



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
St Paul District

# **Special Public Notice**

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## **CORPS OF ENGINEERS URGES EARLY PLANNING FOR PERMITS**

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ST. PAUL, Minn. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, encourages project planners to carefully plan projects in Minnesota and Wisconsin requiring Corps permits.

The Corps of Engineers also reminds planners that the majority of proposed projects and activities in and around waters and wetlands require Corps authorization.

The Corps urges planners to submit permit applications as soon as possible in the planning process. The Corps suggests submitting applications for work in waters or wetlands associated with projects, such as roads, utilities or development, at least one year prior to planned construction.

Currently, timeframes for general permit decisions, those with impacts generally less than 0.5 acres are averaging 85 days. Timeframes for individual permit decisions, which include letters of permission, range from 4 months to more than a year, but are currently averaging around 8 months.

The district's regulators are working through issues related to sequestration, increased construction activities in the two states and other constraints that have significantly impacted the timeframes within which the Corps can process permit applications. These limitations are also affecting timeframes for other actions, such as jurisdictional determinations and wetland delineation report reviews.

More information about the Corps of Engineers' regulatory program in Minnesota and Wisconsin can be found at: <http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>. For general permitting questions, please contact (800) 290-5847, Ext. 5525, or (651) 290-5525. General regulatory inquiries may also be submitted at: [mvp-reg-inquiry@usace.army.mil](mailto:mvp-reg-inquiry@usace.army.mil).

The nearly 650 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, employees working at more than 40 sites in five upper-Midwest states serve the American public in the areas of environmental enhancement, navigation, flood damage reduction, water and wetlands regulation, recreation sites and disaster response. Through the Corps' Fiscal Year 2011 \$175 million budget, nearly 2,800 non-Corps jobs were added to the regional economy as well as \$271 million to the national economy. For more information, see [www.mvp.usace.army.mil](http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil).