

Special Public Notice

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Nashville District

Please address all comments to: Nashville District Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, 3701 Bell Road, Nashville, TN 37214

SUBJECT: REGULATORY ACTIVITIES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

TO ALL CONCERNED: The Nashville District is providing this Special Public Notice to inform the Public and our Federal and State partners of our activities during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

The safety of the Public, the Nashville Regulatory Division employees, and the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 are our prime concerns. We have implemented the following measures for the duration of the COVID-19 Emergency:

- All Regulatory Division offices are closed. These include the Nashville Regulatory Division Office in Nashville, TN; the Western Regulatory Field Office in Decatur, AL; and the Eastern Regulatory Field Office in Lenoir City, TN.
- All Regulatory Division staff remain on duty at off-site locations. E-mail will be the most reliable meas of contacting individual staff members.
- In-person meetings and field visits are suspended for the duration of the COVID-19 Emergency.
- We are accepting new applications, mitigation proposals, and jurisdictional determination requests electronically. Please submit all new to requests to NashvilleRegulatory@usace.army.mil.
- You may send us files too large for email, up to 8 GB in size, through the DoD SAFE (Secure Access File Exchange) site at https://safe.apps.mil/. Send us an email at NashvilleRegulatory@usace.army.mil to request an access code to use the DoD SAFE site for each set of documents you would like to send us. Include "drop-off request" in the subject line of the email. Do not send paper copies of documents sent to us electronically.
- Paper copies of applications sent by Mail or a parcel delivery service might not be delivered while our offices are closed, but will be processed once offices reopen.
- We are continuing to review all pending permit applications, mitigation proposals, and jurisdictional determination requests.

There have been no changes in the requirements associated with our authorities under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. We will continue to fully implement the requirements associated with these authorities during this pandemic.