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Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: Nationwide Permit 15 Verification NAP-2015-00134  
Corsons Inlet Bridge CM  
Central coordinates (39.203165°, -74.656485°)

Lewis T. Donofrio Jr. P.E.  
Cape May County Bridge Commission  
4 Moore Road, DN 3010  
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

Dear Mr. Donofrio Jr.:

This letter is written in regard to your proposal to repair an existing concrete caisson at pier 29, below the mean high water line. This project is located in Cape May County on the existing Corson's Inlet Bridge (Structure No. 3100-002), which carries County Route 619 over Corson's Inlet. Based upon our review of the information that has been provided, it has been determined that the proposed work is authorized by Department of the Army Nationwide Permit (NWP) 15. U.S. Coast Guard Approved Bridges pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344).

This verification of authorization under NWP 15, described in the Federal Register at 82 FR 1860, is based on your agreement to comply with the general conditions, regional conditions and project specific special conditions listed in this letter. Copies of the NWP descriptions, NWP general conditions and the NWP regional conditions for New Jersey can be found at:

2017 NWP Descriptions:

<https://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Portals/39/docs/regulatory/nwp/2017-NWP-Descriptions.pdf?ver=2020-05-12-205253-183>

2017 NWP General Conditions:

<https://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Portals/39/docs/regulatory/publicnotices/2017%20Nationwide%20Permit%20General%20Conditions.pdf>

2017 New Jersey Regional Conditions:

[https://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Portals/39/docs/regulatory/publicnotices/2017\\_NJ\\_Reg\\_Cond\\_Final.pdf](https://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Portals/39/docs/regulatory/publicnotices/2017_NJ_Reg_Cond_Final.pdf)

Federal permits require determination from the State that the activities are consistent with the State's coastal zone management (CZM) program if the activity is located within the State's coastal zone. Federal permits also require the State's certification of

compliance with section 401 of the Clean Water Act through the receipt of a 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) if the activity involves a Section 404 discharge. An individual water quality certification is required and has not been issued or waived to date. A provisional general permit will be verified for this activity. An individual CZM consistency concurrence is required and has not been issued, waived or presumed to date. A provisional general permit will be verified for this activity. Therefore, you are being directed to seek further review by the State.

This verification of NWP authorization is valid until the Nationwide Permits expire on **March 18, 2022**, unless the NWP authorization is modified, suspended, or revoked prior to this date. In the event that the NWP authorization is modified during that time period, this expiration date will remain valid, provided the activity complies with any subsequent modification of the NWP authorization.

Activities which have commenced (i.e. are under construction) or are under contract to commence in reliance upon an NWP will remain authorized provided the activity is completed within twelve months of the date of an NWP's expiration, modification, or revocation, unless discretionary authority has been exercised on a case-by-case basis to modify, suspend, or revoke the authorization in accordance with 33 CFR 330.4(e) and 33 CFR 330.5 (c) or (d). Activities completed under the authorization of an NWP which was in effect at the time the activity was completed continue to be authorized by that NWP.

**Special Conditions:**

1. All work performed in association with the subject project shall be conducted in accordance with the **enclosed** project plans identified as "CAPE MAY COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION - 2021 CORSONS INLET BRIDGE REHABILITATION", 3 Sheet(s), dated October 2021, unrevised and signed by Hamid Ikram P.E.
2. Construction activities shall not result in the disturbance or alteration of greater than .0004 acre of waters of the United States.
3. Any deviation in construction methodology or project design from that shown on the enclosed project plans must be approved by this office, in writing, prior to performance of the work. All modifications to the enclosed project plans shall be approved, in writing, by this office. No work shall be performed prior to written approval of this office.
4. This office shall be notified prior to the commencement of authorized work by completing and signing the **enclosed** "Notification of Commencement" form. This office shall also be notified within 10 days of the completion of the authorized work by completing and signing the **enclosed** "Notification of Completion" form.

Notification is required each time maintenance work is to be done under the terms of this Corps of Engineers permit.

5. The permittee understands and agrees that, if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration, of the structure or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative, said structure or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the permittee will be required, upon due notice from the Corps of Engineers, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States. No claim shall be made against the United States on account of any such removal or alteration.
6. You must allow representatives from this office to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure that it is being or has been accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of your general permit.
7. Any conditions in your State authorization required for compliance with the State CZM program and 401 WQC are conditions of this authorization by reference.

Also **enclosed** with this NWP verification letter is a form seeking any comments, positive or otherwise, on the procedures, timeliness, fairness, etc. of the permit process. You may forward your comments along with the signed "Notification of Commencement" form or "Notification of Completion" form, following the directions provided on the form. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly at (215) 656-5733 or by email ([robert.m.deems@usace.army.mil](mailto:robert.m.deems@usace.army.mil)).

Sincerely,

Robert Deems  
Biologist

Enclosures

cc:  
Kashfia Billah, P.E., Michael Baker International, Inc.