

INSTRUCTIONS

The Army Corps of Engineers has 3 nationwide permits which are pre-approved as long as your operation fits into their categories.

You will select from one of the below categories, then fill out the permit application. Try to adhere to the restrictions as much as possible. As long as your operation fits then it will be approved. They may ask for additional information, but the idea is to get approved using existing nationwide permits.

An Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) permit is good for 5 years.

SEND YOUR COMPLETED PERMIT TO:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Attn: Regulatory / Permitting Division

1325 J Street, Room 1350

Sacramento, CA 95814

NWS-18, Minor Discharge. Less than 10 cubic yard discharge within the waterline (no operations outside the water). No endangered species are present.

NWS-19, Minor Dredging. Less than 25 cubic yards of discharge within the waterline. No endangered species are present.

NWS-44, Mining Activities. Less than 300 linear feet (total) of dredging. No endangered species are present.

Note 1: If endangered species are present it doesn't mean you can't get a permit, it means the ACOE will have to coordinate with the USFWS and the process takes longer.

Filling out the permit

FOLLOW THE CHECKLIST AND DOUBLE CHECK!

ACOE has been requiring two additional documents:

(1) A cultural resources review. You can do this by doing an internet search - for example Google "Sierra County cultural sites" then copy the results and include them with an appendix called Cultural Resources.

(2) Endangered and Threatened Species. You can go to our online critical habitat map www.theminingalliance.com and click on the "Maps" link. Zoom in on your area and take a screen shot of the area.

We have posted ALL critical habitat for California and Nevada on the site. It's current as of April 2017.

Additionally, under the ACOE permitting section we have posted **Appendix L** of the 2012 SEIR. Find your county and your river and copy the page and include this as an appendix to your submission.

(1) The permit templates are for regional general permits to initiate a regional permitting system. They will not work for you unless you provide your site specific information.

(2) Provide your claim location by M/T/R/S and provide a Google Earth overlay. You will also need to provide the lat / long of the location.

(3) Describe your operation in general. For example "The use of one 5" dredge to conduct prospecting operations on the Yuba River from May to August. No more than 25 cubic yards total will be dredged. Dredged material is clean cobbles and will be replaced directly to the river bed within feet from where it was removed. No processing will take place outside the ordinary high water mark."

(4) Follow the permit checklist and ensure you have a complete permit application. Double check.

(5) You can replace the general drawings with more specific drawings if you wish.

(6) Pictures may help if you have them. Pictures of your equipment and the location.