

2007 Nationwide Permits

Nationwide permits (NWPs) are a type of general permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) on a nationwide basis. NWPs are designed to provide timely Department of the Army authorization for certain activities in waters of the United States while also protecting the Nation's aquatic resources. Activities authorized by NWP must be similar in nature, cause only minimal adverse environmental effects when performed separately, and cause only minimal cumulative adverse effect on the aquatic environment. NWPs can authorize activities pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. NWPs expire five years after issuance.

The Corps has issued new NWPs to replace the 2002 NWPs, which expired on March 18, 2007. On October 11, 2006, the Seattle District issued a [public notice](#) requesting comments on the proposed 2007 NWPs as well as on potential regional conditions on NWP-authorized activities in the Seattle District and Washington state.

The regional conditions have been finalized. The Seattle District Special Public Notice " Final Regional Conditions and Water Quality Certification and Coastal Zone Management Consistency Decisions for the 2007 Nationwide Permits in Washington State" is posted below.

Important Documents: 2007 NWP

- [Special Public Notice Announcing Final Regional Conditions, Water Quality Certification, and Coastal Zone Management Consistency Decisions for the 2007 Nationwide Permits in Washington State.](#) (7 November 2007)
- [Expanded Definitions for special aquatic sites](#) (7 November 2007)
- [Final Nationwide Permits](#) (Federal Register, (12 March 2007)
- [Proposed 2007 Nationwide Permits](#) (Federal Register, 26 Sept 2006)
- [Questions and Answers, NWPs Renewal/Revision](#) (September 2007)

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