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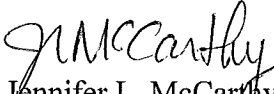
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## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT SUSPENDS NATIONWIDE PERMITS IN NEW ENGLAND

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is reissuing Nationwide Permits (NWP) authorizing work in streams, wetlands and other waters of the United States under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. The new NWP take effect March 19, 2017, and replace the existing 2012 NWP. The new NWP were published in the Federal Register (<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-06/pdf/2016-31355.pdf>) on January 6, 2017 and were posted to the Corps website at [www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/RegulatoryProgramandPermits/NationwidePermits.aspx](http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/RegulatoryProgramandPermits/NationwidePermits.aspx). A news release is located at <http://www.usace.army.mil/Media/News-Releases/News-Release-Article-View/Article/1043614/army-corps-of-engineers-revises-and-renews-nationwide-permits/>

While nationally the Corps is reissuing these NWP, the Corps North Atlantic Division Engineer suspended the NWP in the six New England states again on March 13, 2017. 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 <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/State-General-Permits>. The New England District most recently proposed suspending the NWP in a public notice that was dated February 14, 2017 and expired on March 1, 2017. The current suspension will remain in effect for five years unless rescinded by the Corps North Atlantic Division Engineer.

If you have any questions or comments on this NWP suspension, or would like to obtain copies of the NWP regulations, decision documents or fact sheets, please contact Greg Penta at (978) 318-8862 or [gregory.r.penta@usace.army.mil](mailto:gregory.r.penta@usace.army.mil).

  
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