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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

CEPOD-PDC (1145b)

19 March 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, ALASKA ENGINEER DISTRICT

SUBJECT: Alaska District Area of Operation Regional Conditions and Supplemental Decision Documents for the Re-issuance of Nationwide Permits

1. References.

a. 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230, Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines for Specification of Disposal Sites for Dredged or Fill Material, Clean Water Act of 1977.

b. 33 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 330 – Nationwide Permit Program, Subparts 330.4, paragraph(e)(1) and 330.5, paragraph (c), 1991.

c. *Federal Register*, Vol. 77, No. 34, page 10184, Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

2. In reference 1.c., the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced the following actions, all of which are effective March 19, 2012.

a. reissuance of 48 existing Nationwide Permits (NWP) and 28 existing NWP general conditions.

b. issuance of two new NWP and three new NWP general conditions.

3. For each of the reissued and new NWP, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (HQUSACE) issued a national decision document that contains an Environmental Assessment (EA), Statement of Findings, public interest review, and, if the NWP authorizes discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, a Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines (reference 1.a.) analysis. In compliance with reference 1.b., the Division Engineer has the authority to issue supplemental decision documents and associated regional conditions to address regional factors relating to the public interest, compliance with reference 1.a., and any potential adverse effects on the human environment, to ensure that the NWP, as augmented by the regional conditions, authorize only those activities that result in no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse effects on the aquatic environment.

4. Each supplemental decision document prepared by the Alaska District discusses, as appropriate, regional conditions that are necessary to ensure that activities authorized by the NWP result in no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse effects on the aquatic environment. Alaska District has developed fourteen (14) regional conditions that may be used

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individually or in combination with the 2012 NWP. These regional conditions are described in enclosure 1 and those that apply to a specific NWP are listed in paragraph 10 of each of the supplemental decision documents in enclosure 2.

5. The supplemental decision documents also explain why the suspension or revocation of a specific NWP is necessary. Based on the considerations addressed in paragraph 13 of the supplement decision document for NWP 48 (Commercial Shellfish Aquaculture Activities), and Regional Condition N, I hereby revoke application of NWP 48 in Alaska.

6. In accordance with reference 1.b., and based on the considerations discussed in each of the supplemental decision documents developed by Alaska District and recommended by the Alaska District Commander, I hereby issue NWPs numbers 1-25, 27-46 and 49-52 including the limitations, terms and conditions, and applicable regional conditions contained in enclosure 1, to take effect in Alaska District's area of operation. I am issuing these NWPs based on my determination that they will authorize only activities that result in no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse effects on the aquatic environment.

7. Please direct any questions to my Regulatory Program Manager, Mr. Thom E. Lichte, (808) 438-0397, or Thom.E.Lichte@usace.army.mil.



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1. Regional Conditions
2. Supplemental Decision Documents