Florida’s State Programmatic General Permit (SPGP)

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What is SPGP?

- Programmatic general permit issued by the Corps to the state
- Allows state to verify applicant’s qualification for federal authorization along with issuance of the state authorization
- Permit contains limitations, exclusions, and project design criteria based on equivalent state authorizations, Corps requirements, and the Jacksonville District’s Programmatic Biological Opinion (NMFS)
SPGP Considerations

- Reduces duplication between federal and state/tribal agencies
- Often faster than applying to Corps
- Good customer service
- Limited to minor activities
- Permit review considerations
Project Categories

• Current (SPGP V-R1)
  • Shoreline stabilization
  • Boat ramps
  • Docks, piers, associated facilities, and other minor piling-supported structures
  • Derelict vessel removal
  • Scientific devices

• Past
  • Maintenance dredging
  • Upland to upland directional drilling

• Previously Considered
  • Limited wetland fill (on hold for 404 effort)
  • Idea modeled on Programmatic General Permit SAJ-111
# SPGP vs. Assumption

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<td>Scope</td>
<td>General Permit type activities (activities substantially similar in nature and cause only minimal individual and cumulative impacts)</td>
<td>All dredge and fill activities within assumed waters</td>
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<td>Expiration</td>
<td>Must be re-issued every 5 years</td>
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| Area covered            | • If state/tribe does not have assumption, can be in any WOTUS, subject to conditions/exclusions  
                          | • If state/tribe has assumption, can only be within retained waters | Only within assumed waters |
Resources

• Jacksonville District Regulatory Division Sourcebook

• https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/SPGP/

• https://floridadep.gov/water/submerged-lands-environmental-resources-coordination/content/federal-permits-and-coordination
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