Public Notice

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Detroit District
Louisville District
Chicago District

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Programmatic General Permit for Minor Activities in Indiana

1. In accordance with Title 33 CFR Part 325 (c)(1), as published November 13, 1986 in the Federal Register, Volume 51, No. 219, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer Districts of Detroit, Louisville, and Chicago (the Districts), have reissued and expanded the Programmatic General Permit (PGP) for certain construction activities in waters of the United States within the State of Indiana under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act that are also regulated by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) as public freshwater lakes under the Lake Preservation Act, IC 14-26-2. The Districts have expanded the PGP to include certain construction activities in some waters of the United States that are regulated as floodways under the Flood Control Act, IC -14-28-1, and as Navigable Waterways under IC 14-29-1; specific waterways are listed below.

2. The PGP affords the Districts with a means to authorize activities of a minor nature through an abbreviated review process that relies on existing permit review procedures by the IDNR, and reduces costs, delays, and paperwork at all levels of government. When performed under the limitations and conditions explained below, these activities will cause only a minimal adverse environmental impact when performed separately, and will have only a minimal adverse cumulative effect on the environment. These activities are similar in nature, as they will conform to the specific categories identified below, and to the attached glossary of terms.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 4, 2013

DURATION: The PGP will be in effect for five (5) years, expiring on March 4, 2018. At that time, it will be re-evaluated for its effectiveness. The Districts reserve the right to suspend the PGP before the 5-year time period expires.

COVERAGE AREA: Public freshwater lakes regulated under IC 14-26-2, located in the following counties: Adams, Allen, Cass, DeKalb, Elkhart, Fulton, Huntington, Jasper, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Lake, LaPorte, Marshall, Miami, Newton, Noble, Porter, Pulaski, St. Joseph, Starke, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, White, and Whitley. Rivers and creeks regulated under IC 14-28-1 and IC 14-29-1, with a drainage area exceeding 100 square miles (listed in the table below and mapped in Figure 1). Water bodies or activities not regulated by the IDNR under IC-14-26-2 or IC 14-28-1 and IC 14-29-1 are not eligible for the PGP.
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**Figure 1: Rivers and Creeks covered by 2013 Indiana PGP**

**ACTIVITIES COVERED:** The discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States (regulated by the Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act).
PROCEDURES: The PGP authorization consists of two categories of activities. Eligibility, application, and review procedures described below for these categories are tied to the IDNR permit programs and procedures currently in place. Applicants proposing to discharge dredged and/or fill material into waters of the U.S., including wetlands subject to the Corps' Section 404 jurisdiction, must obtain the following State approvals in order for the general permit authorization to be valid. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all required State and local approvals have been applied for and obtained.

1. A license from the IDNR under IC 14-26-2, the Lake Preservation Act, or IC 14-28-1, the Flood Control Act, for construction activities along and within Indiana's regulated waterbodies. (Note: Licenses issued by the IDNR under IC 14-28-1 also contain approval under IC 14-29-1, the Navigable Waterway Act, and its associated rules under 312 IAC 6.)

2. Water Quality Certification (WQC) from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is required for work in Corps' jurisdiction involving a discharge into waters of the U.S. Some projects authorized under the PGP may require an individual Section 401 WQC issued by the IDEM before work can proceed.

The Corps' involvement will vary based on the Category of activity. The applicability of each activity type to lakes and/or rivers is indicated in the heading of each activity type.

Category 1 Activities

1. Shore Protection (applicable to lakes and rivers/creeks): Project length is less than 300 linear feet, and the average proposed fill does not exceed 1 cubic yard per linear foot of discharge waterward of the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM). Shore protection projects longer than 300 feet are not eligible for the PGP. Category 1 shore protection includes:
   a. Construction of new shore protection using the materials listed below:
      i. Lakes: glacial stone or bioengineered materials.
      ii. Rivers/creeks: glacial stone, bioengineered materials, riprap, concrete, gabion baskets, vinyl or steel sheet pile, or broken concrete (must be clean and without exposed rebar).
   b. Refacing of existing shore protection with materials that are similar to the existing structure (e.g. refacing concrete with concrete, timber with sheet pile or vinyl, etc.). Refacing does not include the conversion of a stone or bioengineered structure into concrete.

2. Boat Ramps (applicable to lakes and rivers/creeks):
   a. Maximum width of ramp is 20 feet.
   b. Discharge into waters of the U.S. does not exceed 50 cubic yards of fill, including concrete, rock, gravel, or precast concrete planks or slabs.
   c. Base material must be crushed stone, gravel, or another suitable material.
3. Beach Construction (applicable to lakes only): Areas which meet IDNR criteria under 312 IAC 11-4-4 for Public Freshwater Lakes. These criteria may be found on the Internet at either of the following websites: http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/T03120/A00110.pdf or http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/title312.html.

4. Filling of Boat Wells (applicable to lakes only): Existing boat wells no more than 20 feet wide and 30 feet long, provided that a seawall is constructed prior to placement of fill within the boat well. (Note: seawalls built for this purpose are covered as Category 1—shore protection; this includes concrete, vinyl or steel sheet pile, glacial stone, and bioengineered materials.)

5. General License Activities (applicable to lakes only): Work which meets IDNR criteria under 312 IAC 11-3-1 for temporary structures, dry hydrants, and glacial stone refaces. These criteria can be found on the Internet at the websites listed above in item 3.

   **Category 1 Procedures:** Work in Indiana subject to Corps’ jurisdiction which meets all of the above terms and the PGP general conditions below may proceed without application or notification to the Corps provided that the required IDNR authorization has been obtained. The IDNR permit will include language confirming Federal authorization under the PGP, and the Federal PGP conditions. If an applicant objects to any of the Federal PGP conditions, the application will be forwarded on to the Districts for processing as a Category 2 permit, or as a general or individual permit, as appropriate. Activities located in wetlands, as defined by the Corps, in IDNR-identified Significant Wetlands or Natural Shorelines (as defined under 312 IAC 11-2-24 and 11-2-14.5, respectively) are not eligible for Category 1, with the exception of general license activities (e.g. glacial stone refaces). Activities which are located in the vicinity of, or have the potential to involve Federally listed endangered, threatened, or proposed species or which may involve potential impacts to historical, cultural, or archaeological resources or practices are not eligible for Category 1. The IDNR, at its discretion, may elect to coordinate other projects in accordance with Category 2.

   **Category 2 Activities**

1. Shore protection (applicable to lakes and rivers/creeks): Project length is less than 300 linear feet and:
   a. the average proposed fill exceeds 1 cubic yard per linear foot of discharge waterward of the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM).
   b. All new shore protection using the materials listed below (regardless of the amount of fill per linear foot):
      i. Lakes: concrete, vinyl or steel sheet piling with backfill (Exception—seawalls built in association with Category 1 boat well fill).
      ii. Rivers/creeks: any material not specifically listed in Category 1.

2. Beach Construction (applicable to lakes only): Areas outside of those identified in Category 1.
3. Any of the Category 1 activities located in wetlands as defined by the Corps, in IDNR-identified Significant Wetlands as defined under 312 IAC 11-2-24, or in IDNR-identified Natural Shorelines as defined under 312 IAC 11-2-14.5. If wetlands are present, a wetland delineation report, prepared in accordance with the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual and the appropriate Regional Supplement, will be required by the Corps. Wetland fill (as defined in 33 CFR Part 323.2) that exceeds 0.1 acre (4,356 square feet) in area does not qualify for the PGP.

4. Activities where part of the work in Corps’ jurisdiction did not require an IDNR permit (e.g. work above the IDNR legal lake level or in adjacent wetlands).

5. Activities which are located in the vicinity of, or have the potential to involve, Federally listed endangered, threatened, or proposed species.

6. Activities which may impact historical, cultural, or archaeological resources or practices as provided in Section 106 the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974.

7. Activities authorized by order of the Indiana Natural Resources Commission following appeal of an IDNR permit denial.

8. Any other action elevated to Category 2.

**Category 2 Procedures:** Work in Indiana subject to Corps’ jurisdiction which meets all of the above terms and the PGP general conditions below may be considered for the PGP through the following procedure. Upon receipt of a complete application or issuance of a permit, the IDNR will forward a copy to the Corps indicating that it appears to meet Category 2. The IDNR will also inform the applicant that their application has been referred to the Corps for evaluation as a Category 2 activity under the PGP. Any IDNR permit will indicate that a separate permit from the Corps is required. The Corps will determine if the Category 2 applications are complete (using the IDNR permit application, Indiana State Form 42946), and evaluate each application to determine whether it meets the minimal impact standard, the PGP general conditions, and the intent of the PGP. The Corps may either: 1) authorize the project under the PGP, with any special conditions or modifications necessary to reduce the impacts to no more than minimal; or 2) determine that the PGP is not appropriate. A project that does not qualify for the PGP may be considered under any of the Corps’ other evaluation methods, including Regional, Nationwide, and individual permits. The Corps will respond to Category 2 applications in writing.

**Discretionary Authority:** For either Category 1 or 2 activities, the District may, at its discretion or at the request of the IDNR, determine that the PGP is not appropriate and require an individual permit review. If this occurs after the IDNR permit has been issued, the Corps will inform the applicant in writing that the Federal authorization for work has been suspended and additional review is required.
Project-Specific PGP Conditions: The District may add project-specific conditions to PGP authorizations. PGP authorization in Category 2 will be confirmed by the District sending the project proponent a verification letter that specifies any required conditions.

State Water Quality Certification: A State Section 401 Water Quality Certification or waiver is required for this PGP proposal, or for individual projects under the PGP. In Indiana, this authority resides with the Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). This Public Notice constitutes the application for the 401 certification. IDEM will review the PGP for compliance with the applicable provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), including the state water quality standards currently set forth at 327 IAC 2. They will consider comments regarding this proposal postmarked by the closing date of this notice. Comments to IDEM should be addressed to IDEM, Office of Water Quality, 100 North Senate Avenue, MC65-42 WQS IGCN 1255, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251. The Districts will be working with the IDEM to identify and resolve any issues prior to finalizing this proposal.

Further Information: Questions on this matter may be directed to Kerrie Kuhne at the Detroit District Corps of Engineers, telephone 313-226-5381, to Greg McKay at the Louisville District Corps of Engineers, telephone 502-315-6685, or to Diedra Willis at the Chicago District Corps of Engineers, telephone 312-846-5539.

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NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

We request that the above notice by conspicuously and continuously posted for 30 days from the date of issuance of this notice.
PGP GENERAL CONDITIONS
The following general conditions must be followed in order for any PGP authorization to be valid:

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. *Other Permits:* Authorization under this general permit does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, State, or local authorization required by law.

2. The Corps of Engineers retains authority, on a case-by-case basis, to require review for an individual permit based on concerns for the aquatic environment or for any other factor of the public interest. This authority may be invoked where there is a particular resource or concern associated with a project, or where potential cumulative environmental impacts warrant additional review.

3. *Jurisdiction:* PGP permits issued by the IDNR include an implicit preliminary jurisdictional determination (JD) by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that the proposed work will impact waters within the Corps' jurisdiction. Commencement of work verified under the PGP is considered acceptance of Federal jurisdiction. Applicants wishing to appeal the preliminary JD must notify the Corps to request an approved JD, and await a response before starting work or choosing to appeal the approved JD.

4. *Property Rights:* Authorization under this general permit does not grant any property rights, exclusive privileges, or authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.

5. *Proper maintenance:* Any structure or fill authorized shall be properly maintained, including maintenance to ensure public safety.

6. *Case-by-case conditions:* The activity must comply with any case specific conditions added by the Corps or by the State in its section 401 Water Quality Certification.

7. *Federal Liability:* The Federal Government does not assume any liability for the following: a) damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of other permitted or unpermitted activities or from natural causes; b) damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of current or future activities undertaken by or on behalf of the United States in the public interest; c) damages to persons, property, or to other permitted or unpermitted activities or structures caused by the activity authorized by this permit; d) design or construction deficiencies associated with the permitted work; and/or e) damage claims associated with any future modifications suspension, or revocation of this permit.
NATIONAL CONCERNS

8. **Navigation:**
   a. No activity may cause more than a minimal adverse effect on navigation.
   b. The permittee understands and agrees that, if future operations by the United States 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 alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States. No claim shall be made against the United States on account of any such removal of alteration.

9. **Endangered Species:**
   a. No activity is authorized under any PGP 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, or which is likely to destroy or adversely modify the critical habitat of such species. No activity is authorized under the PGP which “may affect” a listed species or critical habitat, unless Section 7 consultation addressing the effects of the proposed activity has been completed.
   b. Non-federal permittees shall notify the District Engineer if any listed species or critical habitat might be affected or is in the vicinity of the project, and shall not begin work on the activity until notified by the District Engineer that the requirements of the Endangered Species Act have been satisfied and that the activity is authorized. For activities that might affect Federally-listed endangered or threatened species or designated critical habitat, PGP applicants will have to provide the name(s) of the endangered or threatened species that may be affected by the proposed work or that utilize the designated critical habitat that may be affected by the proposed work. The District Engineer will determine whether the proposed activity “may affect” or will have “no effect” to listed species and designated critical habitat and will notify the non-Federal applicant of the Corps’ determination. In cases where the non-Federal applicant has identified listed species or critical habitat that might be affected or is in the vicinity of the project, and has so notified the Corps, the applicant shall not begin work until the Corps has provided notification the proposed activities will have “no effect” on listed species or critical habitat, or until Section 7 consultation has been completed.
   c. As a result of formal or informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the District Engineer may add species-specific endangered species conditions to any PGP verification.
   d. Authorization of an activity by a PGP does not authorize the “take” of a threatened or endangered species as defined under the Federal Endangered Species Act. In the absence of separate authorization (e.g. an ESA Section 10 Permit, a Biological Opinion with “incidental take” provisions, etc.) from the FWS, both lethal and non-lethal “takes” of protected species are in violation of the Endangered Species Act. Information on the location of threatened and endangered species and their critical habitat can be obtained directly from the offices of the FWS or at their website: http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/lists/city_index.html#indiana.
10. Historic properties:
   a. In cases where the District Engineer determines that the activity may affect properties
      listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places, the activity is not
      authorized until the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
      (NHPA) have been satisfied.
   b. Non-federal permittees must submit a notification to the District Engineer if the authorized
      activity may have the potential to cause effects to any historic properties listed, determined to be
      eligible for listing on, or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historical
      Places, including previously unidentified properties. For such activities, the notification must
      state which historic properties may be affected by the proposed work or include a vicinity map
      indicating the location of the historic properties or the potential for the presence of historic
      properties. Assistance regarding information on the location of or potential for the presence of
      historic resources can be sought from the State Historic Preservation Officer or Tribal Historic
      Preservation Officer (SHPO/THPO), as appropriate, and the National Register of Historic Places
      (see CFR 330.4(g)). The District Engineer shall make a reasonable and good faith effort to carry
      out appropriate identification efforts, which may include background research, consultation, oral
      history interviews, sample field investigation, and field survey. Based on the information
      submitted and these efforts, the District Engineer shall determine whether the proposed activity
      has the potential to cause an effect on the historic properties. Where the non-Federal applicant
      has identified historic properties which the activity may have the potential to cause effects and so
      notified the Corps, the non-Federal applicant shall not begin the activity until notified by the
      District Engineer either that the activity has no potential to cause effects or that consultation
      under Section 106 of the NHPA has been completed.
   c. The District Engineer will notify the prospective permittee whether NHPA Section 106
      consultation is required. Section 106 consultation is not required when the Corps determines that
      the activity does not have the potential to cause effects on properties (see 36 CFR 800.3(a)). If
      NHPA Section 106 consultation is required and will occur, the District Engineer will notify the
      non-Federal applicant that he or she cannot begin work until Section 106 consultation is
      completed.

11. 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.

MINIMIZATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

12. Soil erosion and sediment controls: The permittee shall install sedimentation and soil
erosion control measures prior to any construction activity, and maintain them in effective
operating condition during construction. This shall include the installation of straw bale barriers,
silt fencing and/or other approved methods to control sedimentation and erosion. The permittee
shall immediately stabilize areas disturbed by any construction activity, including channel banks,
and revegetate with a combination of grasses, legumes, and shrubs compatible to the affected
area.
13. **Equipment:** All construction equipment shall be refueled and maintained on an upland site away from existing streams, drainageways, and wetland areas. Heavy equipment working in wetlands must be placed on mats, or other measures must be taken to minimize soil disturbance.

14. **Suitable material:** No activity, including structures and work in waters of the United States or discharges of dredged or fill material, may consist of unsuitable material (e.g. trash, debris, car bodies, asphalt, timbers, slag, slash/fly ash, etc.). Material used for construction or discharge must also be free from toxic pollutants in toxic amounts (see Section 307 of the Clean Water Act).

15. **Water Quality:** Some PGP authorizations may not be valid unless a case-specific Section 401 Water Quality Certification is obtained from or considered waived by the IDEM and/or IDNR. Where the State (either generically or individually) does not require/approve a water quality management plan, the permittee must include design criteria and techniques that provide for protection of aquatic resources. The permittee must comply with all project conditions associated with general or case-specific Water Quality Certifications.

16. **Water Supply Intakes:** The permittee shall not perform any work under the PGP where the discharge of dredged and/or fill material would occur in the proximity of a public water supply intake except where the activity is for the repair of the public water supply structure or adjacent bank stabilization.

17. **Minimization/Avoidance:** Discharges of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States must be minimized or avoided to the maximum extent practicable at the project site (i.e. on-site). In determining the minimal impact threshold, the Districts will consider the direct and secondary impacts of the fill or work and any mitigation measures.

18. **Mitigation:** The permittee shall provide a mitigation/monitoring plan for any activity where the adverse impact on special aquatic sites is determined to be more than minimal. If mitigation is required, the permittee shall develop the mitigation site concurrently with site construction.

19. **Waterfowl breeding areas:** Activities, including structures and work in navigable waters of the United States or discharges of dredged and/or fill material, into breeding areas for migratory waterfowl must be avoided to the maximum extent practicable.

20. **Removal of temporary fills:** Any temporary fills must be removed in their entirety and the affected areas returned to their preexisting elevation.

21. **Access:** A representative from the Corps of Engineers may inspect any authorized activity or mitigation site at any time deemed necessary to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the PGP.
GLOSSARY

Bank†: The ground that borders or slopes upward from the bed of a waterway and that confines water to the channel during the normal course or flow.

Bioengineered*: The use of a combination of biological elements (plant materials) and structural or mechanical reinforcements for stabilization, revetment, or erosion control. Biological and mechanical elements must function together in an integrated and complementary manner.

Boat well*: A man-made excavation along the shoreline or waterline of a public freshwater lake that 1) is used for the mooring of a boat, and 2) has been stabilized to prevent erosion.

Bulkhead seawall*: A vertical or near-vertical, solid concrete, steel sheet piling or vinyl piling structure which has the purpose of shoreline protection.

Channel‡: Both the natural and the artificial channel of a waterway.

Currently serviceable: Currently serviceable means useable as is or with some maintenance, but not so degraded as to essentially require reconstruction.

Floodway*: (1) the channel of a river or stream; and (2) the parts of the flood plain adjoining the channel that are reasonably required to efficiently carry and discharge the flood water or flood flow of a river or stream; definition is for purposes of IC 14-28-1, IC 14-28-3, and IC 14-34.

Glacial stone*: A rounded stone that satisfies the following 1) was produced by glacial activity, 2) no individual stone weighs more than 120 pounds, 3) at least 90% of the material passes through a 12-inch sieve, and 4) no more than 10% of the material passes through a 6-inch sieve.

Natural Shoreline*: A continuous section of unaltered shore line or water line where the distance between lawful permanent structures is at least two hundred fifty (250) feet.

Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM): The line on the shore established by the fluctuations of water and indicated by physical characteristics such as a clear, natural line impressed on the bank, shelving, changes in the character of soil, destruction of terrestrial vegetation, the presence of litter and debris, or other appropriate means that consider the characteristics of the surrounding areas.

Programmatic General Permit (PGP): A type of general permit founded on an existing state, local, or other Federal agency program and designed to avoid duplication with that program.

Public freshwater lake*: A lake that has been used by the public with the acquiescence of a riparian owner. Does not include: 1) Lake Michigan; 2) any lakes lying wholly or in part within the city of East Chicago, Gary, or Hammond; or 3) a privately owned body of water used for the
purpose of, or created as a result of, surface coal mining.

Riprap*: Angular, limestone rock that satisfies the following 1) no individual piece weighs more than 120 pounds, 2) at least 90% of the material passes through a 12-inch sieve, 3) not more than 10% of the material passes through a 6-inch sieve.

Seawall*: A man-made structure placed along the shoreline or water line of a public freshwater lake for the purpose of shoreline stabilization.

Seawall reface*: Reinforcing of an existing seawall along the lakeward face.

Significant wetland*: A transitional area between terrestrial and deep-water habitats containing at least one of the following: 1) At least 2,500 square feet of contiguous, emergent vegetation or rooted vegetation with floating leaves landward or lakeward of the shoreline or water line. The areal extent is independent of ownership; 2) Adjacent wetland areas designated by a federal or state agency under one of the following—the National Wetland Inventory, the US Army Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual (1987), or the National Food Security Act Manual (1994); and 3) The existence of a species listed at 15 IR 1312 in the Roster of Indiana Animals and Plants that are Extirpated, Endangered, Threatened, or Rare.

Underwater beach*: An area of lakebed that is 1) lakeward of the shoreline or waterline of a public freshwater lake, and 2) used for a recreational purpose, such as wading or swimming.

Wetlands: Those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface water or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas. The Corps uses the methods and guidelines found in its 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual to identify and delineate these wetlands.

† Definition taken from 312 IAC Article 10—Flood Plain Management, Rule 2—Definitions, found at http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/title312.html

* Definition taken from 312 IAC Article 11—Lake Construction Activities, Rule 2—Definitions, found at http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/title312.html

# Definition taken from Indiana Code, Title 14—Natural and Cultural Resources, Article 8-General Provisions and Definitions, Chapter 2—Definitions, found at http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title14/ar8/ch2.html