

Clean Water Act, Section 401 Certification

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is preparing to reissue its existing Nationwide Permits (NWPs) and associated general conditions and definitions. The proposed rule for reissuing the NWPs was published in the Federal Register June 18, 2025. The Corps is proposing to reissue most of the NWPs without changes. Under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), an activity which may result in a discharge into waters of the U.S. that is authorized by a Federal permit must receive a CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC), or waiver, from the appropriate certifying authority. This process allows the certifying authority an opportunity to ensure that any discharge will comply with applicable water quality requirements. Because the Corps is planning to propose reissuing most of the NWPs without changes, they are providing the attachment (Combined text of January 2021 and December 2021 Nationwide Permits.pdf) for the existing NWPs for pre-filing meeting consideration. Additional information regarding the Corps' NWPs is located at: Nationwide Permit Information

In accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is evaluating the submitted materials to determine if there is a reasonable assurance that the activities associated with the Army Corps of Engineers' verification of the Nationwide Permit will be consistent with relevant water quality considerations.

The Tribe seeks comments on CWA Section 401 Certification of the Army Corps' verification for this project. All comments are considered during the project review. The 30-day public comment period ends on 12/12/2025

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Water Quality Specialist at (906)524-5757 ext. 4247. Written comments may be emailed or sent by US Mail to:

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Comment deadline is December 12, 2025