

## **Special Public Notice**

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ISSUANCE DATE: January 13, 2021

REFERENCE NUMBER: POA-2017-00227

**EXPIRATION DATE:** January 30, 2026

ISSUANCE OF REGIONAL GENERAL PERMIT (RGP)
POA-2017-00227 (RGP-03)
MILITARY TRAINING ACTIVITIES

The United States (U.S.) Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Alaska District, in accordance with regulations pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217, 33 U.S.C. 1344 et. Seq.). This RGP expires on January 30, 2026.

The RGP would authorize the temporary discharge of dredged and/or fill material into wetlands and/or waters of the United States and permanent discharges of up to 2.0 acres per permit use, for the purpose of training and training support activities on U.S. Army Garrison Alaska Training Lands.

## RGP changes after the Public Notice:

The public notice prompted several small changes to the text of the RGP. Comments from United States Environmental Protection Administration (USEPA) regarding the permitting of dikes for non-training purposes were reconsidered and the use of this permit to verify dike construction was retracted. United States Army Garrison Alaska (USAGAK) provided more detailed maps of each major training area detailing their non-public wetlands mapping efforts to this point which will be used in the RGP. The Application Procedures Section was reworded to clarify that non-federal Permittees must submit a General Permit Application for actions likely to have cultural (National Historic Preservation Act) resources or Endangered Species Act issues. Based on comments from United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and EPA, an appendix describing Special Aquatic Resources not covered under this RGP was added (Appendix A of RGP-03). It specifically references the Tanana Flats Training Area fen system where use of the RGP would be inappropriate due to the magnitude of impacts any development would cause in this sensitive resource. It also contains maps and a list of other Special Aquatic Areas in the Training Lands for the use of special conditions, or restrictions to development are merited based on the unique or sensitive nature of the resource. This Appendix would be periodically reviewed for updates for the lifetime of the RGP.

All authorized activities must be in accordance with the general conditions of the RGP. You may view a copy of the RGP under the Regional General Permits at: <a href="https://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Permits/Regional-General-Permits/">https://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Permits/Regional-General-Permits/</a>, or by requesting a hard copy.

Any questions or requests for additional information should be directed to <a href="mailto:regpagemaster@usace.army.mil">regpagemaster@usace.army.mil</a>, (907) 753-2712, toll-free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712.

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