



Joint Permit Applications in Iowa and Illinois

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Location

Iowa and Illinois

State(s)

IA,IL

Congressional District(s)

IA-1, IA-2, IA-3, IA-4, IL-11, IL-13, IL-14, IL-15, IL-16, IL-17, IL-18, IL-2, IL-3

Status

Informational only.

Description

Joint application packets have been developed in cooperation with the Corps of Engineers and State regulatory agencies allowing one stop shopping for permit applicants in each state. The one stop shopping approach concurrently initiates independent processes required by respective State agencies and the Corps, and improves inter-agency communication, coordination and efficiency. For applicants, this approach eliminates the need for multiple application forms, makes it easier and faster to obtain necessary application forms, and reduces overall permit processing time. In Iowa and Illinois, one stop shopping has proven to be a very effective means to simplify the regulatory process/burden on the general public, yet allow for protection and regulation of natural resources through efficient and timely means. The one stop shopping concept was first developed within Iowa (and the first nationwide) in 1978. In 1985, a new joint application packet, "Protecting Iowa Waters", was implemented. The joint application packet (last revised in 2014) is currently utilized by the 2 Corps Regulatory Districts in Iowa (Omaha and Rock Island Districts) and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, factions of which encompass numerous State regulatory functions. In 1981, joint application procedures were developed and instituted through the cooperative efforts of the Corps and Illinois State regulatory and resource agencies. "Protecting Illinois Waters" was developed and has been actively utilized since that time by 5 Corps Districts (Chicago, Louisville, Memphis, Rock Island, and St. Louis Districts), the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). The concurrent process aids in obtaining Section 401 water quality certification from the IEPA, review, input and a state floodplain construction permit from the IDNR, and the Corps permit. The joint application for Illinois was last revised in 2011.

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