

APPENDIX III: WETLANDS & MANGROVES

Wetlands and Mangroves are defined as the geographic area of particular concern which includes areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. The presence or absence of these three criteria (soils, plants, and hydrology) is considered when assessing the presence and value of wetland systems. Wetlands include swamps, marshes, mangroves, lakes, natural ponds, surface springs, streams, estuaries, and similar areas in the NMI chain (NMIAC, § 15-10-330(a)).

A. Description of Project or Proposed Actions

- 1) Describe in detail the scope and nature of the proposed activities or project?
 (Please use additional sheets, if needed)

- 2) Will your project involve construction activities? If yes, please check all that applies.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land clearing | <input type="checkbox"/> Demolition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grading | <input type="checkbox"/> Blasting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excavation | <input type="checkbox"/> Use of heavy equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trenching | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please describe: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backfilling: Quantity _____ cy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Testing/boring | |

- 3) If your project requires backfilling, please indicate the source of the backfill material(s) and the type of backfill material(s) to be used at the project site.

- 4) Will your project involve any landscaping or agricultural work? If yes, will you be using native plants/trees? Please provide a listing on the type of plants/trees proposed for the landscaping or agricultural work.

- 5) Will your project generate solid waste or green waste during all phases of your project?

- a) How many cubic yards of solid or green waste is expected to be generated from this project? How will you manage it?

- b) Will you be using any hazardous materials at the project site? How will you store your hazardous materials at the project site? How will you manage hazardous waste?

6) Will toilet facilities be provided for the workers at the project site?

Yes _____ Explain what type: _____

No _____ Explain where will personnel be using the toilet facilities:

7) Upon completion of your project, will your project be connected to public power, sewer, and/or waterline system? If no, describe your water and power source and how you intend to provide for sewer. *(Please use additional sheets, if needed)*

8) Is the proposed activity wholly or partially situated within a wetland area? If yes, please indicate the total area of the wetland to be affected by this project.

9) If the proposed activity is not wholly or partially in or adjacent to the wetland area, what is the total distance of the project's footprint to the wetland boundary?

10) Briefly describe measures to be used in avoiding or minimizing your project's negative effects on the wetland environment? Describe your plan of action to avoid or reduce the probability and impact of such risk.

11) Will your project require removal of any wetland vegetation or plants? If yes, please indicate total area of vegetation or plants to be impacted by this project.

12) If your project's negative impacts to coastal resources or critical habitat is unavoidable, briefly describe your plans to mitigate or restore coastal resources or critical habitat(s) as a result of this project?

13) What is the anticipated start and completion date of your project?

14) Do you have any other information that you would like to share or include in this application that you think would be useful or necessary to our evaluation? If yes, please describe below:

CERTIFICATION OF TRUTH

I certify that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. The information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines of up to \$10,000.00 per day per violation.

By Applicant:

Print Name

Title

Signature

Date

LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

By signing this letter of authorization, I am certifying that the individual listed below is authorized to act on my behalf on matters pertaining to DCRM’s permitting process and requirements. My representative is authorized to perform on my behalf as follows (check all that applies):

- Receive and review documents/permit
Attend meetings at DCRM’s request
Make decisions during meetings
Request follow ups or permit inquiries
Sign permit application form(s)
Other: _____

By Applicant/Owner: (Proof of ownership OR legal authority required)

Print Name

Title

Signature

Date

***** AND *****

The authorized representative understands the above conditions and agrees to act on behalf of the above applicant/owner on matters pertaining to DCRM’s permitting process and requirements indicated by the applicant/owner above.

Authorized Representative: (Copy of valid Identification card and business license is required)

Name of Authorized Representative

Name of Company

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

CRM PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

CRM permit application shall be accompanied by a non-refundable CRM permit application and administrative fee in accordance with the following fee schedule, by check made payable to CNMI Treasurer (CRM Rules and Regulations, NMIAC § 15-10-205 (h)).

A. For Minor or Temporary Permit Applications

- (1) No fee for State and Local Government Agencies engaged in government projects.
- (2) \$25.00 fee for temporary permits unless waived by the DCRM Director.
- (3) \$200.00 fee for Minor development permits.

As provided below, a “De Minimis APC Waiver” may be requested and a minor APC permit fee reduction may be granted at the discretion of the DCRM Director.

(i) “De Minimis Fee Waiver” Request: When an applicant for a minor APC permit has substantial evidence that the proposed activity or action will have no direct or cumulative impact on coastal resources, a “De Minimis APC Fee Waiver” may be requested in writing through the permitting office. This request must clearly state the reason(s) why the proposed activity will be “de minimis” in nature, and include a request for a reduction of up to 50% of APC permitting fees for commercial actions and 100% of APC permitting fees for mitigation, restoration, or non-commercial actions.

(ii) Review of “De Minimis Fee Waiver” Requests: Such requests must be submitted to the Director with the Permit Manager copied. Permitting staff will review such requests to ensure accurate environmental information has been provided, and the Permit Manager will submit a recommendation to the Director to approve or deny the waiver request within ten working days of receipt of the request at the Saipan DCRM office. The Director may deny or grant the waiver request, or grant the request with restrictions, conditions, or modifications at their discretion. If a waiver is granted, the Director shall issue a letter to the applicant detailing what, if any, restrictions the waiver is conditioned upon, and a copy of this letter will be retained in the permit file. Any deviation of scope of activities of the subject project will be treated as unpermitted for the purposes of enforcement action, if necessary, as detailed in § 15-10-900. Submission of a “De Minimis APC Fee Waiver” request shall stop the clock on review of the submitted APC permit. If the waiver request is denied, the review period will be restarted upon the date of the issuance of the denial letter.

B. Fees for standard APC projects shall be based upon appraisal of construction costs.

FEE AMOUNT COST OF PROJECT OR PERMIT AMENDMENT

\$200	Less than or equal to \$ 50,000
\$400	Value between \$ 50,001 and \$ 100,000
\$1,000	Value between \$ 100,001 and \$500,000
\$2,000	Value between \$ 500,001 and \$ 1,000,000
\$2,000	For every \$1,000,000.00 cost increment exceeding one million dollars.

**STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE
AND APPLICANT AGREEMENT OF PERMIT FEES**

The applicant agrees that all fees, which must be fully paid to the CNMI Treasury and a copy of the receipt be submitted to DCRM, are based upon representations made to DCRM. If after submission of this fee and that DCRM determines that an error has been made by either the applicant's submission or at the time a fee was determined, the applicant understands that additional fees may be assessed by DCRM. These fees must be paid prior to the submission of any permit application to DCRM. The applicant understands the above conditions and agrees to comply.

Print Name

Title

Signature

Date