

**Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Requirements and Notification Procedures
Nationwide Permit Projects**

State of Georgia Buffer Requirements. Nationwide Permit (NWP) authorized projects may require a variance from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) prior to conducting land disturbing activities or placement of materials within the State-mandated buffer (O.C.G.A. 12-7-6(b)(15) of “The Erosion and Sedimentation Act of 1975”). Please visit Georgia EPD’s website (<http://www.gaepd.org/>), or contact Georgia EPD at (404) 675-6240 or (912) 264-7284 (Coastal District), for further guidance on buffer determinations and variances. If Georgia EPD or the appropriate Local Issuing Authority (LIA) has determined that a buffer variance is required for the NWP project, provide the Georgia EPD assigned buffer variance application file number with your notification to Georgia EPD. If Georgia EPD or the appropriate LIA has determined that a buffer variance is not required for the NWP project, submit the determination letter or record of correspondence received from the Georgia EPD or LIA with your notification to Georgia EPD.

Notification Requirements. For uses of NWPs requiring submission of a Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) to the Savannah District prior to commencing work in waters of the United States (US), a copy of the PCN with project plans must also be submitted to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Environmental Protection Division (EPD) and, where applicable, to the Georgia DNR, Coastal Resources Division (CRD). For NWP authorized projects that do not require submission of a PCN to the Savannah District, a completed copy of the attached “Georgia Department of Natural Resources Notification Form” must be submitted to Georgia EPD and, where applicable, to Georgia CRD, prior to commencing work.

Georgia DNR, Environmental Protection Division. For projects located in Georgia EPD’s 24-County Coastal District (Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Clinch, Coffee, Effingham, Evans, Glynn, Jeff Davis, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Pierce, Tattnall, Toombs, Ware and Wayne County), send PCNs and project plans or Notification Forms to: Georgia DNR Environmental Protection Division, Coastal District, Attention: Wetland Management Unit, 400 Commerce Center Drive, Brunswick, GA 31523-8251, Phone: (912) 261-3924, Fax: (912) 262-3160.

For projects in all other counties, send PCNs and project plans or Notification Forms to: Georgia DNR Environmental Protection Division, Attention: Wetland Management Unit 4220 International Parkway, Suite 101, Atlanta, GA 30354-3902, Phone: (404) 675-1752 Fax: (404) 675-6244.

Georgia DNR, Coastal Resources Division. For projects located in the 11-County Coastal Area (Bryan, Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh and Wayne Counties), send PCNs and project plans or Notification Forms to: Georgia DNR Coastal Resources Division, Attention: Habitat Management Program Manager, One Conservation Way, Brunswick, Georgia 31520-8686, Phone: (912) 264-7218, Fax: (912) 262-3131.

This form must be completed and mailed, faxed or hand-delivered to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (“GADNR”) Environmental Protection Division prior to starting construction under a Nationwide Permit. For projects occurring in Bryan, Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh or Wayne counties, this form must also be mailed, faxed or hand-delivered to the GADNR Coastal Resources Division prior to starting construction under a Nationwide Permit. The Coastal Resources Division will contact you within 10 business days to inform you whether coastal permits or permissions are required. Issuance of any required coastal permits for work in tidally-influenced marshes or water bottoms will take longer, so you are urged to submit this form early in the planning stages of your project. Do not begin work until you receive confirmation that no coastal permit is required or you are issued a coastal permit.

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APPENDIX A