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FACT SHEET

**Title/Name:** Emergency Regional Permit 99-000-1

**Project Description:** On August 2, 2017, District Commander LTC Adam J. Czekanski reissued Regional Permit 99-000-1. The permit authorizes dredging in navigable waters and the discharge of dredged or fill material, including those discharges associated with excavation activities, into waters of the United States to facilitate the remediation of sites that were damaged as a result of major storm events. The permit is activated by the District Commander as needed in response to these major storm events. This action was processed under a full public interest review including Federal and State Resource agencies and the general public. All comments were considered under this review and incorporated, as necessary to further safeguard the environment.

**Purpose:** This Regional Permit was developed to enhance our emergency response capabilities. The purpose of this regional permit was to reduce paperwork and improve efficiency without compromising environmental values or the needs and welfare of the general public.

**Location:** Waters of New York State located within the Buffalo District jurisdiction.

**Authority:** Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act

**Current Status:** On November 1, 2019, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo of New York declared a State of Emergency for Cayuga, Chautauqua, Cortland, Erie, Herkimer, Oneida and contiguous Counties within the Buffalo District due to flash flooding and subsequent stream damage that has occurred as a result of recent extreme rain events. The Corps was contacted by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and has contacted the Soil and Water Conservation Districts for several of the above listed counties, who have indicated that permitting needs are likely as a result of the storm related damage. Based upon information from the NYSDOT, there is also anticipated emergency permitting needs in the contiguous counties of Chenango and Onondaga. Once issued, the USACE Regulatory Branch Chief may add additional counties to this activation as they are identified.

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