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ACTIVITY b (4)
Maintenance of Tidal Roadside Ditches

The authorized Maintenance of Tidal Roadside Ditches activities must comply with the following applicable activity specific conditions, all general conditions of this permit, and any project-specific special conditions.

This activity authorizes maintenance sediment and debris removal of tidally influenced roadside drainage ditches and their outlets. This activity also authorizes temporary structures, work, and discharges of dredged or fill material into tidal waters of the United States necessary for associated construction activities or repairs, including but not limited to stream diversion devices, access fills, structures and/or fills for dewatering of construction sites, and placement of construction matting (Section 10 and/or 404; limited to all tidal waters).

Category A Impact Limits and Requirements:

- (i) No application is required for Corps authorization.
- (ii) The total temporary and permanent impacts to tidal ditches and tidal wetlands are not to exceed 10,000 square feet and/or 500 linear feet of drainage ditch being maintained.

Category B Impact Limits and Requirements:

- (i) An application must be submitted to MDE for Corps authorization. See Section II.D for when an application is required to be submitted for Corps review.
- (ii) This activity authorizes maintenance activities of tidal roadside ditches that exceed design criteria of Category A and meet the Category B conditions and General Conditions.

Requirements Applicable to Both Category A and Category B Activities:

- (i) This activity authorizes work only in roadside ditches and their outlets that are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.
- (ii) This activity does not allow for authorize stationing equipment in the ditch. Work shall be done from the bank or road crossing using the appropriate equipment, such as an excavator arm or boom.

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(iii) The maintenance must not enlarge or change the length, width, depth, or shape of the ditch from its original design dimensions and configurations. Maintenance cannot increase drainage capacity beyond the original as-built capacity nor can it expand the area drained by the ditch as originally constructed (i.e., the capacity of the tidal roadside ditch must be the same as originally constructed and it cannot drain additional wetlands or other waters of the United States).

(iv) The location of the centerline of the tidal roadside ditch must be approximately the same as the location of the centerline of the original design.

(v) This activity does not authorize new stream channelization or stream relocation projects.

(vi) Excavated material must be placed in an upland disposal site, must be properly contained and stabilized, and placed where the material: (1) will not wash back into the ditch and/or adjacent tidal waters; (2) will not wash into and/or fill adjacent wetlands; (3) will not adversely impact the function of the natural floodplain; and (4) will not create a restriction or impediment to the movement of aquatic species indigenous to the water, or to the passage of normal or expected high flows and tidal exchanges. Excavated material may be placed on existing upland ditch banks/berms.

(vii) The proposed maintenance activities must not exceed the depth of the connecting waterway.

(viii) Placement of the excavated materials in waters of the United States, including wetlands, is not authorized by this activity.

See verification letter for any special conditions that may apply to your specific project.