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**New England District
Permit Application No. NAE-2021-03216**

REISSUANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARMY RHODE ISLAND REGIONAL GENERAL PERMITS

The New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hereby announces the issuance of the attached state-wide Department of Army Regional General Permits known as the Rhode Island Regional General Permits (RI RGPs), pursuant to 33 CFR Part 325.5(c)(1) to streamline the review of regulated activities under Corps jurisdiction pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (see 33 CFR Part 323) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (see 33 CFR Part 322) within waters of the United States in Rhode Island and Lands Located within the boundaries of the Narragansett Land Claim Settlement Area.

The 2025 RI RGPs will continue to provide an expedited review process for routine activities that have no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects within the boundaries of the State of Rhode Island and Lands Located within the boundaries of the Narragansett Land Claim Settlement Area subject to Corps jurisdiction.

Applications submitted on or before November 19, 2025, will continue to be reviewed under the 2022 RI RGPs, which expire on May 6, 2027. Applications received on or after November 20, 2025, will be reviewed under the 2025 RI RGPs, which expire on November 20, 2030.

Summary of notable changes from the 2022 RI RGP include:

- All former Programmatic General Permits (PGPs) from the 2022 RGPs are reissued as Regional General Permits in the 2025 RI RGPs. For example, GP 4 activities such as piers, ramps and floats are no longer eligible as Self-Verifications (SVs) under a PGP, even with prior approval from CRMC, and will require authorization under an RGP (GP 4).
- Pre-construction Notifications (PCNs) require an official Corps application form, jurisdictional plans and impact calculations, and supporting materials such as a narrative project description, among other requirements, in addition to state applications or public notices.

- The Regulatory Request System (RRS) shall be utilized when submitting PCNs via <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs>.
- Applicants for SVs (only) must coordinate project plans under S.106 with RI HPHC and THPO that are either 1) finalized or 2) draft, but construction means/methods and impact areas will not change before construction. The Corps will coordinate under S.106 for PCN/IP projects.
- General Condition 11 (Historic Properties) was renamed to “Historic Properties and Cultural Resources” for Federal S.106 coordination compliance.
- Corrected the thresholds for PCNs vs Individual Permits (IPs) to be consistent with state programs and prior GPs (GPs 5, 6, and 10).
- Corrected time of year (TOY) restrictions to be consistent with the state and prior RGPs.
- In 2022, changes were made to the RGPs after RI DEM issued the 401 WQC, therefore, the permit documents were inconsistent. These 2025 GPs are being reissued with a modified 401 WQC consistent with the GPs. Please note that the page number differences between the RI DEM 401 WQC certified version of the 2025 RI RGPs dated 5 September 2025 and the 20 November 2025 version reissued herein, reflect formatting edits only and are not substantive.

The 2025 RI RGPs can be found at:

<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Portals/74/docs/regulatory/StateGeneralPermits/RI/Rhode-Island-General-Permit.pdf>