U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Charleston District
Regulatory Division Overview

Charleston District
Northwest Regulatory Branch, Columbia, SC
Corps Regulatory Program
Department of Army Permits

- General Permits
- Individual Permits
Corps Regulatory Program

General Permits

Nationwide Permits
Issued by Chief of Engineers for certain activities that are determined to have minimal impacts.

Regional Permits
Issued by District Commander for certain repetitive minor activities within a specific area.
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Individual Permits

Processing Steps

1. Application submitted (Corps & DHEC)
2. Public Notice issued
3. 30-day comment period
4. Agency coordination (SHPO, USFW, SCDNR)
5. Evaluation
6. Permit decision
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- Determine water dependency
- Consider off-site alternatives
- Avoid unnecessary impacts
- Minimize unavoidable impact
- Compensatory mitigation
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Mitigation

“The Corps will strive to avoid adverse impacts and offset unavoidable adverse impacts to existing aquatic resources, and for wetlands, will strive to achieve a goal of no overall net loss of functions and values.” (1990 EPA/Army MOA)
New Mitigation Hierarchy

- Mitigation Banks
- In Lieu Fee Programs
- Permittee Responsible under a Watershed Approach
- On-site and/or In Kind PRM Mitigation
- Off-site and/or Out of Kind PRM Mitigation

► Soft Preference/Document Decision