

Strategies for Success

Wetlands Training Workshop for Consultants

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Three levels of review

- Category 1: Non-reporting. Projects authorized under this category may be authorized without notifying the Corps
- Category 2: All projects are screened in joint-processing meetings with federal agencies, must receive written authorization from Corps
- Category 3: Applications not authorized in other categories are processed individually by both DEM and the Corps.

Category 1

- Fill and secondary impacts totaling less than 5,000 sq. ft. in area (temporary or permanent);
- Bank stabilization <100 ln ft and 1 CY fill per ln. ft. below OHW
- Maintenance & repair
- Oil spill cleanup, wildlife harvesting, survey activities

Exclusions to Category 1

- Dams, diversions
- Open trenching in flowing water
- Any work in or within 100 ft. of vernal pools when Corps jurisdiction is triggered
- Work in special aquatic sites (riffle-pool complexes)
- In-stream work limited to low-flow conditions

Category 2

- Fill and secondary impacts between 5,000 sq. ft. and 1 acre of impact, or;
- Projects <5,000 sq. ft. but which are otherwise excluded from Category 1

Work near vernal pools

- Any work associated with project should be limited to 25% of VP habitat (includes pool and 750-foot radius from pool edge);
- Roads & Driveways should be excluded from the vernal pool envelope (includes pool and 100-foot radius from pool edge)
- VP's to be delineated when any work is proposed within 750 feet of the VP.