

STATE OF MISSOURI
CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
2012 GENERAL AND SPECIFIC CONDITIONS
NWP 27 – AQUATIC HABITAT RESTORATION, ESTABLISHMENT, AND ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES

These conditions ensure that activities carried out under Nationwide Permits (NWPs) do not violate the Water Quality Standards of the State of Missouri resulting in permanent damage to habitat, increased turbidity, reduced bank and channel stability, and/or impacts to the biological and chemical integrity of the waters. These conditions are in addition to, not a replacement for, those conditions included by the federal authorities. Proposed projects authorized by the NWPs listed above that cannot be conducted within the conditions listed below must apply for individual Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (certification).

Applications for certification should be sent to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176, or electronically to wpsc401cert@dnr.mo.gov. A complete application consists of the application submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) as well as additional information necessary for a complete review of the project. This may include but is not limited to topographical maps, locational maps, engineering plans, project diagrams and where applicable mitigation plans (10 CSR 20-6.060(5)).

An issued certification becomes part of the 404 Permit and; therefore, expires with the 404 Permit unless explicitly stated in the certification. Not all permit modifications require the certification to be modified and/or reissued. An example would be when a permit expiration date is extended or the permit is reissued and there are no changes to the original project, the certification may remain valid for that project.

The Department encourages, but does not require, the permittee to consider environmentally-friendly design techniques to include stormwater management strategies that maintain or restore the original site hydrology through infiltration, evaporation or reuse of stormwater. Designs might include creating vegetated swales or rain gardens, or using porous pavement. More information can be found at these websites: <http://www.epa.gov/owow/NPS/lid/> and www.lid-stormwater.net/lid_techniques.htm.

GENERAL CONDITIONS for ALL NWPs

1. NWPs shall not allow the filling of jurisdictional springs.
2. Acquisition of a NWP(s) and the attendant certification(s) shall not be construed or interpreted to imply the requirements for other permits are replaced or superseded, including Clean Water Act Section 402 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits for land disturbance or return water from material deposition. Permits or any other requirements shall remain in effect. Applicants with questions are encouraged to contact the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Regional Office in the project area. A regional office map with contact information can be located at www.dnr.mo.gov/regions/regions.htm.
3. Care shall be taken to keep machinery out of the waterway as much as possible. Fuel, oil and other petroleum products, equipment, construction materials and any solid waste shall not be stored below the ordinary high water mark at any time or in the adjacent floodway beyond normal working hours. All precautions shall be taken to avoid the release of wastes or fuel to streams and other adjacent waters as a result of this operation.
4. Petroleum products spilled into any water or on the banks where the material may enter waters of the state shall be immediately cleaned up and disposed of properly. Any such spills of petroleum shall be reported as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours after discovery to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Environmental Emergency Response number at (573) 634-2436.
5. Only clean, nonpolluting fill shall be used. The following materials are not suitable for bank stabilization and shall not be used due to their potential to cause violations of the general criteria of the Water Quality Standards (10 CSR 20-7.031 (3)(A)-(H)):
 - a. Earthen fill, gravel, broken concrete where the material does not meet the specifications stated in the Missouri NWP Regional Conditions (http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/regulatory/NWP_2012/nwp.htm) and fragmented asphalt, since these materials are usually not substantial enough to withstand erosive flows;
 - b. Concrete with exposed rebar;
 - c. Tires, vehicles or vehicle bodies, construction or demolition debris are solid waste and are excluded from placement in the waters of the state;
 - d. Liquid concrete, including grouted riprap, if not placed as part of an engineered structure; and
 - e. Any material containing chemical pollutants (including but not limited to creosote or pentachlorophenol).
6. Clearing of vegetation/trees shall be the minimum necessary to accomplish the activity. A vegetated corridor shall be maintained from the high bank on either side of the jurisdictional channel to protect water quality and to provide for long-term stability of the stream channel, unless physical barriers prevent such a corridor. For purposes of this NWP, lack of ownership or control of any portion of this corridor may be considered a legitimate and discretionary cause to waive this requirement on that portion.

7. This certification is not valid for any Section 404 Permit issued on a water that is:
 - a. Listed as impaired by inorganic sediment, aquatic habitat alteration or unknown impairment as listed in the most current Water Quality Report (Section 305(b) Report). For convenience a table of these impaired waters is provided at the following website: www.nwk.usace.army.mil/regulatory/NWP_2012/MO/MOWQC_Con7.pdf;
 - b. Located in or occur within two miles upstream of a designated outstanding state or national resource water; or
 - c. Located in a designated metropolitan no-discharge stream.

The most current Water Quality Report can be found at <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/waterquality/305b/>. A listing of *Outstanding National and State Resource Waters* and *Metropolitan No-Discharge Streams* can be found in 10 CSR 20-7.031, Tables D, E and F or at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/10csr/10c20-7.pdf>.

The Department's geospatial data is available upon request, and all published data is available on the Missouri Spatial Data Information Services website at <http://msdis.missouri.edu/>.

Additional information to identify the project location may be obtained from the program at (573) 751-1300.

8. Streambed gradient shall not be permanently altered during project construction.
9. NWP's issued by the Corps for which the 300 linear foot threshold for stream impacts is waived by the district engineer shall require individual certification by the state. This is applicable to all NWP's where the permit has a 300 linear foot threshold including NWP's 21, 29, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 50, 51 and 52.
10. No project under a NWP shall accelerate bed or bank erosion.
11. Representatives from the Department shall be allowed on the project property to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure compliance with permit conditions.
12. You must submit a copy of the signed "Compliance Certification" referenced in NWP General Condition No. 30 as proof of project completion when the original is submitted to the Corps. This document is to be sent to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176 or electronically to wpsc401cert@dnr.mo.gov.
13. After avoidance and minimization for the project, unavoidable stream impacts shall be mitigated appropriately. Mitigation for loss of aquatic resources shall be in conformance with the currently approved "Missouri Stream Mitigation Method" and the "State of Missouri Wetland Assessment Method" as well as other mitigation guidance located on-line at <http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/regulatory/CompMit/compmit.htm>.
14. Best Management Practices shall be used during all phases of the project to limit the amount of discharge of water contaminants to waters of the state. The project shall not involve more than normal stormwater or incidental loading of sediment caused by construction disturbances.
15. Pursuant to Chapter 644.038, RSMo, the Department certifies all NWP's for impacts in all waters of the state without the above-stated or any other conditions for the construction of highways and bridges approved by the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission. The Memorandum of Understanding of 2009 and any subsequent modifications between the two agencies outline the requirements by which the Missouri Department of Transportation will design and construct projects in order to protect the water quality of waters of the state.