

COMPARISON CHART

NATIONWIDE PERMITS (NWP)

AND

MARYLAND STATE PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT (MDSPGP)

PARAMETER	EXISTING MDSPGP	PROPOSED MDSPGP	NATIONWIDE PERMITS
Reporting Required (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reporting threshold for wetlands	>5,000 square feet for most activities involving discharges. >5 acres for some activities involving discharges	>5,000 square feet for virtually all activities involving discharges	Generally, discharges >0.1 acre (4,536 square feet)
Reporting threshold for streams	All work in streams	>500 linear feet (5,000 square feet)	>500 linear feet
Agency notification (PDN) required (Yes/No)	Yes. Agency notification required for all reporting activities.	Yes. Agency notification required for all reporting activities.	Yes. Of the 44 NWPs, 11 require PDN. 4 NWPs require PDN for all projects. 4 NWPs require PDN for impacts >0.5 acre (21,780 square feet). 3 NWPs require PDN for impacts between 1 and 3 acres.
Public notice required (Yes/No)	Yes. Public notice generally required for activities involving impacts >5,000 square feet (i.e., activities that require a State permit public notice).	Yes. Public notice generally required for activities involving impacts >5,000 square feet (i.e., activities that require a State permit public notice).	No
Maximum wetland impact authorized	3 acres in tidal waters, including wetlands. 5 acres in nontidal wetlands	1 acre in tidal or nontidal waters, including wetlands	Generally, 0.5 acre (21,780 square feet) for NWPs. NWP 32 is 5 acres. NWP 34 is 10 acres
Maximum stream impact authorized	None	1 acre. Generally, no linear foot maximum	Generally, 300 linear feet
Activity-specific terms and conditions (Yes/No)	No	Yes	Yes
Applicability	Discharges and structures, including piers, in all waters of the U.S., including navigable waters	Discharges and structures, including piers, in all waters of the U.S., including navigable waters	Discharges and structures, (NOT PIERS) in all waters of the U.S., including navigable waters