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SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT

**Proposed Programmatic General Permits for Minor Structures and Activities in
Alabama Power Company Reservoirs Within the Coosa, Tallapoosa and Black
Warrior River Basins Within the State of Alabama**

ALABAMA POWER COMPANY PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMITS		
Permit	Activity	Page Number
APCO-PGP-1	Debris Removal	
APCO-PGP-2	Construction of non-commercial boat slips; maintenance dredging of existing boat slips, canals, or navigation channels	
APCO-PGP-3	Construction and/or maintenance of fixed structures	
APCO-PGP-4	Construction and modification of boat ramps	
APCO-PGP-5	Riprap for shoreline, bank, and channel protection; bulkheads and other standard shoreline protection/stabilization devices roughly paralleling, and at, the shoreline or bank	
APCO-PGP-6	New work channel dredging	
APCO-PGP-7	Filling of previously dredged areas such as boat slips, artificial canals, etc.	

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Interested parties are hereby notified that in accordance with 33 CFR 325.2(e)(2) and 325.3(b), the Mobile District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has authorized the following Alabama Power Company (APCO) Programmatic General Permits (PGP), described herein, pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. These permits will supersede the APCO-PGPs issued on February 9, 2012 that expired on March 9, 2016.

The term "Programmatic General Permit" refers to a type of general permit, authorized by the Department of the Army, that is issued on a nationwide or regional basis for a category or categories of activities when those activities are substantially similar in nature and cause only minimal individual and cumulative environmental impacts; or the general permit would result in avoiding unnecessary duplication of the regulatory control exercised by another Federal, state, or local agency, provided it has been determined

that the environmental consequences of the action are individually and cumulatively minimal.

APCO owns the pool property of the reservoirs listed in Table 1 and in some areas has additional property rights along the shoreline. APCO regulates certain activities and structures within the boundaries of the hydroelectric reservoirs subject to licenses issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and pursuant to FERC requirements, these activities and structures must be pre-approved and permitted by APCO.

TABLE 1

Alabama Power Reservoirs Subject to Jurisdiction Under **Section 10**
(Coosa River Basin)

Weiss Lake-Neely Henry-Logan Martin-Lay Lake-Lake Mitchell-Bouldin-Jordan

Alabama Power Reservoirs Subject to Jurisdiction Under **Section 10 and Section 404**

(Tallapoosa and Black Warrior River Basins)

Martin – Yates- Thurlow- R.L Harris- Smith

Therefore, in an effort to expedite authorization of work, including minor structures and other activities with minimal adverse impacts located in waters of the United States, the USACE, Mobile District, proposes the authorization of the enclosed PGPs. These PGPs are only applicable within the FERC project boundaries of APCO reservoirs located in the Coosa, Tallapoosa and Black Warrior River basins within the State of Alabama (reference enclosed map).

Under the proposed PGPs, a permit applicant will only apply to APCO, rather than applying to both APCO and the USACE for authorization. APCO will (1) verify that the proposed project meets the terms and conditions of the PGP(s); (2) notify the applicant and; (3) provide any General and Special Conditions of the PGP(s). This notification will accompany APCO's Shoreline Permit.

General permits are reviewed every five (5) years. Each PGP contains certain limitations intended to protect the aquatic environment, natural, and cultural resources. Conformance with the conditions contained in the PGP does not necessarily guarantee authorization under the PGP. In most instances, a proposed project complying with conditions of the PGP can receive specific authorization. Any proposed project not complying with the conditions will be evaluated by USACE as either a Nationwide

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Permit or Standard Permit. A Standard Permit will be individually coordinated with third parties, including Federal and state resource agencies.

If you have any questions concerning this notice or for additional information, you may contact Mr. Joseph Tanko (joseph.m.tanko@usace.army.mil), phone (205) 290-9096.

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