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PUBLIC NOTICE
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EMERGENCY PERMITTING GUIDANCE FOR THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF STRUCTURES AND DREDGE OR FILL PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH DAMAGE FROM HURRICANE KATRINA

Mobile, Alabama - The people living within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Mobile District, south of the Tennessee Divide and east of the Pearl River watershed, need to check their original U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit before repairing or replacing serviceable structures destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Under existing Nationwide Permit Number (NWP) 3, Corps approval is granted to repair and replace structures that were previously permitted.

In certain circumstances, dredging or filling shorelines, lots or previously-authorized fills on lots eroded by Hurricane Katrina **may** be authorized under NWP 3 or 18. Removal of vessels or storm debris from wetlands **may** be authorized under NWP 22. Dredging to restore navigable access to previously authorized marinas **may** be authorized under NWP 35. However, you must contact the **Mobile District Regulatory Division at (251) 694-3776** prior to starting work
to ensure the activity meets the requirements of the NWP authorization.

For those actions outside the scope of the NWP program, the following procedures will be used:

a. Emergency permitting requests will be reviewed to determine if an emergency situation does exist. An emergency is a situation that will result in a hazard to life or significant loss of property. An emergency can also be an immediate, unforeseen, significant economic hardship that requires a Corps permit to take corrective action but the situation cannot wait for the normal permit evaluation process.

b. If the Corps' tentative determination is that the proposed action is an emergency, descriptions of the proposed action will be faxed to representatives of each of the commenting federal agencies, as well as the State agencies responsible for Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Coastal Zone Management Consistency.

c. A decision will be made by the Corps after review by the agencies. For most projects, it is anticipated that agency coordination will be completed within 24-48 hours.

All requests for emergency evaluation procedures should be directed to the Mobile District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, AL 36628-0001

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