



News Release

(HOLDREGE, Neb.) - Good news for lakeside cabin owners! The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has recently determined that maintenance, repairs, and improvements to existing shoreline protection projects can now be covered under a Corps “nationwide” permit. The nationwide permit process allows for certain activities to proceed, provided that the general or specific conditions for the general permit are met. The Corps review of this matter came about in large part as a result of Central’s decision to stop issuing permits on behalf of the Corps beginning in 2020. Based on our discussions with the Corps, it is our understanding that for shoreline work covered by the nationwide permit, rip-rap placement on Central’s lakes would no longer be subject to some of the detailed sizing requirements that has been such a burden to Central’s tenants in recent years.

According to the Corps, the nationwide permit should apply in all locations where shoreline protection was in place prior to the passage of the Clean Water Act in 1972. Prior approval and confirmation from the Corps on whether or not the nationwide permit applies, and any conditions of work under the permit, is still required before any work begins.

The Corps can be contacted regarding nationwide and other Clean Water Act permits at:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Nebraska Regulatory Office
8901 South 154th St.
Omaha, NE 68138-3635
(402) 896-0896
<https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/>

Additionally, tenants and others planning to do shoreline work on Central’s lakes are reminded that they are required to contact Central before any work begins, and Central will continue to issue its own permits for purposes of ensuring compliance with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission requirements, which are separate from and in addition to any Corps requirements. If you have questions about the permitting process, or if you are need a permit from Central, please contact the Senior Land Administrator, Luke Ritz, at Central’s office in Gothenburg at (308) 537-3582.

###

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 23, 2020

Contact: Mike Drain
Natural Resources and
Compliance Manager
Office: (308) 995-8601
E-mail: mdrain@cnppid.com