energy Generation Pilot Projects.

EPA 401 Certification – Conditioned

An individual 401 certification is required for projects authorized under this NWP if projects or activities occur in fish bearing streams, or special aquatic sites (including mudflats, vegetated shallows, wetlands).

53. Low-Head Dam Removal.

EPA 401 Certification – Denied

54. Living Shorelines.

EPA 401 Certification – Certified