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Jacksonville Regulatory Program Sourcebook

II. Permitting

Types of Permits

General Permit

Regional/General Permits

The term "general permit" means a Department of the Army authorization that is issued on a nationwide or regional (District-wide or more limited geographic scope) basis for a category of activities when: those activities are substantially similar in nature and cause only minimal individual and cumulative impacts. General permits are a way to reduce the burden of the regulatory program on the public and ensure timely issuance of permits while effectively administering the laws and regulations which establish and govern the program.

General permits are reviewed every five years. An assessment of the cumulative impacts of work authorized under the general permit is performed at that time if it is in the public interest to do so. In most instances, anyone complying with the conditions of the general permit can receive project specific authorization. Anyone not complying with the conditions of a general permit may still receive authorization via a "standard permit", but the application must be individually evaluated and coordinated with third parties, including the federal and state resource agencies. Review of an application for a "standard permit" takes additional time to complete as conflict resolution may be required.

A list of the applicable general permits can be obtained by contacting a project manager in your geographical location or below view the current list of general permits administered by the Jacksonville District. As additional permits are re-authorized, or new permits are effected, they will be added.

*****Effective Midnight, November 6, 2011, the following Regional General Permits Are Expired:**

- SAJ-5, All Florida, 11/06/06 - 11/07/11**
Maintenance Dredging of Residential Canals in Florida
- SAJ-12, All Florida, 11/06/06 - 11/07/11**
Private Single-Family Boat Ramps in Florida
- SAJ-13, All Florida, 11/06/06 - 11/07/11**
Aerial Transmission Lines in Florida
- SAJ-14, All Florida, 11/06/06 - 11/07/11**
Sub-aqueous Utility and Transmission Lines in Florida
- SAJ-17, All Florida, 11/06/06 - 11/07/11**
Minor Structures in Florida
- SAJ-18, All Florida, 11/06/06 - 11/07/11**
Private Single-Family Boat Slips in Upland Cuts in Florida
- SAJ-34, All Florida, 11/06/06 - 11/07/11**
Commercial Piers in Florida
- SAJ-46, All Florida, 11/06/06 - 11/07/11**
Bulkheads and Backfill in Residential Canals in Florida
- SAJ-72, Citrus County, 11/06/06 - 11/07/11**
Residential Docks in Citrus County

We will reissue the above general permits as soon as possible pending completion of Section 7 Endangered Species consultations. If your project was authorized with one of the expired permits, and you have begun construction or have a contract to begin construction, you have until midnight, November 6, 2012 to complete your project.

List of general permits administered by the Jacksonville District

- SAJ-20, All Florida, 05/01/07 - 05/01/12**
Private Single-Family Piers in Florida
- SAJ-33, All Florida, 05/01/07 - 05/01/12**
Private Multi-Family and Government Piers in Florida
- SAJ-78, Palm Beach County, 06/19/07 - 06/19/12**
Residential Fill in Palm Beach Estates, Palm Beach County
- SAJ-82, Monroe County, 04/26/07 - 04/26/12**
Single family residence (SFR) riprap revetments, bulkheads, marginal docks, single family residence boat ramps, associated backfill in residential canals, piers, platforms, and long docks

SAJ-83, Seminole Tribe of Florida, 02/19/08 - 02/19/13

Discharge of fill material for minor activities within the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation.

SAJ-85, Puerto Rico DNER, 11/23/2010 - 11/23/2015

Discharge of dredged or fill material in non-tidal waters for maintenance, enhancement or restoration of stream channels, conducted or supervised by the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER).

SAJ-86, Bay and Walton Counties, 6/23/09 - 6/23/14

Residential, Commercial, Recreational and Institutional Fill in the Choctawhatchee Bay, Lake Powell, and West Bay Basins, Bay and Walton Counties, Florida

SAJ-90, Northeast Florida, 04/05/11 - 04/05/16

Residential, Commercial & Institutional Developments in Northeast Florida

SAJ-92, Florida Department of Transportation and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, 11/27/2006 – 08/25/2013

Capacity Improvement Projects by FDOT within Districts 2, 3, 5, & Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

SAJ-93, Florida Inland Navigation – East Coast, 2/16/11 – 2/16/16

Maintenance dredging activities for the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, the Intracoastal Waterway, and the Okeechobee Waterway

SAJ-103, Santa Rosa County, 10/08/2010 - 10/08/15

Residential Fill in Holley By The Sea, a Subdivision in Santa Rosa County

SAJ-106, Northern Everglades & Estuaries Region of Florida 02/14/2012 - 02/14/2017

Water Management services on ranchlands located within the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Region of Florida

State Programmatic General Permits (SPGP)

The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has issued a State Programmatic General Permit (SPGP IV-R1), replacing SPGP IV which authorizes the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) or designee to administer on behalf of the Corps. The purpose of the SPGP is to reduce the duplication of permitting effort between the Corps and DEP. The majority of the categories of work authorized under the SPGP are for minor actions which are currently authorized by existing Corps' Nationwide and Regional General Permits. The implementation of the SPGP will eliminate the need for separate approval from the Corps for minor work located in waters of the United States, including navigable waters, when that work is authorized by the DEP.

SPGP IV-R1 Documents

- [Permit Instrument](#)
- [General Conditions](#)
- [Manatee Key 2011](#)
- [Standard Manatee Conditions for In-Water Work-2011](#)
- [General Dock Construction Guidelines](#)
- [Johnson's Seagrass Construction Key](#)
- [Corps County Responsibility](#)
- [Gulf Sturgeon Critical Habitat Maps](#)
- [Freshwater Mussel Critical Habitat](#)
- [Beach Mice Habitat](#)
- [Wood Stork Nesting Colony Locations](#)
- [FWS Bald Eagle Clearance Letter](#)
- [American Crocodile Critical Habitat](#)
- [Johnson's Seagrass Critical Habitat](#)
- [Florida Panther Consultation Area](#)
- [Smalltooth Sawfish & Sea Turtles Construction Conditions](#)

On-Line Self-Certification

On August 20, 2008, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), in coordination with the Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, added the Federal State Programmatic General Permit (SPGP) to their existing online self-certification process for certain small, private single-family docks. Now in addition to the state authorization, the public can receive authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for these types of projects in the form of a Self-Certification SPGP. To be eligible for the federal authorization, the applicant must first receive a state self-certification authorization. The SPGP single-family dock Self-Certification is not available for use in Monroe County, those counties within the Northwest Florida Water Management District, and other specific areas which are environmentally sensitive or are in proximity to Federal projects. Based on recent data, we estimate this will remove about 400-500 actions each year from having to be processed separately by Corps project managers.

Point of contact for comments and questions of a general nature on the SPGP is [Stuart Santos](#) at 904-232-2018. For questions on specific projects or the potential use of the SPGP in specific geographic areas, please contact the Project Manager, if known, or the appropriate [field office](#).

Programmatic General Permits (PGP)

Programmatic permits are a type of general permit founded on a existing state, local or other Federal agency program and designed to avoid duplication with that program.

List of PGP administered by others within the Jacksonville District

SAJ-67, CESAJ-CO, 02/14/12 - 02/14/17

Minor Activities in the Okeechobee Waterway

SAJ-71, NMFS, 12/20/10 - 12/20/15

Live Rock Aquaculture in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of Florida

SAJ-75, Royal Palm Beach Subdivision, 05/01/2009 – 05/01/2014

Fill for residential Lots in Royal Palm Beach Subdivision

SAJ-77, Florida DEP, 06/19/07 - 06/19/12

Residential Fill for Jupiter Farms, Palm Beach County

SAJ-80, Miccosukee Tribe, 12/27/06 - 12/28/11

Residential Fill - Miccosukee Tribe Reservation Lands

SAJ-87, City of Plantation, 12/14/2010 - 12/14/2015

Residential, Commercial & Institutional Fill in Plantation Acres

SAJ-91, City of Cape Coral, 10/12/07 - 10/12/12

Minor activities in the canal system of the City of Cape Coral

SAJ-95, Areas within the Jurisdiction of the SWFWMD, 03/24/2008 – 03/24/2013

Minor Modifications of DA permits for Multi-Phased Developments Within the Jurisdiction of the SWFWMD

SAJ-96, Pinellas County, 07/13/07 - 07/13/12

Minor structures and maintenance dredging in Pinellas County

General Conditions – 33 CFR PART 320-330 (Ref: Published Federal Register, Dated 13 November 1986):

1. The time limit for completing the work authorized ends on the date noted in the Expiration Date Column found in the Table of General Permits. If you find that you need more time to complete the authorized activity, submit your request for a time extension to this office for consideration at least one month before the above date is reached.
2. You must maintain the activity authorized by this permit in good condition and in conformance with the terms and conditions of this permit. You are not relieved of this requirement if you abandon the permitted activity, although you may make a good faith transfer to a third party in compliance with General Condition 4 below. Should you wish to cease to maintain the authorized activity or should you desire to abandon it without a good faith transfer, you must obtain a modification of this permit from this office, which may require restoration of the area.
3. If you discover any previously unknown historic or archeological remains while accomplishing the activity authorized by this permit, you must immediately notify this office of what you have found. We will initiate the Federal and state coordination required to determine if the remains warrant a recovery effort or if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
4. If you sell the property associated with this permit you must obtain the signature and mailing address of the new owner in the space provided and forward a copy of the permit to this office to validate the transfer of this authorization.
5. If a conditioned water quality certification has been issued for your project, you must comply with the conditions specified in the certification as special conditions to this permit. For your convenience, a copy of the certification is attached if it contains such conditions.
6. You must allow a representatives from this office to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure that it is being or has been accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of your permit.

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