

<b>OFFICE OF STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION</b>			S.O.P. NO. SA II-2-14
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Subject: S.O.P. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION			Distribution A, B, C, D, E
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**PURPOSE:** To Establish A Procedure For Determining The Extent Of Environmental Impacts And Documenting The Proper Selection Of Required Corps Of Engineers Permit For State Funded(Non-Federal) Projects Administered By The Office Of State Aid Road Construction.

1. During the field P S & E review of a project, the County Engineer and the State Aid District Engineer shall complete, to the extent possible, the Environmental Review Checklist, form SA-ENV-REV as published on the State Aid web site. Any items requiring additional study or replies from resource agencies shall be completed by the County Engineer before sending the checklist to State Aid for inclusion in the Project file.
2. Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permits No. 3 & No. 14 are available to cover the majority of work performed under State Funded Projects administered by State Aid. Any project that does not meet the conditions of these two permits will require an individual 404 permit from the Corps. The comment section for line K of the checklist should list either NWP 3 or NWP 14 or "Individual permit required".
3. Nationwide Permit 3 is available for bridge projects where the new bridge is constructed along the existing centerline. Preconstruction notice to the Corps is required when endangered species or critical habitat are adversely impacted as documented by a reply letter from Fish & Wildlife or if historic properties are adversely impacted as documented by a reply letter from the State Historic Preservation Officer or if wetlands or special aquatic sites are impacted greater than allowed by the permit.
4. Nationwide Permit 14 is available for roadway projects and bridge projects where the existing centerline is abandoned. Pre construction notice to the Corps is not required except where (1) the loss of waters of the US exceed 1/10 acre: or (2) there is a discharge in a special aquatic site, including wetlands or there are impacts to endangered species or historic properties.
5. Additional information including all general conditions for Nation wide permits may be located at: the Corps of Engineers web site under "Nation Wide Permits".