

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT SUSPENDS NATIONWIDE PERMITS IN NEW ENGLAND

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) proposed to reissue and modify 12 existing Nationwide Permits (NWPs) and issue four new NWPs as stated in the Federal Register published on January 13, 2021, and located at <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-01-13/pdf/2021-00102.pdf">https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-01-13/pdf/2021-00102.pdf</a>. The changes went into effect on March 15, 2021. More information is posted to the USACE website at <a href="https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/National-Notices-and-Program-Initiatives">https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/National-Notices-and-Program-Initiatives</a> and <a href="https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/National-Notices-and-Program-and-Permits/National-Notices-and-Program-and-Permits/Nationwide-Permits.">https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/National-Notices-and-Program-Initiatives</a> and <a href="https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/National-Notices-and-Program-and-Permits/Nationwide-Permits.">https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/National-Notices-and-Program-Initiatives">https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/Nationwide-Permits.</a>

While nationally USACE is reissuing these NWPs, the USACE North Atlantic Division Engineer suspended the NWPs in the six New England states again on April 7, 2021. Instead, New England will continue using the highly effective and successful state-specific general permits, which have been in place for over 25 years. You may view the general permits at <u>http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/State-General-Permits</u>. The New England District most recently proposed suspending the NWPs in a public notice that was dated February 2, 2021 and expired on February 17, 2021. The current suspension will remain in effect for five years unless the USACE North Atlantic Division Engineer rescinds it.

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