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---ARE YOU PREPARED?

A deadline is quickly approaching for contractors, developers and landowners who have existing Nationwide Permits from the Army Corps of Engineers.

All of the existing permits will be changed, reissued, or revoked on or before March 18, 2012. The permits were last issued in 2007.

Nationwide Permits are federal permits that authorize the discharge of dredged and fill material in U.S. waterways, including wetlands and streams. They are often required when roads, bridges and other developments are built near wetlands and streams.

Contractors and developers who have received coverage under one of the 2007 Nationwide Permits should start the work by March 18, 2012. Failure to do so will require them to start the permit process again.

The process is not only costly, but it can take between two months to about a year to complete. Starting work under the existing permit also may be less expensive, considering some changes will require more complex processes and procedures.

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General Condition 2, which protects aquatic life movements, will require bottomless culverts, which are less likely to disturb the lifecycle of the stream.

Nationwide Permit 21, which authorized surface coal mining, was suspended in June 2010. Three options are being considered. The Army Corps of Engineers may decide not to reissue the permit; reissue the permit with a threshold of ½ acre of impact and limit stream channel loss to 300 feet, allowing valley fills; or reissue the permit with a threshold of ½ acre of impact and limit stream channel loss to 300 feet, but not allowing valley fills.

Nationwide Permit 48, which regulates existing commercial shellfish aquaculture activities, may be changed. The Army Corps of Engineers is deciding whether to reissue a new permit or to issue a separate permit to only new commercial activities in an effort to address over-harvesting of natural resources.

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Two new Nationwide Permits are being proposed for renewable energy. Permit A will apply to land-based renewable energy generation facilities, including solar energy farms, while Permit B will apply to water-based renewable

energy generation facilities, including solar, wind and geothermal energy with ½ acre impact or less and the loss of less than 300 linear feet of streambed.

If you have questions about Nationwide Permits, contact **Bob White at (229) 432-5805 or bwhite@ttlusa.com.**



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Many of you have reached out to us after the tornado disasters that ripped through the southeast on April 27, 2011. We wanted to express a heartfelt thank you for your concern. Our employees and their families were fortunate to not have any injuries and only some limited property damage. As we help rebuild our communities, please know that your support has been felt and is greatly appreciated.



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