



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
BALTIMORE DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 1715
BALTIMORE, MD 21203-1715

August 8, 2003

Operations Division

Hazardous Substance Research Center
c/o Horne Engineering
Attn: Yuewei Zhu, Ph.D.
2750 Prosperity Drive, Suite 450
Fairfax, Virginia 22031-4312

Dear Dr. Zhu:

This is in reference to your application, CENAB-OP-RMS(HORNE ENGINEERING/ACTIVE CAPPING)03-02011-11, dated July 14, 2003, for Department of the Army (DA) verification of Nationwide Permit (NWP) authorization to place four types of sediment capping material, each area being 100 by 100 feet and 3 to 6-inches thick and overlain with 6 to 9- inches of sand, for the purpose of testing the effectiveness of each capping material to abate or retard sediment pollutants from reaching the water column, in Anacostia River, District of Columbia. This authorization also includes any sampling that may be subsequently required.

This waterway has been determined to be within our regulatory jurisdiction and the activity proposed does require DA authorization.

Our evaluation has determined that the proposed work, if accomplished in accordance with the enclosed plan(s), is authorized by Nationwide Permit(s) for purposes of Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act of 1899 and/or Section 404 of the Clean Water Act as published in the January 15, 2002 Federal Register, Final Notice of Issuance, Reissuance, and Modification of NWPs (67 FR Vol 10), NWP number(s) (6, 38), provided any other Federal/local authorizations are granted. If any of the information contained in the application and/or plan(s) is later found to be in error, this authorization may be subject to modification, suspension, or revocation.

Enclosed is a list of conditions which must be followed for purposes of the NWP(s) and the management practices which should be followed in performing the work. In addition, by copy of this letter, we are forwarding your application to the District of Columbia Department of Health, Water Quality Division for a Water Quality Certification (WQC). The conditions of the WQC will be included as conditions of the NWP.

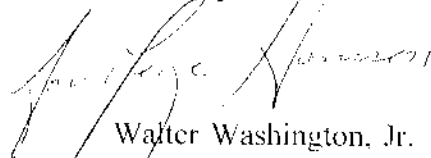
NWP general condition number 14 requires every permittee who receives a NWP verification from the Corps of Engineers to submit a signed certification regarding completed work and any required mitigation. Therefore, upon completion of the herein described work, you are required to complete the enclosed compliance certification letter and return it to the address indicated thereon.

This verification is valid for two years from the date of this letter unless the NWP is modified, reissued, or revoked. It is incumbent upon you to remain informed of changes to the NWPs. We will issue a public notice announcing the changes when they occur. Furthermore, if you commence or are under contract to commence this activity before the date the NWP is modified or revoked, you will have 12 months from the date of the modification or revocation to complete the activity under the present terms and conditions of this NWP.

After you have obtained all required Federal and/or local authorizations, you may proceed with the authorized work.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call George Harrison of this office at (410) 962-6002.

Sincerely,



Walter Washington, Jr.
Chief, Maryland Section Southern

Enclosure