



US Army Corps  
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Alaska District

# Special Public Notice

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**SUBJECT:** Re-Issuance of General Permit POA-2011-124 as POA-2016-476 Discharge of Dredged and/or Fill Material into Wetlands at Bethel, Alaska

**PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:** September 26, 2016

**EXPIRATION DATE:** October 31, 2016

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** SPN-2016-476

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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this public notice is to distribute and solicit comments on the re-issuance of Bethel General Permit POA-2011-00124 as POA-2016-00476.

The Alaska District, United States (U.S.) Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), in accordance with regulations pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act is proposing to modify and reissue General Permit POA-2011-00124 as POA-2016-00476, which would permit the placement of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States (U.S.), including wetlands, within specific areas of Bethel, Alaska. The GP boundary is limited to an area within the city limits of Bethel, less excluded areas.

Maps showing the areas subject to authorization under this GP, and areas specifically excluded, are available for public use at the City of Bethel, Planning Department Office, and at the Regulatory Division, Alaska District, Corps of Engineers. A map showing the boundaries of areas covered or excluded under this GP is attached for guidance (Enclosure I). The areas excluded from GP coverage would be subject to a Nationwide or individual permit review.

This GP would authorize the discharge of fill material into waters of the U.S., including wetlands, for the purpose of constructing and/or expanding building foundation pads, utilities, roads, driveways, and parking areas for residential, commercial and public works developments. The GP would also authorize excavation activities including mechanized land clearing and other activities that could result in a re-deposition of fill material. Discharges of dredged and/or fill material in waters of the U.S. authorized by this GP for single and complete projects may not exceed 1.0 acre.

The proposed GP would also authorize activities where the placement of pilings and/or boardwalks would have the effect of a discharge of fill material. Applicants are required to submit a Pre-Construction Notification Form (PCN) and obtain GP verification in writing from the Alaska District Corps of Engineers prior to commencing construction. The City of Bethel would no longer be required to submit quarterly monitoring reports to the Corps of Engineers. A copy of the proposed GP and previously issued GP (POA-2011-00124) are attached for reference.

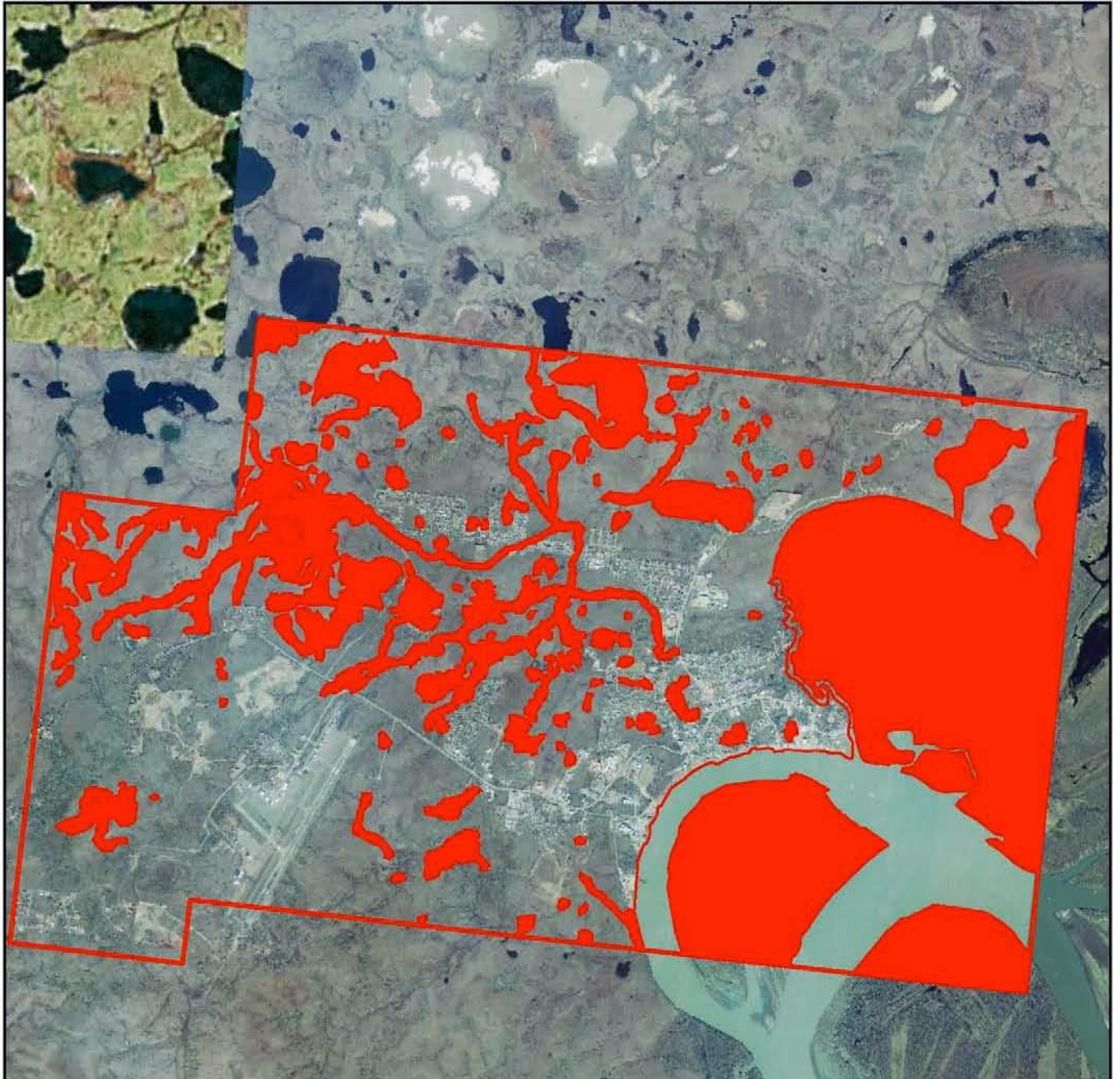
GP POA-2016-476 would be re-issued for a period of five (5) years. At the end of this five (5) year period, an evaluation of this GP will be made, and at that time it will be decided whether or not this GP should be renewed. The District Commander may at any time during this five (5) year period alter, modify, suspend, or revoke this permit, if he deems such action is in the public interest.

The attached proposed GP POA-2016-476 outlines criteria that would have to be met in order for work to be authorized under this GP. All authorized activities must be in accordance with the conditions of the GP. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the permit could result in suspension, modification, or revocation of the permit, and/or imposition of penalties as provided by law.

**COMMENTS OR REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Comments or requests for additional information should be directed to: Alaska District, Corps of Engineers, Attention: Timm Kennedy, Regulatory Division, Post Office Box 6898, JBER, Alaska 99506-0898, email [tim.a.kennedy@usace.army.mil](mailto:tim.a.kennedy@usace.army.mil), phone (907) 753-2784, or toll free in Alaska at (800) 478-2712.

District Commander  
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Enclosure



**ENCLOSURE 1.**

**BOUNDARY OF GENERAL PERMIT POA-2011-124 (BETHEL GP)**

This GP applies to the area within the linear boundary less the area within the boundary shaded in red. The areas excluded from this GP is shaded in red. This Map is not intended for use in determining applicability of GP POA-2011-124 for specific projects. A 1:500 scale map is available for such use at the City of Bethel, Planning Department and the Alaska District, Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, North Branch.

# STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION OF WATER  
401 Certification Program  
Non-Point Source Water Pollution Control Program

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct an activity that might result in a discharge into navigable waters, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL95-217), also must apply for and obtain certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation that the discharge will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. By agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Conservation, application for a Department of the Army permit to discharge dredged or fill material into navigable waters under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act also may serve as application for State Water Quality Certification.

Notice is hereby given that the application for a Department of the Army Permit described in the Corps of Engineers' Public Notice No. **POA-2016-476, Wetlands at Bethel**, serves as application for State Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

After reviewing the application, the Department may certify there is reasonable assurance the activity, and any discharge that might result, will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. The Department also may deny or waive certification.

Any person desiring to comment on the project, with respect to Water Quality Certification, may submit written comments to the address above by the expiration date of the Corps of Engineer's Public Notice.



**File Number: POA -2016-476**

**APPLICANT: City of Bethel**

**AGENT: N/A**

**ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS: N/A**

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