**Public Notice**

**Reissuance and Modification of the Nationwide Permits**

**by the U.S Army Corps of Engineers**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is proposing to reissue its existing NWPs and associated general conditions and definitions, with some modifications and is also proposing to issue five new NWPs. The USACE is proposing these modifications to simplify and clarify the NWPs, reduce burdens on the regulated public, and continue to comply with the statutory requirement that these NWPs authorize only activities with no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects. The permits will replace the existing NWPs. Information about the proposed NWPs has been posted to the USACE Web site along with other background materials at:

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/09/15/2020-17116/proposal-to-reissue-and-modify-nationwide-permits

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control’s Bureau of Water and Office of Coastal Resource Management (Department) are responsible for reviewing the nationwide permits and determining if there is a reasonable assurance that work authorized will be conducted in a manner consistent with the certification requirements of Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA), as amended, and the Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et.seq.). The Department is accepting public comments until November 6, 2020. The Department will propose actions for each of the existing and new nationwide permits and make this proposed decision available to the public. The Department’s previous 401 Water Quality Certification and the Coastal Zone Consistency Certification of the 2017 Nationwide Permits can be found at:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/WaterQuality/401Certification/NationwidePermits/>

All comments must be submitted by November 6, 2020, to the following addresses:

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