Transportation Facilities

Complete Applications

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Objectives

- ☐ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Team
- Regulatory Jurisdiction
- Is Maintenance Exempt?
- Successful Submittal
- Contents of an Application Package
- Drawings
- Consultation Documents
- Section 408 Review
- Other Helpful Items
- Avoid a Request for Additional Information (RAI)

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Regulatory Jurisdiction

Clean Water Act (CWA)

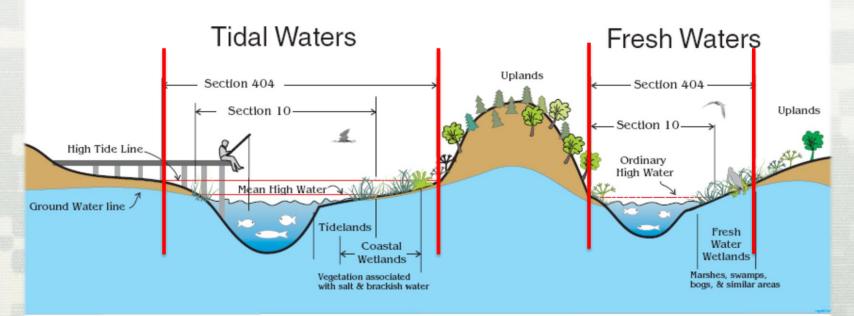
■ Section 404: Permit required for discharge of dredged or fill material.

Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (RHA)

- **Section 10**: Permit required for work in, over, or under navigable waters of the U.S.
 - Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.
 - Waters that are used, have been used, or may be used to transport interstate or foreign commerce (<u>33 CFR Part 329</u>).
- **Section 14 (known as Section 408)**: Established requirements to verify that changes to a Corps Civil Works project will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the project (33 U.S.C. 408).

Regulatory Jurisdiction Do I need a permit?

Corps of Engineers Regulatory Jurisdiction



Section 103

Ocean Discharge of Dredged Material

Typical examples of regulated activities

Ocean discharges of dredged material

Section 404

Discharge of Dredged or Fill Material Regulated Waters Definition: 33 CFR 328.3(a)

All filling activities, utility lines, outfall structures, road crossings, beach nourishment, riprap, jetties, some excavation activities, etc.

Section 10

All Structures and Work Regulated Waters Definition: 33 CFR 329.4

Dredging, marinas, piers, wharves, floats / docks, intake / withdrawal pipes, pilings, bulkheads, ramps, fills, overhead transmission lines, etc. that occur within, over, under, or affecting the waterbody.



Regulatory Jurisdiction Determination (JD)

Approved JDs (AJDs) and preliminary JDs (PJDs) are tools used by the Corps to help implement Section 404 of the CWA and Sections 9 and 10 of the RHA. Both types of JDs specify what geographic areas will be treated as subject to regulation by the Corps under one or both statutes.

PJDs

- PJDs are written indications that there may be waters of the United States on a parcel or indications of the approximate location(s) of waters of the United States on a parcel.
- Advisory in nature and may not be appealed.
- Include compliance orders that have an implicit JD, but no approved JD.
- Unlike an AJD, a PJD does not represent a definitive, official determination that there are, or that there are not, jurisdictional aquatic resources on a site, and does not have an expiration date.

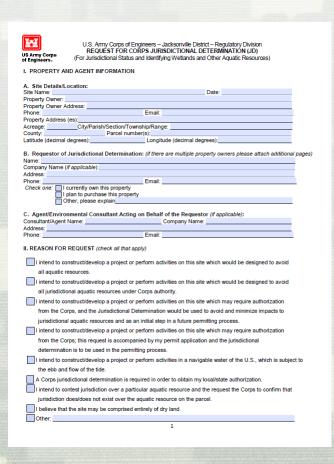
AJDs

- An AJD is a Corps document stating the presence or absence of waters of the United States on a parcel or a written statement and map identifying the limits of waters of the United States on a parcel.
- AJDs are clearly designated appealable actions and will include a basis of JD with the document.
- ☐ AJDs are valid for 5 years.



Required 'Request for JD' Form

Use this application form for both AJD & PJD



PJDs

- May or may not require a site visit; can be completed via desktop review.
- Expedited process.
- Associated with an inhouse permit.

AJDs

- Field site visit required with JD Team.
- Lengthier process.
- Needs to be reviewed by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- Posted on Corps website.
- Can be associated with an in-house permit or a "stand-alone JD".



Required Information for JD Request

PJDs

□ JD Form

- JD Form
- Corps Wetland Determination
 Data Forms Atlantic and Gulf
 Coastal Plain Region
- Maps
 - Location Map
 - □ Project Area overlain on: Historic aerials, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Topographic Map, National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Hydric Soils Map, National Wetland Inventory (NWI) Map, Light Detection and Ranging (Lidar) (if available)
 - Aquatic Resource Map that labels wetlands, non-wetland waters, and uplands within the project area
- → Site Photos

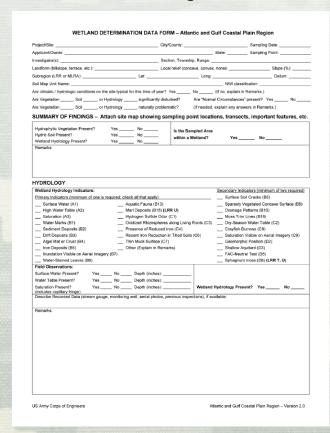
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- Corps Wetland Determination Data Forms Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain Region

AJDs

- Maps
 - Location Map
 - Project Area overlain on: Historic aerials, USGS
 Topographic Map, NRCS Hydric Soils Map, NWI Map, Lidar (if available)
 - Flowlines Map
 - Jurisdictional Map that labels jurisdictional and non-jurisdictional features within the project area. Please make sure to use PRE-2015 WATERS OF THE US (WOTUS) POST-SACKETT terminology (i.e. traditionally navigable water (TNW), Jurisdictional tributary, jurisdictional wetland, other jurisdictional WOUS, upland, non-jurisdictional wetland, etc.)
 - **Make sure all maps include where information was obtained and the date it was obtained.
- Site Photos

Information required for PJD & AJD Data Forms

Corps Wetland Determination Data Form - Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain Region



- Data points should be taken to reflect the current site conditions and represent the vegetative communities on site.
- A sufficient number/location of data points should be taken to represent the wetland/non-wetland status of the entire investigation area.
- □ Data points locations should confirm or refute the potential for aquatic resource presence depicted on natural resource mapping (Google Earth historical aerial imagery, NWI mapping, NRCS soils mapping, USGS Quadrangle mapping, National Hydrography Data Set (NHDS) mapping, Lidar, etc.)
- Data points must be located such that there is at least a pair of points for each wetland identified on both sides of the wetland line in positions that illustrate the distinction between wetland and non-wetland.

Is Maintenance Exempt?

Section 404 of CWA

 Limited exemptions for maintenance available in 33 C.F.R. § 323.4(a)

Section 10 of RHA

 No exemptions for maintenance



Maintenance Exemptions Section 404 of CWA

- (2) Maintenance, including emergency reconstruction of recently damaged parts, of <u>currently serviceable structures</u> such as dikes, dams, levees, groins, riprap, breakwaters, causeways, bridge abutments or approaches, and transportation structures. <u>Maintenance does not include any modification that changes the character, scope, or size of the original fill design.</u> Emergency reconstruction must occur within a reasonable period of time after damage occurs in order to qualify for this exemption.
- (3) Construction or maintenance of farm or stock ponds or irrigation ditches, or the <u>maintenance (but not construction) of drainage</u> <u>ditches</u>. Discharges associated with siphons, pumps, headgates, wingwalls, weirs, diversion structures, and such other facilities as are appurtenant and functionally related to irrigation ditches are included in this exemption.

No Maintenance Exemptions for Section 10 of RHA

If the project is in, under, or over Section 10 waters, then the maintenance is NOT EXEMPT, even if it meets a Section 404 exemption.

 Please apply for a permit for any maintenance activities in Section 10 waters.



Corps Application

ENG 4345 Application Form

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) APPLICATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT 33 CFR 325. The proponent agency is CECW-CO-R. The public reporting burden for this collection of information, OMB Control Number 0710-0003, is estimated to average 11 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of nformation. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or burden reduction suggestions to the Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services t whs. mo-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil. Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number. PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR APPLICATION TO THE ABOVE EMAIL PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT Authorities: Rivers and Harbors Act. Section 10, 33 USC 403; Clean Water Act, Section 404, 33 USC 1344; Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act ection 103, 33 USC 1413; Regulatory Programs of the Corps of Engineers; Final Rule 33 CFR 320-332. Principal Purpose: Information provided on this form vill be used in evaluating the application for a permit. Routine Uses: This information may be shared with the Department of Justice and other federal, state, and ocal government agencies, and the public and may be made available as part of a public notice as required by Federal law. Submission of requested information nd be submitted to the District Engineer having jurisdiction over the location of the proposed activity. An application that is not completed in full will be returned stem of Record Notice (SORN). The information received is entered into our permit tracking database and a SORN has been completed (SORN #A1145b) (ITEMS 1 THRU 4 TO BE FILLED BY THE CORPS) APPLICATION NO 2. FIELD OFFICE CODE 3. DATE RECEIVED 4. DATE APPLICATION COMPLETE (ITEMS BELOW TO BE FILLED BY APPLICANT) 5 ADDITIOANT'S NAME 8. AUTHORIZED AGENT'S NAME AND TITLE (agent is not required) First -Company -Company -E-mail Address E-mail Address 6. APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: 9. AGENT'S ADDRESS: Address-Country -APPLICANT'S PHONE NOs. WAREA CODE 10. AGENTS PHONE NOs. WAREA CODE a. Residence STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION to act in my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request supplemental information in support of this permit application NAME, LOCATION, AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY 12. PROJECT NAME OR TITLE (see Instructions 14. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (if applicable) 13. NAME OF WATERBODY, IF KNOWN (If applicable 15. LOCATION OF PROJECT 16. OTHER LOCATION DESCRIPTIONS, IF KNOWN (see Instructions) Range -ENG FORM 4345, MAY 2018 PREVIOUS EDITIONS ARE OBSOLETE.

ENG 6082* Application Form

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Contents of an Application Package

- ☐ Funding mechanisms identified (Federal, State, or Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislature (BIL) Funded)
- Name of applicant and agent (include address and contact information)
- Location (Latitude/Longitude in <u>decimal degrees</u>, address, township, range)
- Type of anticipated permit
- Description of the proposed activity
 - ☐ Dredging description (disposition, acreage, cubic yards, methodology)
 - ☐ Fill description (material, acreage, cubic yards, methodology)
 - ☐ Pile description (sizes, quantities, installation methodology)
 - Construction of impoundment structure
 - List the work associated with each impact (i.e., outfall replacement: 0.01 acre of fill)
- Applicant and agent signatures



Contents of an Application Package

- Adjoining property owners' addresses (in mailing label format ask reviewer for template type)
- Aerial map of project location
- Legible Project Drawings (vicinity map, plan and cross section views in 8.5" x 11" or 11" x 17" using match lines if necessary)
- □ Direct/indirect impacts to water of the United States (impact drawings)
- Provide quantity and type of temporary impacts
- Amount of loss of waters of United States (acreage, cubic yards, linear feet)
- Avoidance, minimization, and mitigation statements

Definition of a complete application can be found in 33 CFR 325.1(d)(1-10). Complete application does not always mean enough information to make a permit decision.

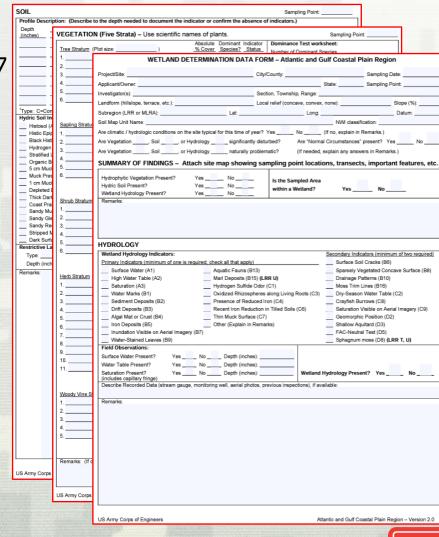
For more information:

https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-33/chapter-II/part-325/section-325.1#p-325.1(d)



Contents of an Application Package

- Delineation prepared in accordance with current Corps (FEDERAL) methodologies (1987 Manual and Regional Supplement, Wetland Determination Data Forms Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain Region, map with data points, appropriate drawings, etc.)
- Compensatory mitigation proposal (data forms, wetland functional assessment scores)
- Federally listed species potentially affected
- Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) resources
- ☐ Historic Properties
- □ Tribal land
- National Wild and Scenic River Systems
- ☐ Effect on Federal projects (i.e., navigation channels, easements).



Maps

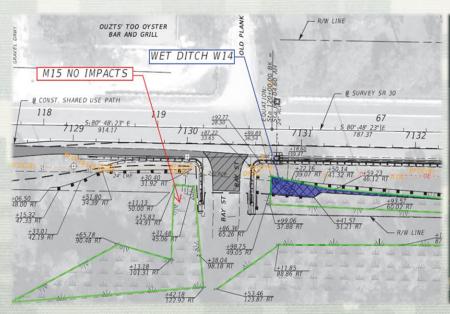
- General location map
- ☐ Florida Land Use, Cover, and Forms Classification System (FLUCFCS) Map
- NWI
- Soil Map
- Aerial map with delineation data points and Corps delineation line

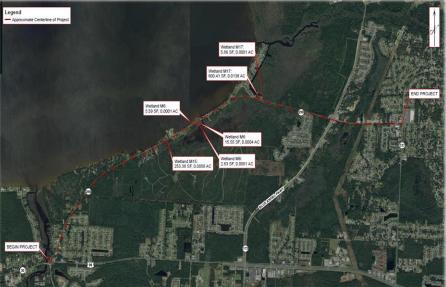




Drawings

- ☐ Impact drawings with permanent, temporary, and secondary impacts
- ☐ Aerial image with an overlay of the impacts and project plans
 - ☐ .kmz files, if available







Drawing Completeness Items

Appropriate labels and legends

Road names

Section, Township, Range

Identify avoided areas

Scale bar

City, County

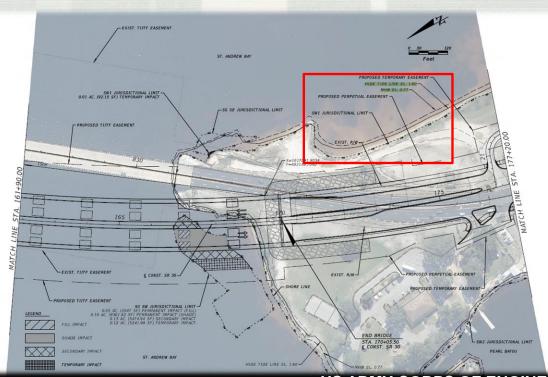
- Shoreline at the project site
- North arrow

Cross-sections

Landmarks

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Plan Views

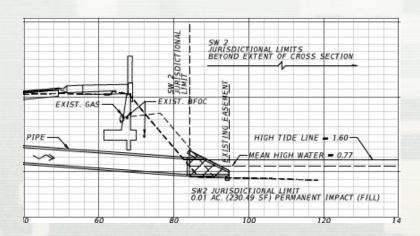


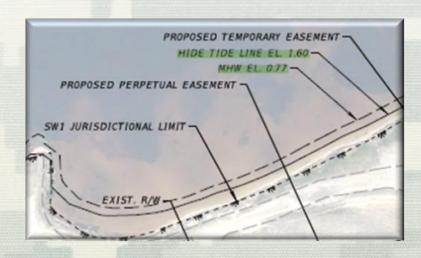


Drawing Completeness Items

Please include:

- Mean High, Mean Low, and High Tide Waterlines (in tidal areas)
- Ordinary High Waterlines (in non-tidal areas)
 or control/design elevation in man-made canals
- Wetland lines
- Existing and proposed structures
- Distances between structure to the nearest edge of the Federal project (Section 408)
 - https://navigation.usace.army.mil/Survey/Hydro
- Width of the waterway
- Culverts and other connections including flowlines
- ☐ Fill and dredge area (acreage and cubic yards)







Consultation Documents

Agency/Requ	uirement
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Federally Funded

State Funded

US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) - Endangered Species Act (ESA)

Consultation request, highlighted programmatic keys, concurrence letter, biological opinions, and commitments.

Effect determinations or accurate information for the Corps to make the determinations, Programmatic keys, and Standard Local Operating Procedures for

or

USFWS/FDOT Programmatic Approach for minor transportation activities completed checklist.

Endangered Species (SLOPES).

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) - ESA

Consultation request, concurrence letter or biological opinions, and commitments. or

Review project using Jacksonville District Programmatic Biological Opinion (JAXBO) and project design criteria (PDCs) for the activity. If the project meets all PDCs, then submit complete JAXBO checklists or enough information for the Corps to complete the checklists.

Effect determination and enough information for the Corps to initiate Consultation with NMFS - Protected Resource Division (PRD). or

Review project using JAXBO and PDCs for the activity. If the project meets all PDCs, then submit complete JAXBO checklists or enough information for the Corps to complete the checklists.

NMFS - Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act – Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)

Consultation request, Habitat Conservation Recommendations letter/email and benthic surveys (performed during growing season).

Benthic survey (performed during growing season) and information for the Corps to initiate consultation with NMFS - Habitat Conservation Division (HCD).

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) - National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)

SHPO concurrence letter provided by FDOT, to include Cultural Resource Survey Report (CRAS), if performed, or SHPO/FDOT Programmatic Agreement.

SHPO concurrence letter usually provided by FDOT but can be coordinated by the Corps. If coordinated by Corps, provide CRAS if available.

Tribal Historic Preservation Office - NHPA

CRAS, if performed, and/or other discoveries to address Tribal Trust responsibilities and Government to Government (G2G) coordination.

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Section 408 Review

Please include:

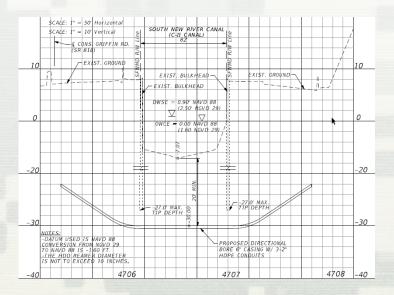
- Whether Corps, US Coast Guard (USCG), or non-federal sponsor will coordinate 408 review.
 - If Corps coordinates, include:
 - Description of the impacts to the federal project
 - □ Plan view drawings of the proposed work requiring 408 authorization
 - X & Y State Plane coordinates of the most waterward point(s) of structure(s)
 - Dimensions of the structure, depth of water (at mean low water) at the waterward end of the structures, and the distance from the waterward end of the structure to the near design edge of the federal channel
 - Hydraulic studies
 - Frac-out plan, if performing directional boring
 - ☐ If non-federal sponsor or USCG coordinates, include:
 - Copy of submitted 408 request
 - Copy of 408 authorization letter (when received)
 - Frac-out plan, if required, to attach to Corps permit

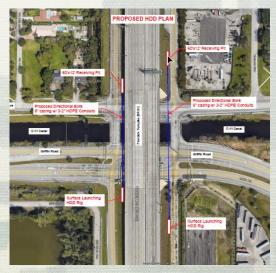


Other Helpful Items

For subaqueous line, pipe, and/or cable projects:

- Cross sections and detailed description of cable/pipe
- Linear feet and area
- Depth of cable/pipe
- Authorized depth of federal channel or canal
- Distance from authorized depth of channel to top of cable/pipe
- Installation methodology (side cast/horizontal directional drilling (HDD))
- Indicate if drilling entry/exit points would be in wetlands or uplands







Other Helpful Items

For subaqueous line, pipe, and/or cable projects:

- Frac out plan
 - □ Include calculations that confirms the maximum drilling pressure will not exceed 10 psi. Please provide Delft equation calculations with the guidance from Engineering Memorandum (EM) 1110-2-2902 Section 5.6.3.4 and/or any other supporting calculations.
 - Include frac-out plan with field response to accidental releases, response close out procedures (decommissioning/abandonment procedures), construction restart, and documentation of the incident. The release procedure/notification should include the following information:
 - 1. Name and telephone number of person reporting
 - Location of the frac-out
 - 3. Date and time of the frac-out
 - 4. Estimated quantity of drilling fluid released.
 - 5. How the release occurred
 - 6. The type of activity that was occurring during the frac-out.
 - 7. Description of the methods used to clean up or secure the site.
 - 8. Provide any photographs of the frac-out and the clean-up.



Other Helpful Items

- Water Quality Certification (WQC).
- Table showing total acreage of wetland or surface water within the project area.
- Include wetland types.
- Include the State Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) and/or National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents.
- ☐ Include project specific avoidance and minimization statement "As described in the SEIR" or a general "avoidance and minimization was evaluated in the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) phase" is not specific enough for Corps decision documents.

Wetland Name	Туре	Acreage/cub ic yard	Activity
SW-1	Surface water	0.02 acres/ 5 cubic yards	Dredge of canal
W-1	Emergent Tidal	0.01	Outfall installation/ fill
W-2	Emergent Tidal	0.002/ 1 cubic yard	Slope correction/ dredge

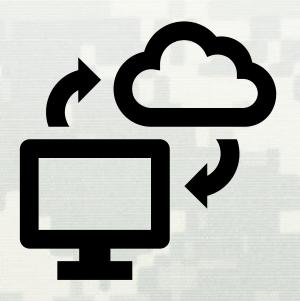
TABLE OF AQUATIC RESOURCES IN REVIEW AREA WHICH "MAY BE" SUBJECT TO REGULATORY JURISDICTION.

Site number	Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)	Estimated amount of aquatic resource in review area (acreage and linear feet, if applicable)	Type of aquatic resource (<u>i.e.</u> wetland vs. non- wetland waters)	Geographic authority to which the aquatic resource "may be" subject (i.e. Section 404 or Section 10/404



Successful Submittal

- Send all **FDOT** and **Turnpike** application packages to <u>CORPSJAXREG-FDOT@usace.army.mil</u>.
- ☐ For emails larger than **20 MB**, request a DOD-SAFE link from CORPSJAXREG-FDOT@usace.army.mil.
- □ Reference SAJ and State 404 application numbers, if previously assigned.
- Maintain consistent project names.
- Include Financial Project Number (FPN) and Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) number, if applicable.
- Submit responses to RAIs directly to the assigned reviewer email.





Common Causes for RAI

- No project description or poor project description
- Latitude and longitude are not in decimal degrees
- Wrong mailing label format for adjoining property owners
- Application not signed by the applicant <u>and</u> agent
- □ Habitat description i.e., seagrass surveys, ecological communities, vegetation, wetland delineation
- Wetland delineations with missing data sheets, maps with data points, or complete drawings depicting the delineation
- No drawings, poor quality drawings
- Missing avoidance and minimization statement
- Missing compensatory mitigation statement
- Lack of information regarding endangered species surveys, cultural resources, and essential fish habitat
- Wrong wetland functional assessment for a proposed mitigation bank
- Alternative analysis



Questions?



