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Regulatory Division

PUBLIC NOTICE

***ALTERNATIVE PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESSING PROCEDURES FOR
ACTIVITIES IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE DORIAN***

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, will initiate alternative permitting procedures throughout affected areas in the State of Georgia in response to conditions resulting from **Hurricane Dorian**. **These alternate procedures will be utilized for a period of 6 months from the date of this Notice.**

1. In accordance with 33 CFR 325.2(e)(4), an “emergency” is a situation which would result in an unacceptable hazard to life, a significant loss of property, or an immediate, unforeseen, and significant economic hardship if corrective action requiring a permit is not undertaken within a time period less than the normal time needed to process the permit application under standard procedures.
2. Most permitting will likely be accomplished through the nationwide permit (NWP) program. For example, containment/clean-up/restoration operations may be authorized under NWP #38. Additionally, bank stabilization activities may be authorized under NWP #13. These activities would be accomplished under the authorities of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).
3. For those actions which do not qualify for authorization under the terms and conditions of the NWP program, the following procedures will be used:
 - a. Requests for expedited permits associated with **Hurricane Dorian** will be reviewed to determine if there is truly an emergency situation associated with the request.
 - b. If the action is determined to be an emergency, descriptions of the proposed action will be transmitted to representatives from each of the commenting agencies, including the State/Local government agencies responsible for Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Coastal Zone Management Consistency if required.
 - c. The District will make a permit decision after considering/addressing any comments submitted by the agencies. It is anticipated that this process can be finalized within 24-48 hours for most actions.

4. If additional information is needed, please contact our general email box at: cesas-rd@usace.army.mil. Helpful information on our office locations and submitting requests for emergency permits can be found on our website at: <https://www.sas.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/> You may also call our general regulatory line at: 912.652.5050.

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