



MASSACHUSETTS MARINE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Army Corps Proposing General Permit Changes - Please Read and Join Webinar Sept 10

The New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), is proposing to suspend the existing general permits (GPs) in each of the six New England States, including the Massachusetts General Permit, and issue "New England GPs." Similar to the six state GPs, the New England GPs would authorize activities in waters of the U.S. within the six New England States. The Corps maintains it is "considering this for several reasons, including consistency with the national program and among the New England states, streamlining regulatory processes, and facilitating review of projects by other agencies and interstate groups."

The Corps initially issued a public notice in June 2013, issued a second public notice on July 31, 2014 with a 45-day comment period (expires on Sep. 15, 2014), and plans to make a decision in December 2014. The July 2014 Public Notice is available by clicking 'Read More' below.

This GP change is expected to occur. However, the Corps has set up an INTERACTIVE WEBINAR with MMTA on **September 10, 2014 at 2PM** to explain the proposed New England General Permits (NE GPs), answer any questions and get your input.

It is recommended that marina and boatyard owners call their engineers or permitting consultants to be sure some are on the call. Some topics you may wish to discuss with the Corps might include 1) Would new mitigation activity, such as intertidal restoration work, be required for facilities in place for decades if they lacked a prior authorization from the Corps for some or all of their docks? 2) What happens to facilities built under the former Programmatic General Permit - do they have to apply again under the regional one or are they "grandfathered", with or without any new operating requirements? 3) Will the new regional general permit be required for adding some docks or moving docks around or is there a way to get that approved that isn't time consuming and expensive?

No registration is needed to participate in this webinar on **September 10 at 2PM**, but a quick note

of participation to nathalie.grady@boatma.com would be appreciated. Thank you.

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