



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
HONOLULU DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
FORT SHAFTER, HAWAII 96858-5440

September 23, 2020

SUBJECT: Regional Conditions for 2020 Nationwide Permit Reissuance

Ms. Janice E. Castro  
Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality  
Division of Coastal Resources Management  
Post Office Box 501304  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Ms. Castro:

On September 15, 2020, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) published a notice in the Federal Register to solicit comment on the proposed reissuance of 52 Nationwide Permits (NWP) and the issuance of five new NWP. A copy of that notice is available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/09/15/2020-17116/proposal-to-reissue-and-modify-nationwide-permits>.

The Federal Register notice is the Corps' determination of Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) consistency, pursuant to Section 307(c)(1) of the CZMA for NWP activities within or affecting the coastal zone of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. By the referenced Federal Register notice and confirmation by this letter, Honolulu District requests CZMA consistency concurrence for the proposed issuance of these NWP. The Honolulu District has determined that the activities authorized by the proposed NWP will be undertaken in a manner consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the state's approved management program.

The Honolulu District is proposing regional conditions for the proposed NWP. Enclosed is a copy of the Honolulu District's public notice inviting public comment on the proposed regional conditions. The Honolulu District may be proposing modification or revocation of one or more NWP in states where programmatic general permits or regional general permits have supplanted some or all of the NWP.

At this time, we are asking that you begin your review and approval process. In accordance with 15 CFR 930.36(b), please provide your concurrence or objection to the Honolulu District's consistency determination within 90 days. If you do not reach a final position on CZMA consistency before the end of the 90-day period, we will presume consistency concurrence.

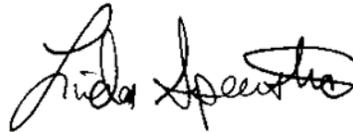
In accordance with the Corps' regulations at 33 CFR 330.4(d), if you object with the Corps' CZMA consistency determination for certain activities authorized by the proposed NWPs, then the Corps will deny without prejudice authorization for those activities. Anyone wanting to perform such activities must obtain an activity-specific CZMA consistency concurrence or a presumption of concurrence. Upon concurrence by the state, or a presumption of concurrence, the activity would be authorized by the NWP.

The Corps will be hosting an informational virtual meeting on October 13, 2020, 1:00–3:00 pm to provide a brief overview of the NWP program, proposed 2020 NWPs along with the proposed regional conditions. Please RSVP via email to [linda.speerstra@usace.army.mil](mailto:linda.speerstra@usace.army.mil) with the subject: "NWP Reissuance Meeting RSVP" by October 1, 2020 if you wish to attend.

The Honolulu District's point-of-contact for the CZMA consistency determination proposed issuance of the NWPs is Linda Speerstra. Should you have any questions in regards to the NWPs or the informational meeting, please reach out at 808-208-1529 or by e-mail at [linda.speerstra@usace.army.mil](mailto:linda.speerstra@usace.army.mil).

Thank you for your attention regarding this matter. We remain available to discuss issues or proposed conditions you may be considering for the NWPs. We look forward to working with your office on this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Speerstra". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Linda Speerstra  
Chief, Regulatory Office

Enclosure

cc:

Email: [acharfauros@dcrm.gov.mp](mailto:acharfauros@dcrm.gov.mp)