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## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

### NATIONWIDE PERMIT AUTHORIZATION

**PROJECT:** Lee County (KY State Route 1144) Item No. 10-0908.00 Curve Revision

The Section 404 activities for this project have been previously permitted under the authority of the Department of the Army Nationwide Permit No. 14 "Linear Transportation Projects". In order for this authorization to be valid, the attached conditions must be followed. The contractor shall post a copy of this Nationwide Permit in a conspicuous location at the project site for the duration of construction and comply with the general conditions as required.

To more readily expedite construction, the contractor may elect to alter the design or perform the work in a manner different from what was originally proposed and specified. Prior to commencing such alternative work, the contractor shall obtain **written** permission from the Division of Construction and the Corps of Engineers. A copy of any request to the Corps of Engineers to alter this proposal and subsequent responses shall be forwarded to the Division of Environmental Analysis, DA Permit Coordinator, for office records and for informational purposes.

### **TERMS FOR NATIONWIDE PERMIT NO. 14**

**Linear Transportation Projects** 

Activities required for the construction, expansion, modification, or improvement of linear transportation projects (e.g., roads, highways, railways, trails, airport runways, and taxiways) in waters of the United States. For linear transportation projects in non-tidal waters, the discharge cannot cause the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of waters of the United States. For linear transportation projects in tidal waters, the discharge cannot cause the loss of greater than 1/3-acre of waters of the United States. Any stream channel modification, including bank stabilization, is limited to the minimum necessary to construct or protect the linear transportation project; such modifications must be in the immediate vicinity of the project.

This NWP also authorizes temporary structures, fills, and work necessary to construct the linear transportation project. Appropriate measures must be taken to maintain normal downstream flows and minimize flooding to the maximum extent practicable, when temporary structures, work, and discharges, including cofferdams, are necessary for construction activities, access fills, or dewatering of construction sites. Temporary fills must consist of materials, and be placed in a manner, that will not be eroded by expected high flows. Temporary fills must be removed in their entirety and the affected areas returned to pre-construction elevations. The areas affected by temporary fills must be revegetated, as appropriate.

This NWP cannot be used to authorize non-linear features commonly associated with transportation projects, such as vehicle maintenance or storage buildings, parking lots, train stations, or aircraft hangars.

Notification: The permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity if: (1) the loss of waters of the United States exceeds 1/10 acre; or (2) there is a discharge in a special aquatic site, including wetlands. (See general condition 27.) (Sections 10 and 404)

Note: Some discharges for the construction of farm roads or forest roads, or temporary roads for moving mining equipment, may qualify for an exemption under Section 404(f) of the Clean Water Act (see 33 CFR 323.4).



# Nationwide Permit Conditions

The following General Conditions must be followed in order for any authorization by NWP to be valid:

- 1. Navigation. (a) No activity may cause more than a minimal adverse effect on navigation. (b) Any safety lights and signals prescribed by the US Coast Guard, through regulations or otherwise, must be installed and maintained at the permittee's expense on authorized facilities in navigable waters of the US. (c) The permittee understands and agrees that, if future operations by the US require the removal, relocation, or other alteration, of the structure or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative, said structure or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the permittee will be required, upon due notice from the Corps of Engineers, to remove, relocate, or after the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the US. No claim shall be made against the US on account of any such removal or alteration.
- Aquatic Life Movements. No activity may substantially disrupt the necessary life cycle movements of those species of aquatic life indigenous to the waterbody, including those species that normally migrate through the area, unless the activity's primary purpose is to impound water. Culverts placed in streams must be installed to maintain low flow conditions.
- 3. Spawning Areas. Activities in spawning areas during spawning seasons must be avoided to the maximum extent practicable. Activities that result in the physical destruction (e.g., through excavation, fill, or downstream smothering by substantial turbidity) of an important spawning area are not authorized.
- Migratory Bird Breeding Areas. Activities in waters of the US that serve as breeding areas for migratory birds must be avoided to the maximum extent practicable.
- 5. Shellfish Beds. No activity may occur in areas of concentrated shellfish populations, unless the activity is related to a shellfish harvesting activity authorized by NWP 4 and 48.
- 6. Suitable Material. No activity may use unsuitable material (e.g., trash, debris, car bodies, asphalt, etc.). Material used for construction or discharged must be free from toxic pollutants in toxic amounts (see Section 307 of the Clean Water Act).
- 7. Water Supply Intakes. No activity may occur in the proximity of a public water supply intake, except where the activity is for the repair or improvement of public water supply intake structures or adjacent bank stabilization.
- Adverse Effects from Impoundments. If the activity creates an impoundment of water, adverse effects to the aquatic system due to accelerating the passage of water, and/or restricting its flow must be minimized to the maximum extent practicable.

- 9. Management of Water Flows. To the maximum extent practicable, the preconstruction course, condition, capacity, and location of open waters must be maintained for each activity, including stream channelization and storm water management activities, except as provided below. The activity must be constructed to withstand expected high flows. The activity must not restrict or impede the passage of normal or high flows, unless the primary purpose of the activity is to impound water or manage high flows. The activity may alter the preconstruction course; condition, capacity, and location of open waters if it benefits the aquatic environment (e.g. stream restoration or relocation activities).
- Fills Within 100-Year Floodplains. The activity must comply with applicable FEMAapproved state or local floodplain management requirements.
- 11. Equipment. Heavy equipment working in wetlands or mudflats must be placed on mats, or other measures must be taken to minimize soil disturbance.
- 12. Soil Erosion and Sediment Controls. Appropriate soil erosion and sediment controls must be used and maintained in effective operating condition during construction, and all exposed soil and other fills, as well as any work below the ordinary high water mark or high tide line, must be permanently stabilized at the earliest practicable date. Permittees are encouraged to perform work within waters of the US during periods of low-flow or no-flow.
- 13. Removal of Temporary Fills. Temporary fills must be removed in their entirety and the affected areas returned to pre-construction elevations and revegetated, as appropriate.
- 14. Proper Maintenance. Any authorized structure or fill shall be properly maintained, including maintenance to ensure public safety.
- 15. **Wild and Scenic Rivers**. No activity may occur in a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System, or in a river officially designated by Congress as a "study river" for possible inclusion in the system while the river is in an official study status, unless the appropriate Federal agency with direct management responsibility for such river, has determined in writing that the proposed activity will not adversely affect the Wild and Scenic River designation or study status. Information on Wild and Scenic Rivers may be obtained from the appropriate Federal land management agency in the area (e.g., National Park Service, US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service).
- 16. **Tribal Rights**. No activity or its operation may impair reserved tribal rights, including, but not limited to, reserved water rights and treaty fishing and hunting rights.
- 17. Endangered Species. (a) No activity is authorized under any NWP which is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of a threatened or endangered species or a species proposed for such designation, as identified under the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA), or which will destroy or adversely modify the critical habitat of such species. Non-

habitat, the notification must include the name(s) of the endangered or threatened species conditions to the NWP. the FWS, the District Engineer may add species-specific regional endangered species may be affected by the proposed work. As a result of formal or informal consultation with that may be affected by the proposed work or that utilize the designated critical habitat that

endangered species and their critical habitat can be obtained directly from the offices of provisions, etc.) from the USFWS or the NMFS, both lethal and non-lethal "takes" of protected species are in violation of the ESA. Information on the location of threatened and or endangered species as defined under the ESA. In the absence of separate authorization (e.g., an ESA Section 10 Permit, a Biological Opinion with "incidental take" the USFWS and NMFS or their World Wide Webpages at http://www.fws.gov/ and http://www.noaa.gov/fisheries.htmlrespectively. (b) Authorization of an activity by a NWP does not authorize the "take" of a threatened

appropriate, and the National Register of Historic Places (see 33 CFR 330.4(g)). For of the National Historic Preservation Act have been satisfied and that the activity is and shall not begin the activity until notified by the District Engineer that the requirements prospective permittee must notify the District Engineer if the authorized activity may affect affected by the proposed work or include a vicinity map indicating the location of the activities that may affect historic properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National from the State Historic Preservation Office Officer or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, as authorized. Information on the location and existence of historic resources can be obtained any historic properties listed, determined to be eligible, or which the prospective permittee Engineer has complied with the provisions of 33 CFR part 325, Appendix C. The for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places is authorized, until the District relate, or having legal power to prevent it, allowed such significant adverse effect to occur. intentionally significantly adversely affected a historic property to which the permit would applicant who, with intent to avoid the requirements of Section 106 of the NHPA, has (16 USC 470h-2(k)) prevents the Corps from granting a permit or other assistance to an historic property. Prospective permittees should beware that section 110k of the NHPA Register of Historic Places, the notification must state which historic property may be has reason to believe may be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places Historic Properties. No activity which may affect historic properties listed or eligible

for any activity within, or directly affecting, critical resource waters, including wetlands adjacent to such waters. (b) For NWP 3, 8, 10, 13, 15, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 30, 33, is determined that the impacts to the critical resource waters will be no more than minimal activity proposed in the designated critical resource waters including wetlands adjacent to opportunity for comment. (a) Discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the US are not authorized by NWP 7, 12, 14, 16, 17, 21, 29, 31, 35, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 49, and 50 district engineer may also designate additional critical resource waters after notice and those waters. The district engineer may authorize activities under these NWPs only after it 34, 36, 37, and 38, notification is required in accordance with general condition 27, for any identified by the district engineer after notice and opportunity for public comment. The designated by a state as having particular environmental or ecological significance and heritage sites, and outstanding national resource waters or other waters officially 19. Designated Critical Resource Waters. Critical resource waters including state natural

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- reducing, or compensating) will be required to the extent necessary to ensure that the the project site (i.e. on site). Mitigation in all its forms (avoiding, minimizing, rectifying, adverse effects to the aquatic environment are minimal. both temporary and permanent, to waters of the US to the maximum extent practicable at Mitigation. The activity must be constructed to avoid and minimize adverse effects,
- engineer or State or Tribe may require additional water quality management measures added by the Corps or by the state, Indian Tribe, or USEPA in its section 401 Water ensure that the authorized activity does not result in more than minimal degradation of Water Quality Certification must be obtained or waived (see 33 CFR 330.4(c)). The district Quality Certification. Where States and authorized Tribes, or EPA where applicable, have not previously certified compliance of an NWP with CWA Section 401, individual 401 Water Quality Certification. The activity must comply with case specific conditions water quality. ಠ
- require additional measures to ensure that the authorized activity is consistent with state concurrence must occur (see 33 CFR 330.4(d)). The district engineer or a State may coastal zone management consistency concurrence must be obtained, or a presumption of received a state coastal zone management consistency concurrence, an individual state Coastal Zone Management. In coastal states where an NWP has not previously coastal zone management requirements.
- EPA in its section 401 Water Quality Certification, or by the state in its Coastal Zone with any case specific conditions added by the Corps or by the state, Indian Tribe, or U.S. conditions that may have been added by the Division Engineer (see 33 CFR 330.4(e)) and Management Act consistency determination. Regional and Case-By-Case Conditions. The activity must comply with any regional
- authorized by the NWPs does not exceed the acreage limit of the NWP with the highest and complete project is prohibited, except when the acreage loss of waters of the US acreage loss of waters of the US for the total project cannot exceed 1/3-acre. under NWP14, with associated bank stabilization authorized by NWP 13, the maximum specified acreage limit. For example, if a road crossing over tidal water is constructed 24. Use of Multiple Nationwide Permits. The use of more than one NWP for a single
- contain the following statement: When the structures or work authorized by this NWP are associated with NWP verification, the permittee may transfer the NWP verification to the compliance with its terms and conditions, have the transferee sign and date below: the property. To validate the transfer and the associated liabilities associated with NWP, including any special conditions, will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of this new owner by submitting a letter to the appropriate Corps district office to validate the Transfer of Nationwide Permit Verifications. If the permittee sells the property transfer. A copy of the NWP verification must be attached to the letter, and the letter must

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any required mitigation. The certification form is included with this verification verification from the Corps will submit a signed certification regarding the completed work and Compliance Certification. Every permittee who has received a Nationwide permit

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begin the activity until either: still incomplete and the PCN review process will not commence until all of the requested information, then the district engineer will notify the prospective permittee that the PCN is once. However, if the prospective permittee does not provide all of the requested information has been received by the district engineer. The prospective permittee shall not

- proceed under the NWP with any special conditions imposed by the district or division (1) He or she is notified in writing by the district engineer that the activity may
- obtained. Subsequently, the permittee's right to proceed under the NWP may be modified complete PCN, the permittee cannot begin the activity until an individual permit has been district engineer issues the waiver. If the district or division engineer notifies the permittee completed. Also, work cannot begin under NWPs 21, 49, or 50 until the permittee has consultation required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (see 33 CFR 330.4(f)) and/or Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation (see 33 CFR 330.4(g)) is begin the activity until receiving written notification from the Corps that is "no effect" on listed species or "no potential to cause effects" on historic properties, or that any activity may have the potential to cause effects to historic properties, the permittee cannot pursuant to general condition 17 that listed species or critical habitat might affected or in suspended, or revoked only in accordance with the procedure set forth in 33 CFR in writing that an individual permit is required within 45 calendar days of receipt of a to exceed specified limits of an NWP, the permittee cannot begin the activity until the the vicinity of the project, or to notify the Corps pursuant to general condition 18 that the district or division engineer. However, if the permittee was required to notify the Corps the complete PCN and the prospective permittee has not received written notice from the 330.5(d)(2) received written approval from the Corps. If the proposed activity requires a written waiver (2) Forty-five calendar days have passed from the district engineer's receipt of
- include the following information: (b) Contents of Pre-Construction Notification: The PCN must be in writing and
- Name, address and telephone numbers of the prospective permittee;
- (2) Location of the proposed project;
- sufficiently detailed to allow the district engineer to determine that the adverse effects of any part of the proposed project or any related activity. The description should be quicker decision.); Sketches should be provided when necessary to show that the activity complies with the the project will be minimal and to determine the need for compensatory mitigation. indirect adverse environmental effects the project would cause; any other NWP(s), terms of the NWP. (Sketches usually clarify the project and when provided result in a regional general permit(s), or individual permit(s) used or intended to be used to authorize (3) A description of the proposed project; the project's purpose; direct and
- until the delineation has been submitted to or completed by the Corps, where appropriate: accordance with the current method required by the Corps. The permittee may ask the of the United States on the project site. Wetland delineations must be prepared in or contains many waters of the United States. Furthermore, the 45 day period will not start there may be a delay if the Corps does the delineation, especially if the project site is large Corps to delineate the special aquatic sites and other waters of the United States, but (4) The PCN must include a delineation of special aquatic sites and other waters
- wetlands and a PCN is required, the prospective permittee must submit a statement (5) If the proposed activity will result in the loss of greater than 1/10 acre of

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describing how the mitigation requirement will be satisfied. As an alternative, the prospective permittee may submit a conceptual or detailed mitigation plan.

- species that might be affected by the proposed work or utilize the designated critical documentation demonstrating compliance with the Endangered Species Act; and Federal applicants the PCN must include the name(s) of those endangered or threatened (6) If any listed species or designated critical habitat might be affected or is in the vicinity of the project, or if the project is located in designated critical habitat, for nonhabitat that may be affected by the proposed work. Federal applicants must provide
- compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. affected by the proposed work or include a vicinity map indicating the location of the Places, for non-Federal applicants the PCN must state which historic property may be eligible for listing on, or potentially eligible for listing on, the National Register of Historic historic property. Federal applicants must provide documentation demonstrating (7) For an activity that may affect a historic property listed on, determined to be
- clearly indicate that it is a PCN and must include all of the information required in application form (Form ENG 4345) may be used, but the completed application form must information may also be used. paragraphs (b)(1) through (7) of this general condition. A letter containing the required (c) Form of Pre-Construction Notification: The standard individual permit
- from Federal and state agencies concerning the proposed activity's compliance with the terms and conditions of the NWPs and the need for mitigation to reduce the project's adverse environmental effects to a minimal level. (d) Agency Coordination: (1) The district engineer will consider any comments

authorization should be modified, suspended, or revoked in accordance with the engineer will consider any comments received to decide whether the NWP 37 agency, except as provided below. The district engineer will indicate in the administrative construction notification. The district engineer will fully consider agency comments engineer will wait an additional 15 calendar days before making a decision on the preprovide substantive, site-specific comments. If so contacted by an agency, the district material is transmitted to telephone or fax the district engineer notice that they intend to exception of NWP 37, these agencies will then have 10 calendar days from the date the or Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), and, if appropriate, the NMFS). With the procedures at 33 CFR 330.5. concerns were considered. For NWP 37, the emergency watershed protection and record associated with each pre-construction notification that the resource agencies' received within the specified time frame, but will provide no response to the resource natural resource or water quality agency, EPA, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) manner) a copy of the PCN to the appropriate Federal or state offices (U.S. FWS, state immediately provide (e.g., via facsimile transmission, overnight mail, or other expeditious the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of waters of the United States, the district engineer will NWP activities requiring pre-construction notification to the district engineer that result in rehabilitation activity may proceed immediately in cases where there is an unacceptable hazard to life or a significant loss of property or economic hardship will occur. The district (2) For all NWP 48 activities requiring pre-construction notification and for other

- of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Essential Fish Habitat conservation recommendations, as required by Section 305(b)(4)(B) district engineer will provide a response to NMFS within 30 calendar days of receipt of any (3) In cases of where the prospective permittee is not a Federal agency, the
- construction notifications to expedite agency coordination. (4) Applicants are encouraged to provide the Corps multiple copies of pre-
- of the NMFS. copy of each report within 10 calendar days of receipt to the appropriate regional office (5) For NWP 48 activities that require reporting, the district engineer will provide
- the district engineer will determine whether the activity authorized by the NWP will result in (e) District Engineer's Decision: In reviewing the PCN for the proposed activity,

specific mitigation or a requirement that the applicant submit a mitigation plan that would would reduce the adverse effects on the aquatic environment to the minimal level; or (3) authorized under the NWP subject to the applicant's submission of a mitigation plan that the project does not qualify for authorization under the NWP and instruct the applicant on engineer has approved a specific mitigation plan. mitigation is required, no work in waters of the United States may occur until the district within the 45-day PCN period. The authorization will include the necessary conceptual or Where the district engineer determines that mitigation is required to ensure no more than that the project is authorized under the NWP with specific modifications or conditions. the procedures to seek authorization under an individual permit; (2) that the project is are more than minimal, then the district engineer will notify the applicant either: (1) That reduce the adverse effects on the aquatic environment to the minimal level. When minimal adverse effects occur to the aquatic environment, the activity will be authorized If the district engineer determines that the adverse effects of the proposed work

28. The same NWP cannot be used more than once for the same single and complete project Single and Complete Project. The activity must be a single and complete project.

# Further Information:

- and conditions of an NWP. . District Engineers have authority to determine if an activity complies with the terms
- approvals, or authorizations required by law. 2. NWPs do not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, state, or local permits,
- NWPs do not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges.
- NWPs do not authorize any injury to the property or rights of others
- 5. NWPs do not authorize interference with any existing or proposed Federal project



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# General Certification--Nationwide Permit # 14 Linear Transportation Projects

This General Certification is effective March 19, 2007, in conformity with the requirements of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1977, as amended (33 U.S.C. §1341), as well as Kentucky Statute KRS 224.16-050.

Agricultural operations, as defined by KRS 224.71-100(1) conducting activities pursuant to KRS 224.71-100 (3), (4), (5), (6), or (10) are deemed to have certification if they are implementing an Agriculture Water Quality Plan pursuant to KRS 224.71-145.

For all other operations, the Commonwealth of Kentucky hereby certifies under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) that it has reasonable assurances that applicable water quality standards under Kentucky Administrative Regulations Title 401, Chapter 5, established pursuant to Sections 301, 302, 304, 306 and 307 of the CWA, will not be violated for the activity covered under NATIONWIDE PERMIT 14, namely Linear Transportation Projects, provided that the following conditions are met:

- 1. This general certification shall not apply to nationwide permits issued for individual crossings that are part of a larger road segment project where the cumulative, unmitigated wetland impacts within a 14-HUC total one (1) acre or more.
- 2. The individual stream crossing will impact less than 300 linear feet of intermittent or perennial streams, unless excluded by condition # 3. Impacts to ephemeral streams are not limited under this general certification.
- 3. This general certification shall not apply to nationwide permits issued for individual crossings which meet condition # 2 but that are part of a larger road segment project where the cumulative, unmitigated intermittent and perennial stream impacts within a 14-HUC exceed 500 linear feet.
- 4. The activity will not occur within waters of the Commonwealth identified by the Kentucky Division of Water as Outstanding State or National Resource Waters, Cold Water Aquatic Habitat, or Exceptional Waters.



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- 5. Stream impacts covered under this nationwide permit and undertaken by those persons defined as an agricultural operation under the Agricultural Water Quality Act must be completed in compliance with the Kentucky Agricultural Water Quality Plan.
- 6. Projects that do not meet the conditions of this general certification require an individual Section 401 water quality certification.
- 7. Activities qualifying for coverage under this general water quality certification are subject to the following conditions:
  - Stream crossings shall be constructed in such a manner that does not impede the movement of aquatic organisms.
  - Measures shall be taken to prevent or control spills of fuels, lubricants, or other toxic materials used in construction from entering the watercourse.
  - In areas not riprapped or otherwise stabilized, revegetation of stream banks and riparian zones shall occur concurrently with project progression. At a minimum, revegetation will approximate predisturbance conditions.
  - To the maximum extent practicable, all in stream work under this certification shall be performed during low flow.
  - Heavy equipment, e.g. bulldozers, backhoes, draglines, etc., if required for this project, should not be used or operated within the stream channel. In those instances where such in stream work is unavoidable, then it shall be performed in such a manner and duration as to minimize turbidity and disturbance to substrates and bank or riparian vegetation.
  - Any fill shall be of such composition that it will not adversely affect the biological, chemical, or physical properties of the receiving waters and/or cause violations of water quality standards. If riprap is utilized, it is to be of such weight and size that bank stress or slump conditions will not be created because of its placement.
  - If there are water supply intakes located downstream that may be affected by increased turbidity and suspended solids, the permittee shall notify the operator when work will be done.



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- Removal of existing riparian vegetation should be restricted to the minimum necessary for project construction.
- Should evidence of stream pollution or jurisdictional wetland impairment and/or violations of water quality standards occur as a result of this activity (either from a spill or other forms of water pollution), the Kentucky Division of Water shall be notified immediately by calling 800/928-2380.

Non-compliance with the conditions of this general certification or violation of Kentucky state water quality standards may result in civil penalties.

This general certification will expire on March 19, 2012, or sooner if the USACE makes significant changes to this nationwide permit.

