

PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army Corps Of Engineers Wilmington District

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Subject: Electronic Submittals for Corps Regulatory Actions in North Carolina

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District Regulatory Division is continually improving efficiencies within the Regulatory Program. Our latest effort is offering paperless/electronic files as a primary means of accepting project submittals and issuing final agency action. This includes accepting applications for Standard Permits, Letters of Permission, Pre-Construction Notifications (PCN) for Nationwide or Regional General Permits, Jurisdictional Determination requests, No Permit Required requests, Mitigation Bank proposals, and Pre-application meeting requests. While electronic submittals are preferred, we will continue to accept paper documents that meet our file requirements in order to accommodate those with limited computer access. We have attached the Wilmington District Regulatory coverage map to help you determine which office will service your request. Depending on the project location (see attached office coverage map), applications and other requests listed above should be submitted to the appropriate email address below:

Projects covered by the Wilmington Regulatory Field Office must be submitted to email address: WilmingtonNCREG@usace.army.mil

Projects covered by the Washington Regulatory Field Office must be submitted to email address: WashingtonNCREG@usace.army.mil

Projects covered by the Raleigh Regulatory Field Office must be submitted to email address: RaleighNCREG@usace.army.mil

Projects covered by the Charlotte Regulatory Field Office must be submitted to email address: CharlotteNCREG@usace.army.mil

Projects covered by the Asheville Regulatory Field Office must be submitted to email address: <u>AshevilleNCREG@usace.army.mil</u>

Projects submitted by or on behalf of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) must be submitted to email address: NCDOT_REG@usace.army.mil

NOTES:

- 1. These mailboxes are not for general inquiries, only new project request submittals. Individual Project Managers will no longer be accepting new project request submittals to their respective USACE email accounts.
- 2. Any follow-up information must be submitted directly to the individual Project Manager responsible for the action and must contain the file number (e.g. SAW-20##-#####) assigned to the project.
- 3. Do not submit duplicate requests (e.g. email submission and hard copy submission via the postal service) as this scenario will delay processing of your request.
- 4. If your project requires a 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ), then you will need to submit your 401 WQC request to NCDEQ separately OR use the ePCN website discussed in the next item.
- 5. You may also continue to submit Pre-Construction Notifications via the NCDEQ ePCN website: https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/Forms/Pre-Construction_Notification_Form. The Corps receives the ePCN submissions electronically from the NCDEQ portal. Choose either the ePCN website OR an email address above when submitting your PCN. Submitting the same PCN to the Corps on both sites will delay processing of your request.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ELECTRONIC FILES

In order for the Corps to process your electronic submittals the following criteria must be met:

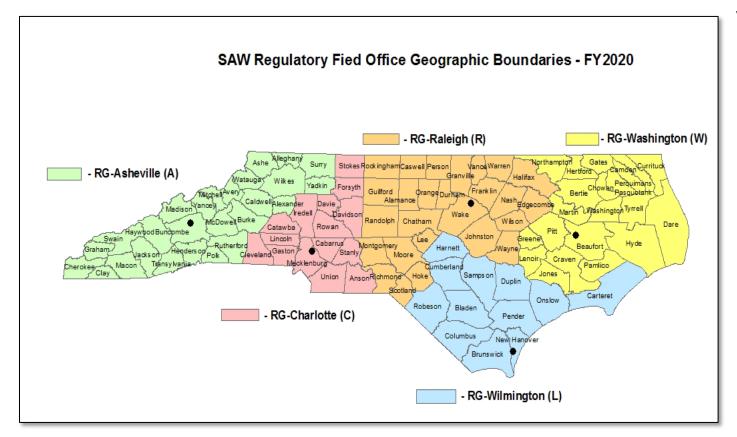
- 1. Structure the email subject line as follows: County, Type of Request, Project Name. For example Jones, PJD, John Doe Driveway.
- 2. Submitted as a single PDF file. Multiple requests (i.e.: Jurisdictional Determination and Nationwide Permit) for the same project can be combined in one file.
- 3. Pages sized no larger than 11" x 17" with all text readable. Pages may be any combination of landscape and portrait.
- 4. Email addresses for all parties, consultant, applicant, property owner(s), etc.
- 5. The PDF file cannot be locked or secured and cannot contain active form fields (e.g. macros) or signatures. If a submittal contains active fields or signatures, please use the function "print to PDF". This step will flatten the document and remove active fields and signatures.
- 6. The PDF must be text searchable.
- 7. Please try to keep file sizes to a minimum. The mailboxes can only accept files up to approximately 13MB. Larger files can be submitted using either method below:
 - a. DoD SAFE: https://safe.apps.mil Please contact the appropriate Field Office below to initiate a request authorization to drop-off a file(s). Authorization notification and instructions will be provided to you via email from the DoD SAFE site. A drop-off authorization is valid for fourteen (14) days. The maximum file size may not exceed eight (8) GB.
 - b. CD/DVD via postal or courier service addressed to the appropriate Field Office. Do not submit duplicate requests (e.g. DoD SAFE file drop-off submission and hard copy submission via the postal service) as this scenario will delay processing of your request. The Corps cannot accept submittals on any type of flash storage device (e.g. thumb drive, memory stick, etc.).

Not complying with these requirements may delay processing your request. If you do not receive an email response within seven (7) days of submitting your request electronically, please call the appropriate office to confirm receipt. Generally, requests received on a holiday, Saturday, Sunday, or after 2 p.m. on a regular working business day will be counted as received on the next working business day.

Submitting parties are welcome to request a delivery and/or read receipt notification with each email submission.

This Notice applies to all future submittals, not currently active projects that have previously been submitted.

Please do not hesitate to contact each respective office for any questions. Map and contact information attached



The Wilmington District regulatory program has five field offices serving the major regions of the state from the mountains to the sea, and a Division office located at the main District office in Wilmington, NC.

Staff are generally assigned to manage activity within a designated geographic area, usually based on the county. There are also staff who specialize in transportation (NC DOT) projects, coordination with NC Division of Coastal Management (DCM) for coastal (CAMA) activities, and staff that assist with major projects.

Our staff splits their time in the office and in the field, so if you need to reach a staff person for questions, please be aware that you may have a delay in obtaining a response to your inquiry if the staff person is in the field.

ASHEVILLE REGULATORY FIELD OFFICE

US Army Corps of Engineers 151 Patton Avenue, Room 208 Asheville, North Carolina 28801-5006 General Number: (828) 271-7980 Fax Number: (828) 281-8120

CHARLOTTE REGULATORY FIELD OFFICE

US Army Corps of Engineers 8430 University Executive Park Drive, Suite 615 Charlotte, North Carolina 28262 General Number: (704) 549-9791 Fax Number: (704) 510-1442

RALEIGH REGULATORY FIELD OFFICE

US Army Corps of Engineers 3331 Heritage Trade Drive, Suite 105 Wake Forest, North Carolina 27587 General Number: (919) 554-4884 Fax Number: (919) 562-0421

WASHINGTON REGULATORY FIELD OFFICE

US Army Corps of Engineers 2407 West Fifth Street Washington, North Carolina 27889 General Number: (910) 251-4610 Fax Number: (252) 975-1399

WILMINGTON REGULATORY FIELD OFFICE

US Army Corps of Engineers 69 Darlington Avenue Wilmington, North Carolina 28403 General Number: (910) 251-4633 Fax Number: (910) 251-4025