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SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

REGIONAL GENERAL PERMITS FOR MINOR STRUCTURES AND ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE STATE OF ALABAMA, LOCATED WITHIN THE REGULATORY BOUNDARIES OF THE MOBILE DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

2021 ALABAMA GENERAL PERMITS:

SAM-2021-00490-DCH; ALGP-01 – Excavated Boat Slips

SAM-2021-00491-DCH; ALGP-03 - Dredging

SAM-2021-00492-DCH; **ALGP-04** – **Debris Removal**

SAM-2021-00493-DCH; ALGP-05 – Piers and Pile-Supported Structures

SAM-2021-00494-DCH; ALGP-07 – Boat Ramps and Marine Ways

SAM-2021-00495-DCH; ALGP-11 – Shoreline and Bank Stabilization and Protection

SAM-2021-00496-DCH; ALGP-13 - Filling of Previously Dredged Areas

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile District (hereinafter, Mobile District) will authorize activities via the above-listed regional general permits for minor structures and activities in waters of the United States, located within the regulatory boundaries of the Mobile District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. These seven (7) regional general permits collectively make up the 2021 Alabama General Permit Program. These permits supersede the previous Alabama General Permits, which expired on October 1, 2021. The permits of the 2021 Alabama General Permit Program are authorized from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2026. These regional general permits may be suspended or revoked, in whole or in part, if it is determined that the cumulative effects of any activities pursuant to them adversely affect water quality, navigation, or other public interest factors.

General permits reduce the burden of the Department of the Army's Regulatory Program on the regulated public and ensure timely issuance of permits while effectively administering the laws and regulations that establish and govern the program. The 2021 Alabama General Permit Program has been authorized in an effort to eliminate unnecessary duplication of efforts between agencies and to streamline the permitting process for routine projects resulting in only minimal impacts. The activities authorized under the 2021 Alabama General Permit Program include minor structures and activities that have minimal individual and cumulative adverse effects on the aquatic environment.

Prospective permittees are required to submit a Pre-construction Notification (PCN) for the project, unless otherwise specified under the terms and conditions of an individual ALGP. It is

recommended to submit the PCN as early as possible, and if possible, at least 60 days prior to the planned start of their proposed project. Reviews of projects that have potential to affect cultural resources or threatened and endangered species may take longer than 60 days to complete. The PCN must include a completed **Joint Application and Notification**, **U.S. Department of Army, Corps of Engineers, Alabama Department of Environmental Management** form (commonly referred to as the Alabama Joint Application Form). This form can be accessed at the Mobile District, Regulatory Division's website at the following address: www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx or at ADEM's website at: www.adem.alabama.gov/DeptForms/Form166.pdf.

The following information is required for a complete PCN and verification of coverage under the Alabama General Permits (unless noted as optional): An Alabama Joint Application form with all applicable portions completed and signed by the applicant; applicant name, address, telephone number, and email address (if available); if an agent is used, all agent contact information and applicant's original signature authorizing the agent; exact location information for proposed project, including street address, latitude and longitude, and parcel number of the property; full project description, including all proposed dimensions of structures and/or activity; statement of purpose and need for project; vicinity map; overall plan view drawing of entire property and proposed project; cross-section or profile view drawing of proposed structure, or areas of dredge/fill; and names and addresses of adjoining property owners.

A copy of the 2021 Alabama General Permits can be accessed at our website at: https://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Portals/46/docs/regulatory/docs/2021%20Alabama%20General%20Permits%20(9-30-2021).pdf?ver=qnT9jbFq8ULhMNzR3wqNCw%3d%3d, or at your request, a paper copy will be provided to you. For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our website at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx.

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