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Permit process made easier

Electronic filing system to provide additional assistance to permit applicants

DETROIT -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District announces a new guidance module to assist with completing permit application forms in Indiana.

The Corps requires permits for building or developing in, on, or over wetlands and waters, and this interactive module will give you the guidelines and checklist for filling out and sending in a permit application form.

The Detroit District Regulatory Office, with the responsibility of administering the Corps' permit program, has released a new electronic module to assist applicants with filling out the ENG Form 4345 permit application. The ENG 4345 form is for use in the State of Indiana to apply for a permit from the Corps. English and Spanish versions of the module are available at the following link: <http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/functions/rf/avatar/index.html>



The mission of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District Regulatory Office is to provide strong protection of the nation's aquatic environment. This is accomplished through: coordination with agencies and the public; fair, reasonable, and timely decisions; accurate and timely jurisdiction determinations; monitoring, compliance and enforcement of permit laws, regulations, and policies. This electronic module was produced in an effort to help make this process easier for citizens needing a permit.

The Corps' role in protecting the country's water resources has evolved over the last century. In the 1880s, Congress directed the Corps to prevent dumping and filling in the nation's harbors, a program that was vigorously enforced by the Corps.

Within its current regulatory program, the Corps of Engineers has authority over work on structures in navigable waterways under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and over the discharge of dredged or fill material under Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (P.L. 92-500). This latter requirement applies to wetlands and other valuable aquatic areas throughout the United States.

If you have any questions for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Detroit District Regulatory Office, please contact them toll free at (800) 493-6838.

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