

Environmental Management Procedure (EMP) 4.4.6.10 Tab 7

Subject: Wetlands and Coastal Resources Management

1. Purpose: This EMP establishes the procedures for the management of wetland habitats within the installation boundary.
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3. References:
 - A. JBLE-I 32-101, Environmental Management
 - B. EMP Dictionary
 - C. EMP 4.4.6.10 Natural Resource Management
 - D. Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP)
4. Scope: This EMP applies to all Activities and personnel, including military, civilians, vendors, suppliers, and contractor personnel who enter JBLE-Eustis. The definition of an Activity can be found in JBLE I 32-101.
5. Roles and Responsibilities:
 - A. CED/EE will:
 - (1). Manage the wetland program in accordance with INRMP.
 - (2). Determine whether appropriate federal, state or local permits are required based on the scope of projects, exercises and actions.
 - (3). Prepare Joint Permit Applications (or request Nationwide/Regional Permits or request extensions of existing permits where permissible) for projects, exercises and actions that will impact wetlands.
 - (4). Maintain an inventory of wetlands on the installation.
 - (5). Assist proponents with the preparation of Federal Consistency Determinations.
 - B. All Activities and Project Proponents will:
 - (1). Coordinate with CED/EE prior to construction projects, exercises or actions that may impact wetlands.
 - (2). The proponent is responsible for providing maps, drawings, and descriptions of the proposed actions as described in the Joint Permit Application.
 - (3). Include Federal Consistency Determinations as part of their environmental impact assessment

process for their projects.

- C. 7th Sustainment Brigade will conduct pier stabs (operation of temporary floating causeway systems) in accordance with federal, state and local permits obtained by CED/EE based on input from 7th Sustainment Brigade. Once permits are obtained, 7th Sustainment Brigade will notify CED/EE at least 30 days prior to such operations and comply with all aspects of such permits.

6. Procedures:

- A. Submit Joint Permit Applications with supporting documentation to Virginia Marine Resources Commission normally with at least 6-8 months prior to commencement of work. Provide a public notice for permit applications, as applicable. Provide application fee for permit applications, as required but will be reimbursed by the proponent through cost transfer. Plan actions well in advance to compensate for time required by regulatory agencies to process permits. Permit applications for wetlands are reviewed by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Virginia Marine Resources Commission and Newport News Wetlands Board.
- B. Maintain at least a one hundred (100) foot upland vegetated buffer from wetlands and streams of perennial flow.
- C. Avoid filling, excavation of, digging in, driving of vehicles in, releasing hazardous substances into, destruction or removal of vegetation associated with or any other activity that otherwise alters or damages the chemical, physical or biological characteristics of wetlands a permit(s).