

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICTCORPS OF ENGINEERS COCOA REGULATORY OFFICE 400 HIGH POINT DRIVE, SUITE 600 COCOA, FLORIDA 32926

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

May 31, 2013

Regulatory Division Cocoa Permits Section SAJ-2013-00295(NW-AWP)

Florida Department of Transportation, District 3 Attn: Joy Giddens PO Box 607 Chipley, Florida 32428

Dear Mrs. Giddens:

Your application for a Department of the Army permit received on January 17, 2013, has been assigned number SAJ-2013-00295. A review of the information and drawings provided shows the proposed work permanently impacts 0.38 acre of wetlands and 0.12 acre of temporary impacts to wetlands and surface waters for the replacement of a bridge located on Brickyard Road which spans an unnamed tributary of Escambia River. Additional work includes the installation of a shallow water crossing within Cotton Creek Road on Northwest Florida Water Management District (NWFWMD) Escambia Water Management Area (WMA) lands. The bridge replacement project is located within the right-of-way of Brickyard Road just north of its intersection with Old Molino Road, in Section 36, Township 03 North, Range 31 West, Latitude 30.7272 North, Longitude 87.3161 West, Molino, Escambia County, Florida. The shallow water crossing is located at Latitude 30.7817 North, Longitude 87.3199 West, Molino, Escambia County, Florida.

The new bridge will be elevated approximately four feet above the current bridge structure. Due to the elevation change in the bridge roadway and the related construction of the new abutments, the channel will be widened to the south by removing fill that currently makes up the south landing of the existing bridge. The final channel will be widened to approximately 60 feet wide and the banks beneath the bridge will be reinforced with riprap to maintain integrity. The new bridge will have two sets of bent pilings in the channel opening following construction. The southernmost pilings will be located within the new widened portion of the channel. The entire length of the final bridge will be 75 feet. These improvements will improve the capability for flood water to freely flow through the project area.

Your project, as depicted on the enclosed drawings, is authorized by Nationwide Permit (NWP) Numbers 14 and 27 for the bridge replacement and shallow water crossing respectively. This verification is valid until **March 18, 2017**. Please access the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Jacksonville District's Regulatory webpage to access web links to view the Final Nationwide Permits, Federal Register Vol. 77, dated February 21, 2012, specifically pages 10270 – 10290, the Corrections to the Final Nationwide Permits, Federal Register 77, March 19, 2012, and the List of Regional Conditions. The website address is as follows:

http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Divisions/Regulatory/sourcebook.htm.

Please be aware this web address is case sensitive and should be entered as it appears above. Once there you will need to click on "Nationwide Permits." These files contain the description of the Nationwide Permit authorization, the Nationwide Permit general conditions, and the regional conditions, which apply specifically to this verification for NWPs 14 and 33. Enclosed is a list of the six General Conditions, which apply to all Department of the Army authorizations. You must comply with all of the special and general conditions and any project specific condition of this authorization or you may be subject to enforcement action. In the event you have not completed construction of your project within the specified time limit, a separate application or re-verification may be required.

The following special conditions are included with this verification:

1. Within 60 days of completion of the work authorized, the attached "Self-Certification Statement of Compliance" must be completed and submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Mail the completed form to the Regulatory Division, Special Projects and Enforcement Branch, PO Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232.

2. The Perinittee shall use only clean fill material for this project. The fill material shall be free from items such as trash, debris, automotive parts, asphalt, construction materials, concrete block with exposed reinforcement bars, and soils contaminated with any toxic substance, in toxic amounts in accordance with Section 307 of the Clean Water Act.

3. Cultural Resources/Historic Properties:

a. No structure or work shall adversely affect impact or disturb properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or those eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.

b. If during the ground disturbing activities and construction work within the permit area, there are archaeological/cultural materials encountered which were not the subject of a previous cultural resources assessment survey (and which shall include, but not be limited to: pottery, modified shell, flora, fauna, human remains, ceramics, stone tools or metal implements, dugout canoes, evidence of structures or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American cultures or early colonial or American settlement), the Permittee shall immediately stop all work in the vicinity and notify the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). The Corps shall then notify the Florida State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the appropriate

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s) (THPO(s)) to assess the significance of the discovery and devise appropriate actions.

c. A cultural resources assessment may be required of the permit area, if deemed necessary by the SHPO, THPO(s), or Corps, in accordance with 36 CFR 800 or 33 CFR 325, Appendix C (5). Based, on the circumstances of the discovery, equity to all parties, and considerations of the public interest, the Corps may modify, suspend or revoke the permit in accordance with 33 CFR Part 325.7. Such activity shall not resume on non-federal lands without written authorization from the SHPO and the Corps.

d. In the unlikely event that unmarked human remains are identified on non-federal lands, they will be treated in accordance with Section 872.05 Florida Statutes. All work in the vicinity shall immediately cease and the Permittee shall immediately notify the medical examiner, Corps, and State Archeologist. The Corps shall then notify the appropriate SHPO and THPO(s). Based, on the circumstances of the discovery, equity to all parties, and considerations of the public interest, the Corps may modify, suspend or revoke the permit in accordance with 33 CFR Part 325.7. Such activity shall not resume without written authorization from the State Archeologist, SHPO and the Corps.

e. In the unlikely event that human remains are encountered on federal or tribal lands, or in situations where Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, or Native American Graves Protection Repatriation Act of 1990 applies, all work in the vicinity shall immediately cease and the Permittee immediately notify the Corps. The Corps shall then notify the appropriate THPO(s) and SHPO. Based, on the circumstances of the discovery, equity to all parties, and considerations of the public interest, the Corps may modify, suspend or revoke the permit in accordance with 33 CFR Part 325.7. After such notification, project activities on federal lands shall not resume without written authorization from the Corps, and/or appropriate THPO(s), SHPO, and federal manager. After such notification, project activities on tribal lands shall not resume without written authorization from the appropriate THPO(s) and the Corps.

4. Prior to the initiation of any work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall install erosion control measures along the perimeter of all work areas to prevent the displacement of fill material outside the work area. Immediately after completion of the final grading of the land surface, all slopes, land surfaces, and filled areas shall be stabilized using sod, degradable mats, barriers, or a combination of similar stabilizing materials to prevent erosion. The erosion control measures shall remain in place and be maintained until all authorized work has been completed and the site has been stabilized.

5. Temporary Wetland Impacts: Within 30 days from the date of completing the authorized work the Permittee shall restore 0.12 acre of temporary wetland impacts, as detailed in the

construction plans attached drawings, to pre-existing contours, elevations, vegetation, habitat type, and hydrology.

6. **Compensatory Mitigation:** Within 6 months from the date of initiating the authorized work the Permittee shall complete the following mitigation objectives in accordance with the approved compensatory mitigation plan as detailed on Attachment 2, Drawings 1 through 22:

b. Offsite Mitigation

(1) The installation of a Low Water Crossing (LWC) within the right-of-way of Cotton Creek Road. The LWC is expected to restore/improve hydrologic conditions within 6.49 acres of forested wetlands abutting Cotton Creek Road. Cotton Creek Road is located within the Escambia River WMA which was established by the NWFWMD to protect water resources and natural habitat.

6. As-Builts: Within 60 days of completion of the authorized work or at the expiration of the construction authorization of this permit, whichever occurs first, the Permittee shall submit asbuilt drawings of the authorized work and completed compensatory mitigation and a completed As-Built Certification Form (Attachment 3) to the Corps. The drawings shall be signed and sealed by a registered professional engineer and include the following:

a. A plan view drawing of the location of the authorized work footprint (as shown on the permit drawings) with an overlay of the work as constructed in the same scale as the attached permit drawings (8½-inch by 11-inch). The drawing should show all "earth disturbance," including wetland impacts, water management structures, and any on-site mitigation areas.

b. List any deviations between the work authorized by this permit and the work as constructed. In the event that the completed work deviates, in any manner, from the authorized work, describe on the As-Built Certification Form the deviations between the work authorized by this permit and the work as constructed. Clearly indicate on the as-built drawings any deviations that have been listed. Please note that the depiction and/or description of any deviations on the drawings and/or As-Built Certification Form does not constitute approval of any deviations by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

c. The Department of the Army Permit number.

d. Include pre- and post-construction aerial photographs of the project site, if available.

7. Regulatory Agency Changes: Should any other regulatory agency require changes to the work authorized or obligated by this permit, the Permittee is advised that a modification to this

permit instrument is required prior to initiation of those changes. It is the Permittee's responsibility to request a modification of this permit from the Cocoa Regulatory Office.

This letter of authorization does not give absolute Federal authority to perform the work as specified on your application. The proposed work may be subject to local building restrictions mandated by the National Flood Insurance Program. You should contact your local office that issues building permits to determine if your site is located in a flood-prone area, and if you must comply with the local building requirements mandated by the National Flood Insurance Program.

If you are unable to access the internet or require a hardcopy of any of the conditions, limitations, or expiration date for the above referenced NWP, please contact Andrew Phillips by telephone at 321-504-3771 ex 14.

Thank you for your cooperation with our permit program. The Corps Jacksonville District Regulatory Division is committed to improving service to our customers. We strive to perform our duty in a friendly and timely manner while working to preserve our environment. We invite you to take a few minutes to visit http://per2.nwp.usace.army.mil/survey.html and complete our automated Customer Service Survey. Your input is appreciated – favorable or otherwise. Again, please be aware this web address is case sensitive and should be entered as it appears above.

Sincerely,

Irene F. Sadowski Chief, Cocoa Permits Section

Enclosures

GENERAL CONDITIONS 33 CFR PART 320-330 PUBLISHED FEDERAL REGISTER DATED 13 NOVEMBER 1986

1. The time limit for completing the work authorized ends on <u>March 18, 2017</u>. If you find that you need more time to complete the authorized activity, submit your request for a time extension to this office for consideration at least one month before the above date is reached.

2. You must maintain the activity authorized by this permit in good condition and in conformance with the terms and conditions of this permit. You are not relieved of this requirement if you abandon the permitted activity, although you may make a good faith transfer to a third party in compliance with General Condition 4 below. Should you wish to cease to maintain the authorized activity or should you desire to abandon it without a good faith transfer, you must obtain a modification of this permit from this office, which may require restoration of the area.

3. If you discover any previously unknown historic or archeological remains while accomplishing the activity authorized by this permit, you must immediately notify this office of what you have found. We will initiate the Federal and state coordination required to determine if the remains warrant a recovery effort of if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

4. If you sell the property associated with this permit you must obtain the signature of the new owner in the space provided and forward a copy of the permit to this office to validate the transfer of this authorization.

5. If a conditioned water quality certification has been issued for your project, you must comply with the conditions specified in the certification as special conditions to this permit. For your convenience, a copy of the certification is attached if it contains such conditions.

6. You must allow a representative from this office to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure that it is being or has been accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of your permit.

SELF-CERTIFICATION STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Permit Number: NWP-14 Application Number: SAJ-2013-00295(NW-AWP)

Permittee's Name & Address (please print or type):
Telephone Number:
Location of the Work:
Date Work Started:Date Work Completed:
Description of the Work (e.g., bank stabilization, residential or commercial filling, docks, dredging, etc.):
Acreage or Square Feet of Impacts to Waters of the United States:
Describe Mitigation completed (if applicable):
Describe any Deviations from Permit (attach drawing(s) depicting the deviations):

I certify that all work, and mitigation (if applicable) was done in accordance with the limitations and conditions as described in the permit. Any deviations as described above are depicted on the attached drawing(s).

Signature of Permittee

Date

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT TRANSFER REQUEST

PERMIT NUMBER: SAJ-2013-00295(NWP-AWP)

When the structures or work authorized by this permit are still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of this permit will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of the property. Although the construction period for works authorized by Department of the Army permits is finite, the permit itself, with its limitations, does not expire.

To validate the transfer of this permit and the associated responsibilities associated with compliance with its terms and conditions, have the transferee sign and date below and mail to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Enforcement Section, 41 N Jefferson St, #301, Pensacola, Florida 32502.

(TRANSFEREE-SIGNATURE)	(SUBDIVISION)
(DATE)	(LOT) (BLOCK)
(NAME-PRINTED)	(STREET ADDRESS)
(MAILING ADDRESS)	
(CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE)	