

Corps Withdraws from Joint Environmental Resource Permit Application Process

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Commencing October 1, 2017, the Army Corps of Engineers will no longer participate with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Water Management Districts, and delegated local programs' in use of Joint Application Form 62-330.060(1) for Environmental Resource Permitting. Under the current process, submitting the Joint Application Form to the State agency automatically provides the application materials and associated documents and/or emails to the Army Corps of Engineers for review. Under the new process, if your project does not qualify for either Nationwide Permits or Regional General Permits, you must now submit Corps application ENG FORM 4345 along with the required attachments. If you are unsure whether or not a proposed project would be authorized under a Nationwide Permit or Regional General Permit, the Corps is highly recommending submittal of ENG FORM 4345 to expedite initial intake for processing your application. If you are confident that your application will be authorized under either the State Programmatic General Permit or one of the other available Programmatic General Permits, submit your application to the applicable administering entity and not with the Corps. The Corps welcomes and prefers electronic submittals, however it is worth noting that the Corps email acceptance are limited to 20MB and cannot accept *.zip files. If your application packet exceeds 20MB, the Corps recommends the U.S. Army's Safe Access File Exchange (SAFE) found at <https://safe.amrdec.army.mil/safe/>.

For other information on the Army Corps review process, please refer to the Jacksonville District's Source Book available at <http://www.saj.usace.Army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Source-Book/>.

For assistance in navigating which permitting applications and forms may be required for your specific project, please contact Robert Diffenderfer of Lewis, Longman, & Walker at rdiffenderfer@llw-law.com or (561) 640-0820.



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