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## **Honolulu District Seeks Public Comments on Regional Conditions for 2007 Nationwide Permits**

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**(FORT SHAFTER, HI – NR-29-06)** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has started collection of comments about a proposal to renew and revise nationwide permits for work in wetlands and other waters that are regulated by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

On October 2, 2006 the Honolulu District published its proposed regional conditions for the 2007 Nationwide Permit renewals on its District website. Comments concerning the proposed regional conditions for the Nationwide Permits will be accepted by the district through close of business on November 16, 2006. Concerns regarding the national program should be directed to the Corps' Headquarters Office.

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The current set of nationwide permits expires in March 2007 and these proposed permits are to replace them. Many of the nationwide permits remain unchanged from those previously issued in 2002, and many of the proposed modifications are designed to make the program easier for the regulated public to understand, as well as to increase compliance with the program.

The nationwide permits authorize activities that are similar in nature and cause only minimal adverse environmental impacts separately or on a cumulative basis. Activities range from work associated with aids to navigation and utility lines to wetland restoration and cleanup of hazardous and toxic wastes. The goal of the nationwide permit program is to improve protection of the aquatic environment while providing timely authorizations to project proponents.

The proposed nationwide permits were published in the Federal Register on September 26, 2006:

[http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg/nwp/NWP\\_2007\\_proposed.pdf](http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg/nwp/NWP_2007_proposed.pdf).

The draft Environmental Assessments for the proposed nationwide permits can also be found on-line at <http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg/nwp/nwp.htm>. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Headquarters Office, will accept comments on the proposed nationwide permits for a 60-day period that ends on November 24, 2006.

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In addition, the Corps' division engineers may add, after public review and consultation, regional conditions to protect local aquatic ecosystems and ensure that the activities authorized by the nationwide permits result in no more than minimal adverse environmental effects on an individual and cumulative basis within a regional context.

Additional information about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Honolulu District regulatory program can be found at <http://www.poh.usace.army.mil/EC-R/EC-R.htm> .

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