

January 6, 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**Prepared By: Margaret Crawford & Joseph Rowley**

SUBJECT: Time Extension for Regional Permit No. 87-000-1, Install and maintain open pile or floating: dock(s), deck, observation platform(s) in wetlands or other special aquatic sites, stairway(s), mooring pile(s), mooring buoy(s), swim platform, marine railway, boat hoist(s)/jet ski hoist(s), covered (not enclosed) boat slips and hoists.

1. Purpose of the Project: Proposed re-issuance of the Regional General Permit for the installation and maintenance of open pile or floating dock(s), deck, observation platform(s) in wetlands or other special aquatic sites, stairway(s); mooring pile(s); mooring buoy(s); floating swim platform; open pile marine railway; open pile boat hoist(s)/jet ski hoist(s); open pile covered (not enclosed) boat slips and hoists in navigable waters of the United States located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Buffalo District in New York State.
2. Authority: Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).
3. Background: The existing regional general permit was issued on February 3, 2011 and expires on February 3, 2016. To date, a public notice has not been issued for a thirty-day comment period in regards to the re-issuance of the permit. The Regulatory Branch has determined it would be more efficient to review the extension of Regional Permit 87-000-1 with Regional Permits 81-000-1 and 86-000-1, due to the similar nature of the authorized activities. Regional Permits 81-000-1 and 86-000-1 expire on November 4, 2016. The public notice will advise the general public of our intent to re-issue the existing regional permit with minor changes. The re-issuance of this regional permit will reduce paperwork burdens on the general public and governmental agencies and streamline the decision-making process. This processing efficiency will be accomplished without compromising environmental values or the needs and welfare of the general public.
4. Action Required: In order to provide uninterrupted service to the general public while also protecting aquatic resources and other public interest factors, I am extending the existing version of the regional permit to November 4, 2016, to make it consistent with the expiration of Regional Permits 81-000-1 and 86-000-1.
5. Findings: I find that this modification (time-extension) on behalf of the general public will be minor in nature and will not be contrary to the overall public interest. Accordingly, the conditions of the regional general permit are hereby modified to extend the expiration date to November 4, 2016. All other terms and conditions of the regional general permit remain in full force and effect.

SIGNED

Diane C. Kozlowski
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Date: 11 January 2016