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Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: WQC PRE-FILING NOTICE FOR NATIONWIDE PERMITS

Heather Nelson
Wetlands and Waterways Program
Water and Science Administration
Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

Dear Ms. Nelson:

On September 15, 2020, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers published in the Federal Register its proposal to reissue the Nationwide Permits (NWP). The proposed rule is available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/09/15/2020-17116/proposal-to-reissue-and-modify-nationwide-permits>.

The Philadelphia District will be requesting water quality certification for the proposed issuance of the NWP. In accordance with 40 CFR 121.4, the Philadelphia District requests a pre-filing meeting to discuss the proposed NWP in advance of submitting a Clean Water Act Section 401 certification request for the proposed reissuance of these NWP. If you accept this request for a pre-filing meeting, please send a response that identifies your points-of-contact for the pre-filing meeting.

Thank you for your attention regarding this matter. If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact Michael D. Yost, at (267) 240-5278 or by email at michael.d.yost@usace.army.mil. We look forward to working with your office throughout the water quality certification process for the proposed NWP.

Sincerely,

Todd A. Schaible
Chief, Regulatory Branch

CC:
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