

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
District Department of the Environment



Natural Resources Administration
Water Quality Division

June 22, 2011

Mr. William P. Seib, Chief
Regulatory Branch
Department of the Army
Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
PO Box 1715
Baltimore, MD 21203-1715

Re: **Water Quality Certification of the Proposed Nationwide Permits and Regional Conditions Public Noticed for Comments on April 26, 2011 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District.**

Dear Mr. Seib:

The District of Columbia, Department of the Environment (DDOE) has reviewed the Special Public Notice #11-33 issued by the Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) on April 26, 2011, requesting for comments on proposed regional conditions to the proposed Nationwide Permits (NWP) for work in Maryland, Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, and appropriate military installations of Northern Virginia.

DDOE hereby denies a blanket water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, to all NWP that will result in a discharge in the District of Columbia. DDOE has determined that the public interest in the activities authorized under the proposed NWP in the District of Columbia, requires an individual comprehensive review process and evaluation by the Corps, and subsequent Section 401 water quality certification by DDOE. The substantive standards found in the Environmental Protection Agency Clean Water Act §404(b)(1) guidelines, the Corps' public interest review regulations and policy memoranda of the two agencies provide for this public interest review by both the Corps and DDOE.

The permit application form for proposed work in the District of Columbia, should indicate that the application form and all supporting documents must also be submitted to

The Associate Director
Water Quality Division
District Department of the Environment
1200 First Street, N.E., 5th Floor
Washington, DC 20002



If we can be of further assistance, please contact Adion Chinkuyu of the Water Quality Division at (202) 535-2193.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Collin R. Burrell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a period at the end.

Collin R. Burrell
Associate Director

cc: Beth E. Bachur