

**CULVERT REPLACEMENTS**

**MACWAHOC PLT**  
**&**  
**NORTH YARMOUTH ACADEMY**  
**GRANT TWP**

**WINs 028333.00 & 31160.00**

**2026**

**Updated 02/05/2026**

# **STATE PROJECT**

**MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS**

## BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use pen and ink to complete all paper Bids. Signatures shall be original. Stamped and copied signatures will not be accepted. Bids are not accepted by email or FAX.
2. As a minimum, the following should be received prior to the time of Bid opening:

For a Paper Bid:

- a) a copy of the Notice to Contractors, b) the completed Acknowledgement of Bid Amendments form, c) the completed Schedule of Items, d) two copies of the completed and signed Contract Agreement, Offer & Award form, e) a Bid Guaranty, f) the completed Contractor Information Sheet, and g) any other certifications or Bid requirements listed in the Bid Documents as due by Bid opening.

For an Electronic Bid:

**NOTE: Not all projects accept Electronic Bids. Please review the Notice to Contractors and see if it specifically states that Electronic Bids will be accepted.**

- a) a completed Bid using Expedite® software and submitted via the Bid Express™ web-based service, b) an electronic Bid Guaranty (if required) or a faxed copy of a Bid Bond (with original to be delivered within 72 hours), and c) any other Certifications or Bid requirements listed in the Bid Documents as due by Bid opening.
3. Include prices for all items in the Schedule of Items.
  4. Bid Guaranty acceptable forms are:
    - a) a properly completed and signed Bid Bond on the Department's prescribed form (or on a form that does not contain any significant variations from the Department's form as determined by the Department) for 5% of the Bid Amount or
    - b) an Official Bank Check, Cashier's Check, Certified Check, U.S. Postal Money Order or Negotiable Certificate of Deposit in the amount stated in the Notice to Contractors or
    - c) an electronic bid bond submitted with an electronic bid.

5. All Bid Packages which are mailed or sent express, shall be provided in double (one envelope inside the other) envelopes, for security and other reasons. The *Inner Envelope* shall have the following information provided on it:

Bid Enclosed - Do Not Open

WIN:

Towns:

Date of Bid Opening:

Name of Contractor with mailing address and telephone number:

In Addition to the usual address information, the *Outer Envelope* should have written or typed on it:

Double Envelope: Bid Enclosed

WIN:

Towns:

Date of Bid Opening:

Name of Contractor:

If a paper Bid is to be sent **express**, please take note that overnight services do not always arrive in time and that delivery may be affected by carrier volume, weather and other factors. Packages using express services should be sent directly to the DOT Headquarters Building, Maine Department of Transportation, 24 Child Street, Augusta, ME 04333. "FedEx First Overnight" delivery is suggested as the package is delivered directly to the DOT Headquarters Building, Mailroom, 24 Child Street, Augusta. **Allow extra days** for U.S. Postal Service Express Mail which has proven not to be reliable and sometimes does not deliver directly to the DOT Headquarters Building but instead delivers to the State of Maine Mail Distribution Center.

If a paper bid is to be **mailed using the US Postal Service**, the mailing address is Maine Department of Transportation, 16 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0016. **Allow additional working days** for this mail to pass through the state mail system in addition to the US Postal Service as this mail is not delivered directly to the Department of Transportation.

If a paper Bid is to be hand carried, deliver directly to the “Public Entrance” which is located on the Capitol Street side of the DOT Headquarters Building in Augusta. Hand-carried Bids may be in one envelope, and should be marked with the following information:

Bid Enclosed: Do Not Open

WIN:

Towns:

Date of Bid Opening:

Name of Contractor:

*If you need further information regarding Bid preparation, call the DOT Contracts Section at (207) 624-3410.*

*For complete bidding requirements, refer to Section 102 of the Maine Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition.*

# NOTICE

The Maine Department of Transportation is attempting to improve the way Bid Amendments/Addendums are handled and allow for an electronic downloading of bid packages from our website, while continuing to maintain an optional plan holders list.

Prospective bidders, subcontractors or suppliers who wish to download a copy of the bid package and receive a courtesy notification of project specific bid amendments must fill out the on-line plan holder registration form and provide an email address to the MDOT Contracts mailbox at: [MDOT.contracts@maine.gov](mailto:MDOT.contracts@maine.gov). Each bid package will require a separate request.

Additionally, interested parties will be responsible for reviewing and retrieving the Bid Amendments from our web site, and acknowledging receipt and incorporating those Bid Amendments in their bids using the Acknowledgement of Bid Amendment Form.

The downloading of bid packages from the MDOT website is not the same as providing an electronic bid to the Department. Electronic bids must be submitted via <http://www.BIDX.com>. For information on electronic bidding contact Guy Berthiaume at [guy.berthiaume@maine.gov](mailto:guy.berthiaume@maine.gov).

**STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
Bid Guaranty-Bid Bond Form

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, of the City/Town of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of \_\_\_\_\_

as Principal, and \_\_\_\_\_ as Surety, a

Corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ and having a usual place of

Business in \_\_\_\_\_ and hereby held and firmly bound unto the Treasurer of

the State of Maine in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_, for payment which Principal and Surety bind

themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally.

The condition of this obligation is that the Principal has submitted to the Maine Department of

Transportation, hereafter Department, a certain bid, attached hereto and incorporated as a

part herein, to enter into a written contract for the construction of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and if the Department shall accept said bid

and the Principal shall execute and deliver a contract in the form attached hereto (properly

completed in accordance with said bid) and shall furnish bonds for this faithful performance of

said contract, and for the payment of all persons performing labor or furnishing material in

connection therewith, and shall in all other respects perform the agreement created by the

acceptance of said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full

force, and effect.

Signed and sealed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PRINCIPAL:

By \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

SURETY:

By \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Local Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

# NOTICE

Bidders:

Please use the attached “Request for Information” form when submitting questions concerning specific Contracts that have been advertised for Bid, include additional numbered pages as required. RFI’s may be faxed to 207-624-3431, submitted electronically through the Departments web page of advertised projects by selecting the RFI tab on the project details page or via e-mail to [RFI-Contracts.MDOT@maine.gov](mailto:RFI-Contracts.MDOT@maine.gov).

These are the only allowable mechanisms for answering Project specific questions. Maine DOT will not be bound to any answers to Project specific questions received during the Bidding phase through other processes.

When submitting RFIs by Email please follow the same guidelines as stated on the “Request for Information” form and include the word “RFI” along with the Project name and Identification number in the subject line.



### **Vendor Registration**

Prospective Bidders must register as a vendor with the Department of Administrative & Financial Services if the vendor is awarded a contract. Vendors will not be able to receive payment without first being registered. Vendors/Contractors will find information and register through the following link –

<http://www.maine.gov/purchases/venbid/index.shtml>

## CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

**Contractor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vendor Customer Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information (Primary Contact):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address (if different from above):** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**The company has the following organizational structure:**

**Sole Proprietorship**

**Limited Liability Company**

**Partnership**

**Joint Venture**

**Corporation**

**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Date)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Signature)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Name and Title Printed)**

**STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Sealed Bids addressed to the Maine Department of Transportation, Augusta, Maine 04333 and endorsed on the wrapper “Bids for **Culvert Replacement** in the Town of **Macwahoc PLT & North Yarmouth Academy Grant TWP**” will be received from contractors at the Reception Desk, MaineDOT Building, Capitol Street, Augusta, Maine, until 11:00 o’clock A.M. (prevailing time) on **June 17, 2026** and at that time and place, publicly opened and read. Bids will be accepted from all bidders. **We now accept electronic bids for bid packages posted on the bidx.com website. Electronic bids do not have to be accompanied by paper bids. Please note: The Department will accept a facsimile of the bid bond; however, the original bid bond must then be received at the MDOT Contract Section within 72 hours of the bid opening.** Until further notice, dual bids (one paper, one electronic) will be accepted, with the paper copy taking precedence. The lowest responsive bidder must demonstrate successful completion of projects of similar size and scope to be considered for the award of this contract.

Description: WINs 028333.00 & 031160.00

Location: In Aroostook County, project is located on Route 2 in the plantation of Macwahoc and Township of North Yarmouth Academy Grant TWP.

Outline of Work: Culvert Replacement and other incidental work.

For general information regarding Bidding and Contracting procedures, contact George Macdougall at (207) 624-3410. Our webpage at <http://www.maine.gov/dot/doing-business/bid-opportunities/> contains a copy of the Schedule of Items, Plan Holders List, written portions of bid amendments bid results and an electronic form for RFI submittal. For Project-specific information fax all questions to **Gary Pelletier** at (207) 624-3431, use electronic RFI form or email questions to [RFI-Contracts.MDOT@maine.gov](mailto:RFI-Contracts.MDOT@maine.gov), project name and identification number should be in the subject line. Questions received after 12:00 noon of Friday prior to bid date will not be answered. Bidders shall not contact any other Departmental staff for clarification of Contract provisions, and the Department will not be responsible for any interpretations so obtained. TTY users call Maine Relay 711.

Bid Documents, plans, specifications and bid forms can be viewed and obtained digitally at no cost at <http://www.maine.gov/dot/doing-business/bid-opportunities/>. They may be purchased from the Department by cash, credit card (Visa/Mastercard) or check payable to Treasurer, State of Maine sent to Maine Department of Transportation, **Attn.: Mailroom**, 24 Child Street, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016. They also may be purchased by telephone at (207) 624-3536 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bid Book \$10 (\$13 by mail), all non-refundable.

If the bid is at a total price greater than \$125,000, it must be accompanied by a bid bond at 5% of the bid amount or an official bank check, cashier’s check, certified check, certificate of deposit, or United States postal money order in the amount of 5% of the bid amount, payable to Treasurer, State of Maine as a Bid guarantee. If the bid is accepted and the total price is greater than \$125,000, a Contract Performance Surety Bond and a Contract Payment Surety Bond, each in the amount of 100 percent of the Contract price, will be required of the successful Bidder.

This Contract is subject to all applicable State Laws.

All work shall be governed by *State of Maine, Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition*, price \$10 [\$15 by mail], and *Standard Details, March 2020 Edition*, price \$10 [\$15 by mail]. They also may be purchased by telephone at (207) 624-3536. *Standard Detail* updates can be found at <http://www.maine.gov/dot/doing-business/bid-opportunities/standards/>.

The right is hereby reserved to the MaineDOT to reject any or all bids.

Augusta, Maine  
May 27, 2026



ROBERT W. GURNEY  
ACTING REGION MANAGER  
NORTHERN - REGION 5  
BUREAU OF MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

**SPECIAL PROVISION 102.7.3  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF BID AMENDMENTS**

With this form, the Bidder acknowledges its responsibility to check for all Amendments to the Bid Package. For each Project under Advertisement, Amendments are located at <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/contractors/> . It is the responsibility of the Bidder to determine if there are Amendments to the Project, to download them, to incorporate them into their Bid Package, and to reference the Amendment number and the date on the form below. The Maine DOT will not post Bid Amendments any later than noon the day before Bid opening without individually notifying all the planholders.

Amendment Number	Date

The Contractor, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby acknowledges that it has received all of the above referenced Amendments to the Bid Package.

**CONTRACTOR**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of authorized representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Title Printed)

Maine Department of Transportation

Proposal Schedule of Items

Proposal ID: 028333.00

Project(s): 028333.00, 031160.00

SECTION: 1 PROJECT ITEMS

Alt Set ID: Alt Mbr ID:

Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposal Line Number	Item ID Description	Approximate Quantity and Units	Unit Price		Bid Amount	
			Dollars	Cents	Dollars	Cents
0010	603.1990 24 INCH CULVERT PIPE OPTION III - 031160.00 NYA GRANT TWP	1.000 EA	_____	 _____	_____	 _____
0020	603.2190 36 INCH CULVERT PIPE OPTION III - 028333.00 MACWAHOC	1.000 EA	_____	 _____	_____	 _____
0030	659.10 MOBILIZATION	LUMP SUM		 LUMP SUM	_____	 _____
<b>Section: 1</b>			<b>Total:</b>		_____	 _____
			<b>Total Bid:</b>		_____	 _____

By signing below, the Bidder (1) represents that the Bidder has examined the Contract Agreement contained in the Bid Documents, the Contract, all documents referenced in said Contract, and the site and scope of work, (2) does hereby bid and offer to enter into this contract to construct and/or perform the Work in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract at the unit prices bid in the attached "Schedule of Items", (3) represents that the Bidder has given the Department notice of any errors or ambiguities related to the documents or the work that have been discovered by the Bidder, (4) represents that the above-named organization is the legal entity entering into the resulting contract with the Department if they are awarded the contract and, (5) represents that the undersigned is authorized to enter contractual obligations on behalf of the above-named organization.

Bidder acknowledges that the properly completed and signed Schedule of Items provided with the Bid constitutes the Bidder's offer and that this offer shall remain open for 30 calendar days after the date of opening of bids.

The Bidder hereby certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief that: the Bidder has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of competitive bidding in connection with its bid, and its subsequent contract with the Department.

Use pen and ink to complete paper bids. Signatures shall be original. Stamped and copied signatures will not be accepted.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Bidder's Name and Title)

CTM: \_\_\_\_\_  
TEDOCS# \_\_\_\_\_  
CSN \_\_\_\_\_  
AWP \_\_\_\_\_

## **CONTRACT AGREEMENT, OFFER & AWARD**

AGREEMENT made on the date last signed below, by and between the State of Maine, acting through and by its Department of Transportation (Department), an agency of state government with its principal administrative offices located at Child Street, Augusta, Maine, with a mailing address at 16 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016, and \_\_\_\_\_ (Contractor) a corporation or other legal entity organized under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, with its principal place of business located at \_\_\_\_\_.

The Department and the Contractor, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth in this Agreement (the "Contract"), hereby agree as follows:

### **A. The Work.**

The Contractor agrees to complete all Work as specified or indicated in the Contract including Extra Work in conformity with the Contract, **WIN 028333.00 & 031160.00 Culvert Replacements in Macwahoc PLT & North Yarmouth Academy Grant TWP, County of Aroostook**, Maine. The Work includes construction, maintenance during construction, warranty as provided in the Contract, and other incidental work.

The Contractor shall be responsible for furnishing all supervision, labor, equipment, tools supplies, permanent materials and temporary materials required to perform the Work including construction quality control including inspection, testing and documentation, all required documentation at the conclusion of the project, warranting its work and performing all other work indicated in the Contract.

The Department shall have the right to alter the nature and extent of the Work as provided in the Contract; payment to be made as provided in the same.

### **B. Time.**

The Contractor agrees to complete all Work, except warranty work, on or before **October 31, 2026**. Further, the Department may deduct from moneys otherwise due the Contractor, not as a penalty, but as Liquidated Damages in accordance with Sections 107.7 and 107.8 of the *State of Maine Department of Transportation Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition* and related Special Provisions.

**C. Price.**

The quantities given in the Schedule of Items of the Bid Package will be used as the basis for determining the original Contract amount and for determining the amounts of the required Performance Surety Bond and Payment Surety Bond, and that the amount of this offer is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Performance Bond and Payment Bond each being 100% of the amount of this Contract.

**D. Contract.**

This Contract, which may be amended, modified, or supplemented in writing only, consists of the Contract documents as defined in the Plans, *Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition, Standard Details March 2020 Edition* as updated through advertisement, Supplemental Specifications, Special Provisions, Contract Agreement; and Contract Bonds. It is agreed and understood that this Contract will be governed by the documents listed above.

**E. Certifications.**

By signing below, the Contractor hereby certifies that to the best of the Contractor's knowledge and belief:

1. All of the statements, representations, covenants, and/or certifications required or set forth in the Bid and the Bid Documents, including those in the Contract are still complete and accurate as of the date of this Agreement.
2. The Contractor knows of no legal, contractual, or financial impediment to entering into this Contract.
3. The person signing below is legally authorized by the Contractor to sign this Contract on behalf of the Contractor and to legally bind the Contractor to the terms of the Contract.

**F. Offer.**

The undersigned, having carefully examined the site of work, the Plans, *Standard Specifications March 2020 Edition*, *Standard Details March 2020 Edition* as updated through advertisement, Supplemental Specifications, Special Provisions, Contract Agreement; and Contract Bonds contained herein for construction of:

**WIN 027791.00 & 028333.00 Culvert Replacements in Macwahoc PLT & North Yarmouth Academy Grant TWP, County of Aroostook,**

State of Maine, on which bids will be received until the time specified in the “Notice to Contractors” do(es) hereby bid and offer to enter into this contract to supply all the materials, tools, equipment and labor to construct the whole of the Work in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract at the unit prices in the attached “Schedule of Items.”

The Offeror agrees to perform the work required at the price specified above and in accordance with the bids provided in the attached “Schedule of Items” in strict accordance with the terms of this solicitation, and to provide the appropriate insurance and bonds if this offer is accepted by the Government in writing.

As Offeror also agrees:

First: To do any extra work, not covered by the attached “Schedule of Items,” which may be ordered by the Resident, and to accept as full compensation the amount determined upon a “Force Account” basis as provided in the *Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition*, and as addressed in the contract documents.

Second: That the bid bond at 5% of the bid amount or the official bank check, cashier’s check, certificate of deposit or U. S. Postal Money Order in the amount given in the “Notice to Contractors”, payable to the Treasurer of the State of Maine and accompanying this bid, shall be forfeited, as liquidated damages, if in case this bid is accepted, and the undersigned shall fail to abide by the terms and conditions of the offer and fail to furnish satisfactory insurance and Contract bonds under the conditions stipulated in the Specifications within 15 days of notice of intent to award the contract.

Third: To begin the Work as stated in Section 107.2 of the *Standard Specifications March 2020 Edition* and complete the Work within the time limits given in the Special Provisions of this Contract.

Fourth: That this offer shall remain open for 30 calendar days after the date of opening of bids.

Fifth: The Bidder hereby certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief that: the Bidder has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of competitive bidding in connection with its bid, and its subsequent contract with the Department.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Contractor, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby execute this Agreement and thereby binds itself to all covenants, terms, and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

CONTRACTOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Legally Authorized Representative  
of the Contractor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Title Printed)

**G. Award.**

Your offer is hereby accepted.  
documents referenced herein.

This award consummates the Contract, and the

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: Kyle A. Hall  
Director  
Bureau of Maintenance & Operations

CTM: \_\_\_\_\_  
TEDOCS# \_\_\_\_\_  
CSN \_\_\_\_\_  
AWP \_\_\_\_\_

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The Contractor shall be responsible for furnishing all supervision, labor, equipment, tools supplies, permanent materials and temporary materials required to perform the Work including construction quality control including inspection, testing and documentation, all required documentation at the conclusion of the project, warranting its work and performing all other work indicated in the Contract.

The Department shall have the right to alter the nature and extent of the Work as provided in the Contract; payment to be made as provided in the same.

### **B. Time.**

The Contractor agrees to complete all Work, except warranty work, on or before **October 31, 2026**. Further, the Department may deduct from moneys otherwise due the Contractor, not as a penalty, but as Liquidated Damages in accordance with Sections 107.7 and 107.8 of the *State of Maine Department of Transportation Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition* and related Special Provisions.

**C. Price.**

The quantities given in the Schedule of Items of the Bid Package will be used as the basis for determining the original Contract amount and for determining the amounts of the required Performance Surety Bond and Payment Surety Bond, and that the amount of this offer is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Performance Bond and Payment Bond each being 100% of the amount of this Contract.

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First: To do any extra work, not covered by the attached “Schedule of Items,” which may be ordered by the Resident, and to accept as full compensation the amount determined upon a “Force Account” basis as provided in the *Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition*, and as addressed in the contract documents.

Second: That the bid bond at 5% of the bid amount or the official bank check, cashier’s check, certificate of deposit or U. S. Postal Money Order in the amount given in the “Notice to Contractors”, payable to the Treasurer of the State of Maine and accompanying this bid, shall be forfeited, as liquidated damages, if in case this bid is accepted, and the undersigned shall fail to abide by the terms and conditions of the offer and fail to furnish satisfactory insurance and Contract bonds under the conditions stipulated in the Specifications within 15 days of notice of intent to award the contract.

Third: To begin the Work as stated in Section 107.2 of the *Standard Specifications March 2020 Edition* and complete the Work within the time limits given in the Special Provisions of this Contract.

Fourth: That this offer shall remain open for 30 calendar days after the date of opening of bids.

Fifth: The Bidder hereby certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief that: the Bidder has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of competitive bidding in connection with its bid, and its subsequent contract with the Department.

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CONTRACTOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Legally Authorized Representative  
of the Contractor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Title Printed)

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Your offer is hereby accepted.  
documents referenced herein.

This award consummates the Contract, and the

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: Kyle A. Hall  
Director  
Bureau of Maintenance & Operations

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The Department and the Contractor, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth in this Agreement (the "Contract"), hereby agree as follows:

**A. The Work.**

The Contractor agrees to complete all Work as specified or indicated in the Contract including Extra Work in conformity with the Contract, **WIN 12345.00**, for the **Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay** in the town/city of **South Nowhere**, County of **Washington**, Maine. The Work includes construction, maintenance during construction, warranty as provided in the Contract, and other incidental work.

The Contractor shall be responsible for furnishing all supervision, labor, equipment, tools supplies, permanent materials and temporary materials required to perform the Work including construction quality control including inspection, testing and documentation, all required documentation at the conclusion of the project, warranting its work and performing all other work indicated in the Contract.

The Department shall have the right to alter the nature and extent of the Work as provided in the Contract; payment to be made as provided in the same.

**B. Time.**

The Contractor agrees to complete all Work, except warranty work, on or before **November 15, 2006**. Further, the Department may deduct from moneys otherwise due the Contractor, not as a penalty, but as Liquidated Damages in accordance with Sections 107.7 and 107.8 of the *State of Maine Department of Transportation Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition* and related Special Provisions.

**C. Price.**

The quantities given in the Schedule of Items of the Bid Package will be used as the basis for determining the original Contract amount and for determining the amounts of the required Performance Surety Bond and Payment Surety Bond, and that the amount of this offer is           (Place bid here in alphabetical form such as One Hundred and Two dollars and 10 cents)            
\$ (repeat bid here in numerical terms, such as \$102.10) Performance Bond and Payment Bond each being 100% of the amount of this Contract.

**D. Contract.**

This Contract, which may be amended, modified, or supplemented in writing only, consists of the Contract documents as defined in the Plans, *Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition, Standard Details March 2020 Edition*, Supplemental Specifications, Special Provisions, Contract Agreement, and Contract Bonds. It is agreed and understood that this Contract will be governed by the documents listed above.

**E. Certifications.**

By signing below, the Contractor hereby certifies that to the best of the Contractor's knowledge and belief:

1. All of the statements, representations, covenants, and/or certifications required or set forth in the Bid and the Bid Documents, including those in Appendix A to Division 100 of the *Standard Specifications March 2020 Edition* (Federal Contract Provisions Supplement), and the Contract are still complete and accurate as of the date of this Agreement.
2. The Contractor knows of no legal, contractual, or financial impediment to entering into this Contract.
3. The person signing below is legally authorized by the Contractor to sign this Contract on behalf of the Contractor and to legally bind the Contractor to the terms of the Contract.

**F. Offer.**

The undersigned, having carefully examined the site of work, the Plans, *Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition, Standard Details March 2020 Edition*, Supplemental Specifications, Special Provisions, Contract Agreement; and Contract Bonds contained herein for construction of:

**WIN 012345.00 South Nowhere, Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay**

State of Maine, on which bids will be received until the time specified in the “Notice to Contractors” do(es) hereby bid and offer to enter into this contract to supply all the materials, tools, equipment and labor to construct the whole of the Work in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract at the unit prices in the attached “Schedule of Items.”

The Offeror agrees to perform the work required at the price specified above and in accordance with the bids provided in the attached “Schedule of Items” in strict accordance with the terms of this solicitation, and to provide the appropriate insurance and bonds if this offer is accepted by the Government in writing.

As Offeror also agrees:

First: To do any extra work, not covered by the attached “Schedule of Items,” which may be ordered by the Resident, and to accept as full compensation the amount determined upon a “Force Account” basis as provided in the *Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition*, and as addressed in the contract documents.

Second: That the bid bond at 5% of the bid amount or the official bank check, cashier’s check, certificate of deposit or U. S. Postal Money Order in the amount given in the “Notice to Contractors”, payable to the Treasurer of the State of Maine and accompanying this bid, shall be forfeited, as liquidated damages, if in case this bid is accepted, and the undersigned shall fail to abide by the terms and conditions of the offer and fail to furnish satisfactory insurance and Contract bonds under the conditions stipulated in the Specifications within 15 days of notice of intent to award the contract.

Third: To begin the Work as stated in Section 107.2 of the *Standard Specifications March 2020 Edition* and complete the Work within the time limits given in the Special Provisions of this Contract.

Fourth: The Contractor will be bound to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Requirements contained in the attached Notice (Additional Instructions to Bidders) and submit a completed Contractor’s Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Utilization Plan with their bid.

Fifth: That this offer shall remain open for 30 calendar days after the date of opening of bids.

Sixth: The Bidder hereby certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief that: the Bidder has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of competitive bidding in connection with its bid, and its subsequent contract with the Department.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Contractor, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby execute this Agreement and thereby binds itself to all covenants, terms, and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

CONTRACTOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Print Date here)**  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Sign Here)**  
(Signature of Legally Authorized Representative of the Contractor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Witness Sign Here)**  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Print Name Here)**  
(Name and Title Printed)

**G. Award.**

Your offer is hereby accepted. documents referenced herein.

This award consummates the Contract, and the

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: Bruce A. Van Note, Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Witness)

BOND # \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACT PERFORMANCE BOND  
(Surety Company Form)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, as principal,  
and.....  
a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of ..... and having a  
usual place of business .....  
as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Treasurer of the State of Maine in the sum  
of \_\_\_\_\_ and 00/100 Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_),  
to be paid said Treasurer of the State of Maine or his successors in office, for which  
payment well and truly to be made, Principal and Surety bind themselves, their heirs,  
executors and administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally by these  
presents.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the Principal designated as Contractor in  
the Contract to construct Project Number \_\_\_\_\_ in the Municipality of  
\_\_\_\_\_ promptly and faithfully performs the Contract, then this  
obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

The Surety hereby waives notice of any alteration or extension of time made by the State  
of Maine.

Signed and sealed this ..... day of ....., 20.....

WITNESSES:

SIGNATURES:

CONTRACTOR:

Signature.....

.....

Print Name Legibly .....

Print Name Legibly .....

SURETY:

Signature .....

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Print Name Legibly .....

Print Name Legibly .....

SURETY ADDRESS:

NAME OF LOCAL AGENCY:

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ADDRESS .....

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TELEPHONE.....

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BOND # \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACT PAYMENT BOND  
(Surety Company Form)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ **in the State of** \_\_\_\_\_, as principal,  
and.....

a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of ..... and having a  
usual place of business in .....  
as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Treasurer of the State of Maine for the use  
and benefit of claimants as herein below defined, in the sum of  
\_\_\_\_\_ **and 00/100 Dollars (\$** \_\_\_\_\_ **)**  
for the payment whereof Principal and Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors and  
administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally by these presents.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the Principal designated as Contractor in  
the Contract to construct Project Number \_\_\_\_\_ in the Municipality of  
\_\_\_\_\_ promptly satisfies all claims and demands incurred for all  
labor and material, used or required by him in connection with the work contemplated by  
said Contract, and fully reimburses the obligee for all outlay and expense which the  
obligee may incur in making good any default of said Principal, then this obligation shall  
be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

A claimant is defined as one having a direct contract with the Principal or with a  
Subcontractor of the Principal for labor, material or both, used or reasonably required for  
use in the performance of the contract.

Signed and sealed this ..... day of ....., 20 ... .

WITNESS:

SIGNATURES:

CONTRACTOR:

Signature.....

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Print Name Legibly .....

Print Name Legibly .....

SURETY:

Signature.....

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Print Name Legibly .....

Print Name Legibly .....

SURETY ADDRESS:

NAME OF LOCAL AGENCY:

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ADDRESS .....

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TELEPHONE .....

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State of Maine  
 Department of Labor  
 Bureau of Labor Standards  
 Augusta, Maine 04333-0045  
 Telephone (207) 623-7906

**Wage Determination - In accordance with 26 MRS §1301 et. seq., this is a determination by the Bureau of Labor Standards, of the fair minimum wage rate to be paid to laborers and workers employed on the below titled project.**

**2026 Fair Minimum Wage Rates – Highway & Earth Aroostook County**

Occupational Title	Minimum Wage	Minimum Benefit	Total
Brickmasons and Blockmasons	\$43.02	\$7.64	\$50.66
Bulldozer Operator	\$29.19	\$5.62	\$34.81
Carpenter	\$33.75	\$3.55	\$37.30
Cement Masons and Concrete Finisher	\$24.42	\$2.52	\$26.94
Construction and Maintenance Painters	\$32.96	\$0.45	\$33.41
Construction Laborer	\$23.02	\$0.30	\$23.32
Conveyor Operators and Tenders	\$30.17	\$13.77	\$43.94
Crane and Tower Operators	\$40.43	\$8.63	\$49.06
Crushing Grinding and Polishing Machine Operators	\$26.15	\$3.24	\$29.39
Earth Drillers - Except Oil and Gas	\$25.04	\$3.77	\$28.81
Electrical Power - Line Installer and Repairers	\$48.12	\$15.63	\$63.75
Electricians	\$50.10	\$5.18	\$55.28
Elevator Installers and Repairers	\$67.34	\$39.76	\$107.10
Excavator Operator	\$29.33	\$3.87	\$33.20
Fence Erectors	\$31.01	\$3.35	\$34.36
Flaggers	\$21.10	\$1.06	\$22.16
Floor Layers - Except Carpet/Wood/Hard Tiles	\$29.00	\$8.65	\$37.65
Glaziers	\$37.00	\$6.60	\$43.60
Hazardous Materials Removal Workers	\$24.12	\$1.60	\$25.72
Heating and Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$35.68	\$5.93	\$41.61
Heavy and Tractor - Trailer Truck Drivers	\$27.98	\$3.26	\$31.24
Highway Maintenance Workers	\$17.48	\$5.37	\$22.85
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$29.97	\$6.74	\$36.71
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	\$24.61	\$4.21	\$28.82
Insulation Worker - Mechanical	\$27.35	\$6.05	\$33.40
Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers	\$26.79	\$5.14	\$31.93
Loading Machine and Dragline Operators	\$26.61	\$3.68	\$30.29
Millwrights	\$35.99	\$10.52	\$46.51
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics - Except Engines	\$22.30	\$8.71	\$31.01
Operating Engineers and Other Equipment Operators	\$24.65	\$5.07	\$29.72
Paving Surfacing and Tamping Equipment Operators	\$30.17	\$13.85	\$44.02
Pile-Driver Operators	\$37.15	\$3.12	\$40.27
Pipe/Steam/Sprinkler Fitter	\$32.33	\$7.56	\$39.89
Pipelayers	\$28.75	\$3.64	\$32.39
Plumbers	\$34.11	\$7.80	\$41.91
Radio Cellular and Tower Equipment Installers	\$34.72	\$5.63	\$40.35
Reinforcing Iron and Rebar Workers	\$32.94	\$20.82	\$53.76
Riggers	\$31.25	\$7.68	\$38.93
Roofers	\$25.50	\$3.49	\$28.99
Sheet Metal Workers	\$28.77	\$7.00	\$35.77
Structural Iron and Steel Workers	\$30.98	\$7.12	\$38.10
Tapers	\$29.16	\$5.64	\$34.80
Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers - Except Line Installers	\$37.09	\$10.21	\$47.30
Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers	\$28.49	\$5.29	\$33.78
Tile and Marble Setters	\$28.91	\$5.46	\$34.37

Welders are classified as the trade to which welding is incidental (e.g. welding structural steel is Structural Iron and Steel Worker)


Apprentices – The minimum wage rates for registered apprentices are the rates recognized in the sponsorship agreement for registered apprentices working in the pertinent classification.

For any other specific trade on this project not listed above, contact the Bureau of Labor Standards for further clarification.

Title 26 §1310 requires that a clearly legible statement of all fair minimum wage and benefits rates to be paid the several classes of laborers, workers and mechanics employed on the construction on the public work must be kept posted in a prominent and easily accessible place at the site by each contractor and subcontractor subject to sections 1304 to 1313.

Appeal – Any person affected by the determination of these rates may appeal to the Commissioner of Labor by filing a written notice with the Commissioner stating the specific grounds of the objection within ten (10) days from the filing of these rates.

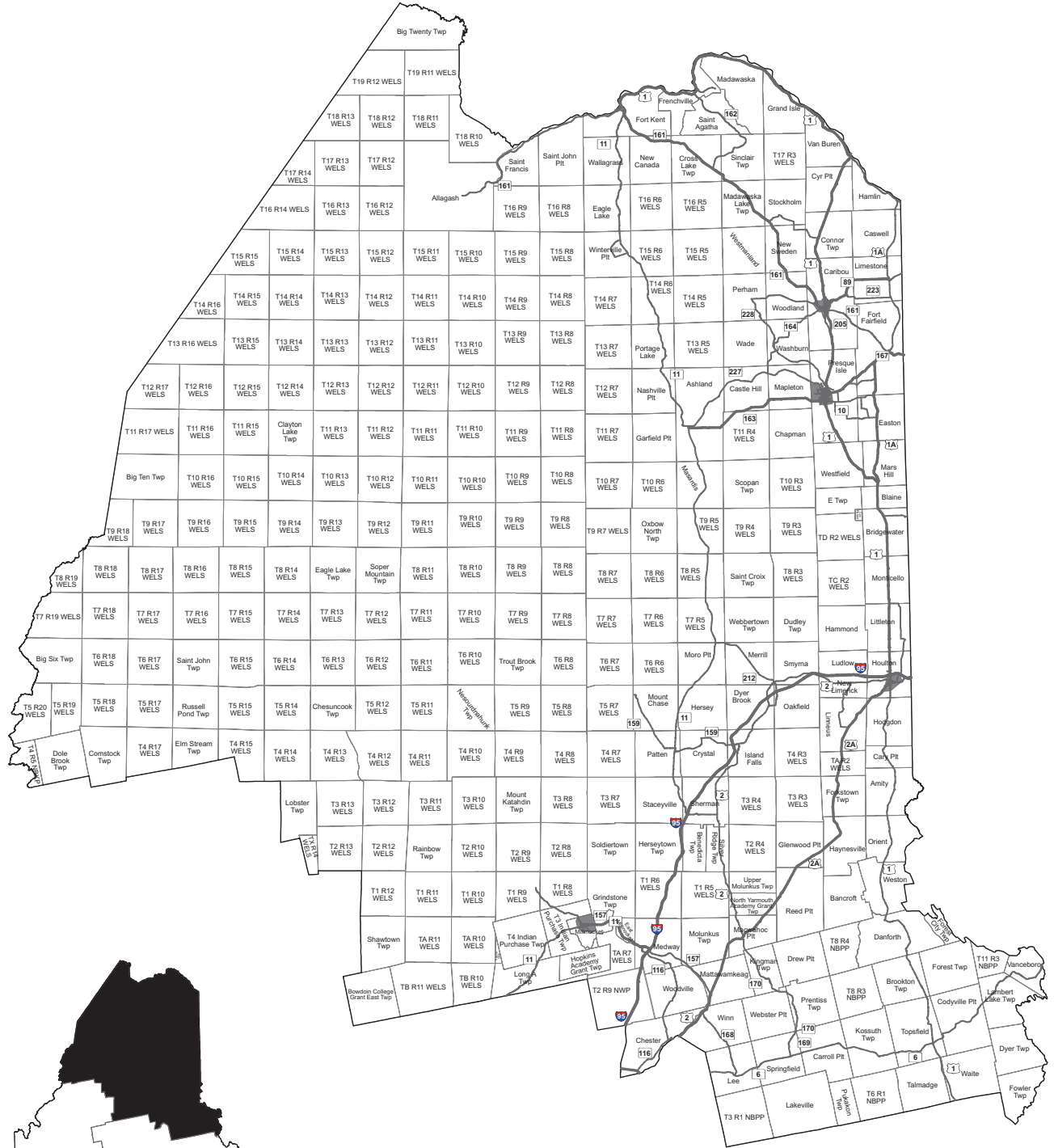
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Attest:   
 Scott R. Cotnoir  
 Wage & Hour Director  
 Bureau of Labor Standards

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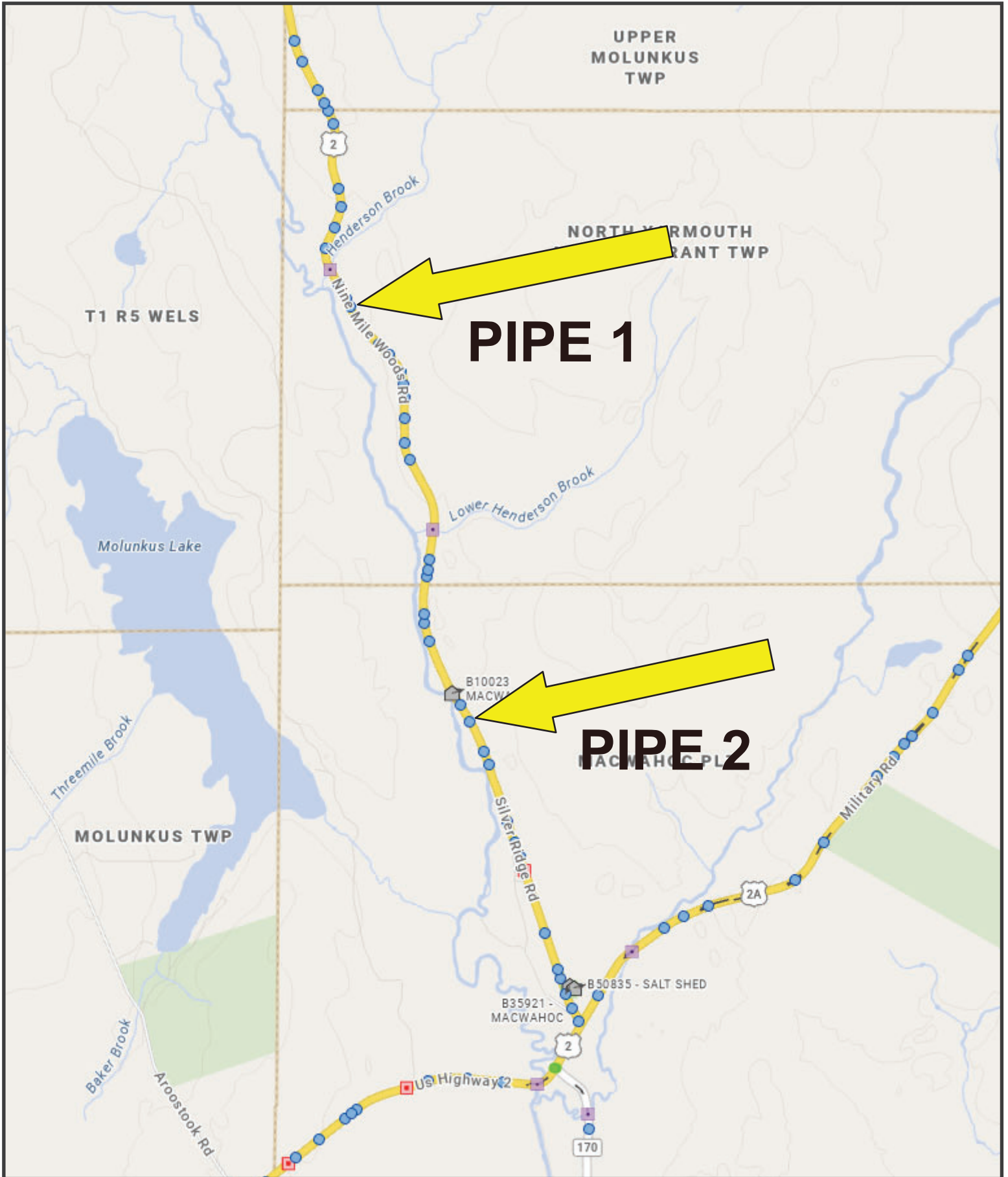
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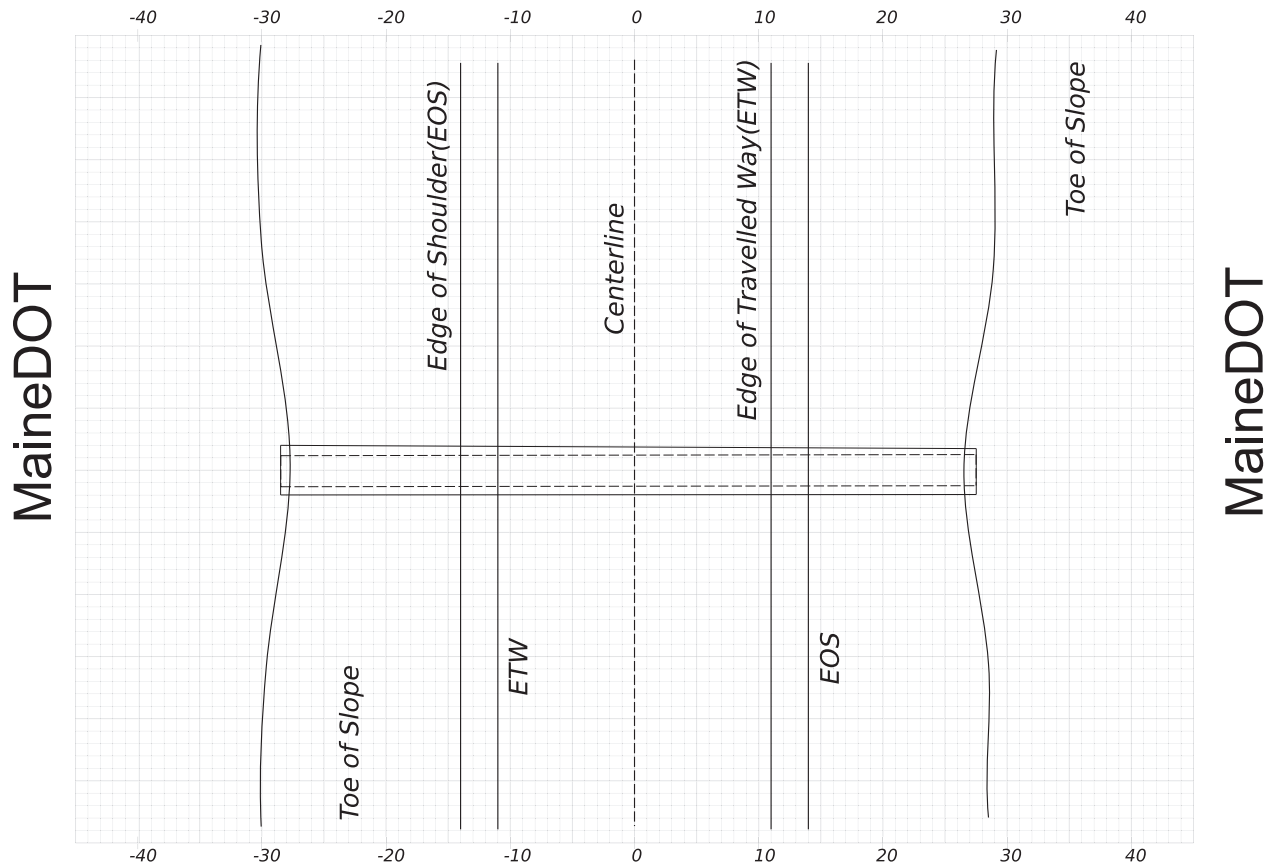


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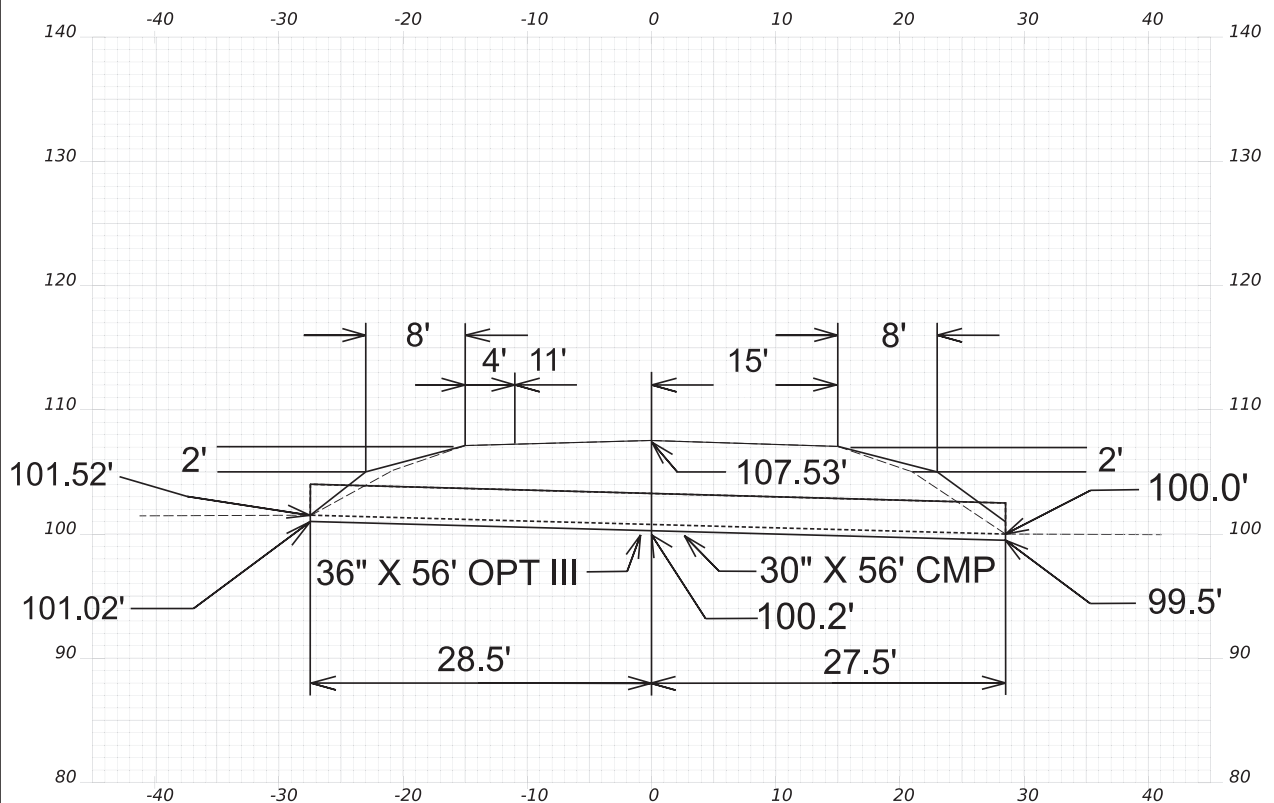
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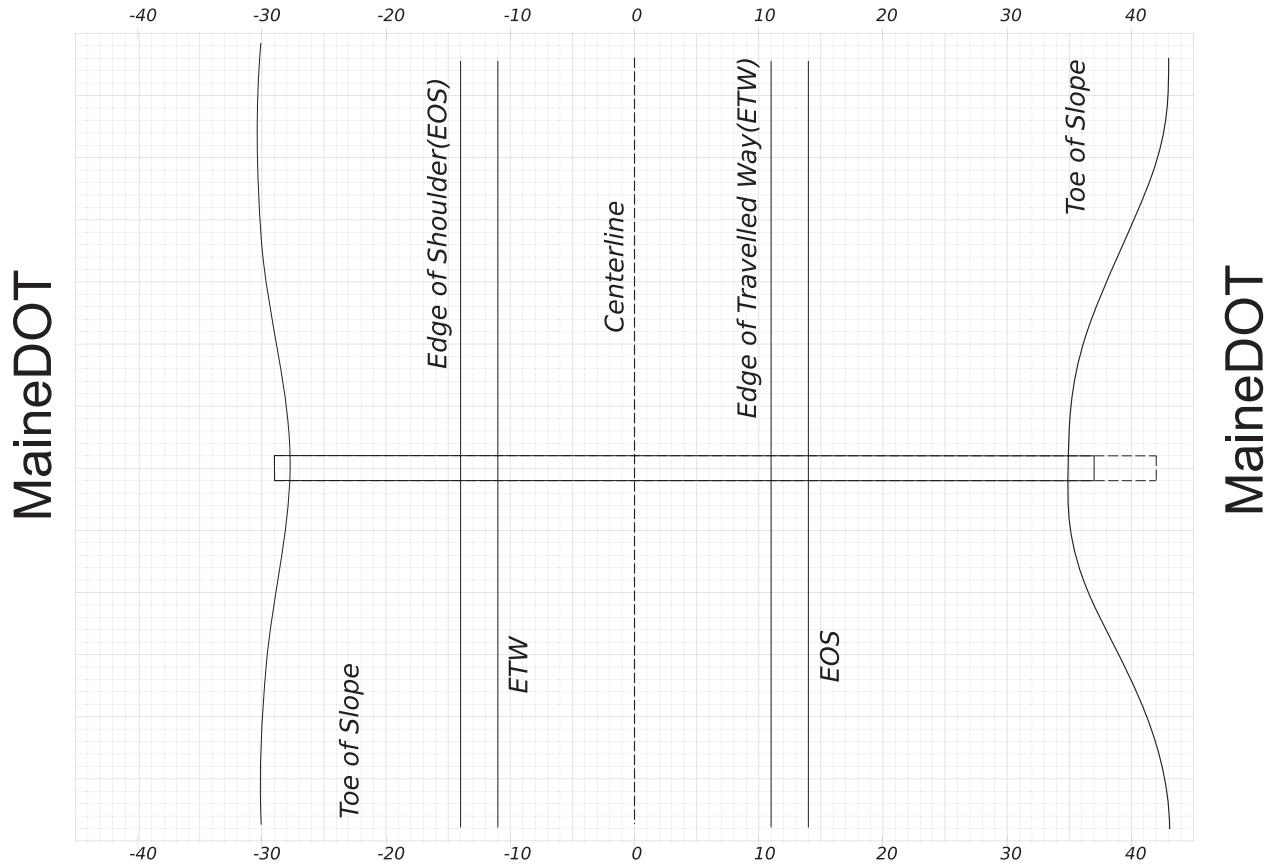


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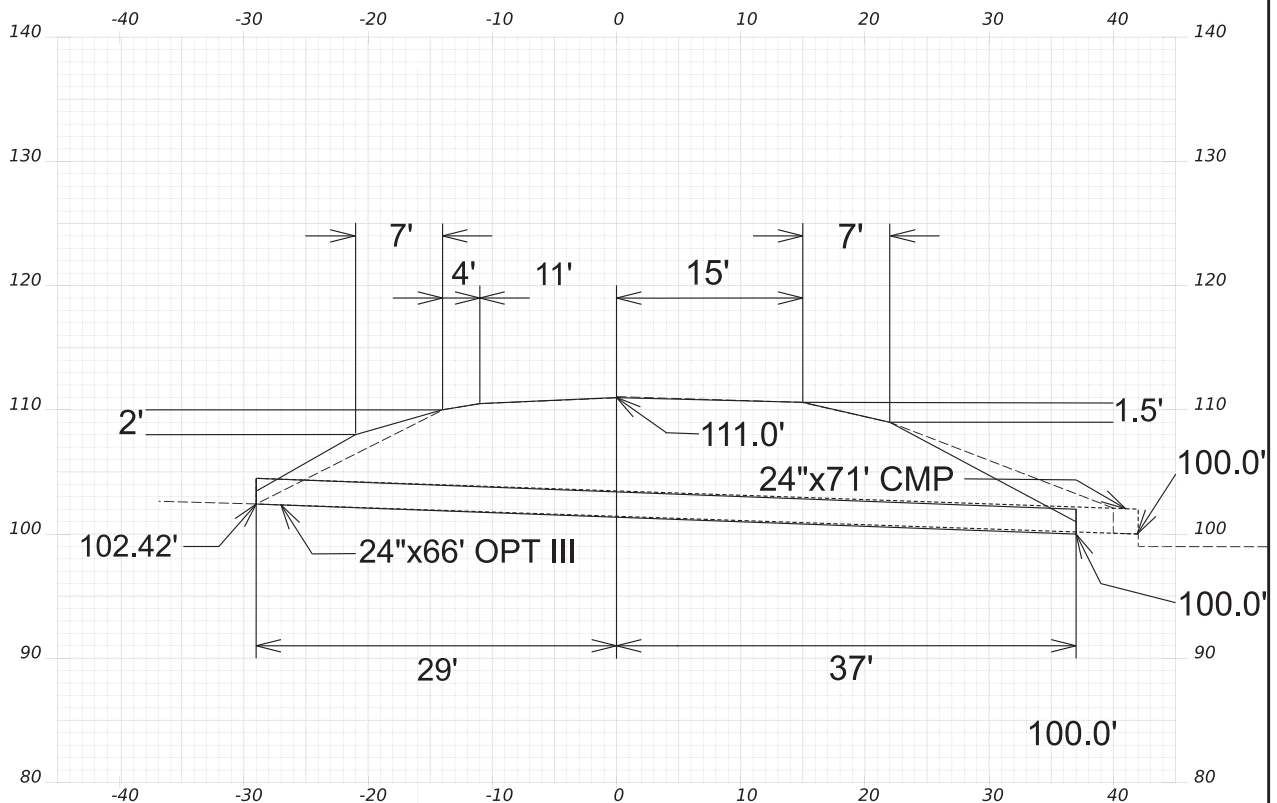


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 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
 N. Yarmouth Academy Grant T02  
 WIN 031160.00

## CONSTRUCTION NOTES

**ITEM: 603.1990 24 INCH CULVERT PIPE OPTION III - PIPE 1 WIN# 031160.00**

Located in North Yarmouth Academy Grant TWP on Route 2 GPS coordinates N 45.69878,  
 W -68.29012

**Existing:** 24"x 71' CMP Centerline Elevation = 111.00

**Proposed: 24" x 66' Option III**

Inlet Side Existing	Outlet Side Existing
Inlet 29' of Centerline at Elev. 102.42'	Outlet 42' of Centerline at Elev. 100.00'
Inlet Side Proposed	Outlet Side Proposed
Inlet 29' of Centerline at Elev. 102.42'	Outlet 37' of Centerline at Elev. 100.00'

**ITEM 603.2190 36 INCH CULVERT PIPE OPTION III - PIPE 2 WIN# 028333.00**

Located in Macwahoc at GPS coordinates N 45.66057, W -68.27421

**Existing:** 30" x 56' CMP Centerline Elevation = 107.53

**Proposed: 36" x 56' Option III**

Inlet Side Existing	Outlet Side Existing
Inlet 28.5' of Centerline at Elev. 101.52'	Outlet 27.5' of Centerline at Elev. 100.00'
Inlet Side Proposed	Outlet Side Proposed
Inlet 28.5' of Centerline at Elev. 101.02'	Outlet 27.5' of Centerline at Elev. 99.5'

**ITEM: 659.10 MOBILIZATION**

**NOTES**

- There is no permitted In-Water work for this project. Both cross-pipes are considered a non-resource.
- No pipe less than eight (8) feet long will be allowed to be installed on the ends of the pipe run.
- HDPE will not be allowed

## GENERAL NOTES

The Contractor shall place the new culvert pipes to the elevations and offsets given in the Construction Notes unless otherwise directed by the Department.

Any necessary cleaning of the pavement caused by replacement of the culvert pipe shall be incidental to the Contract.

Any damage to the pavement and slopes caused by the Contractor's equipment, personnel, or operation shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the Resident. All work, equipment, and materials required to make repairs shall be at the Contractor's expense.

The Contractor may be permitted to use temporary traffic control signals or Automated Flagging Assistant Devices (AFADs) in lieu of flaggers. If the Contractor chooses to use temporary traffic control signals or AFDs, they will be responsible for assuring that they meet the requirements of standard specification and the current edition of the MUTCD. The Contractor will assure that the signals are setup with timing provided by a Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Maine. In addition, the signals will utilize vehicle detection and any driveway, entrance, or side road located within the work zone will be controlled by a temporary traffic control signal as well. Payment for temporary traffic control signals or AFDs will be incidental to the 603 Items.

The Contractor is responsible for following dig safe requirements and for communicating with and coordinating with any applicable utilities.

The Contractor will not be allowed to backfill until the inspector/resident is present.

When compacting, the entire length of the trench will be compacted including the shoulder/inslope of the road.

All work shall be done in accordance with the current Maine Department of Transportation's Best Management Practices for Erosion Control and Sedimentation Control. All water shall be handled so no dirty water will be leaving the sight.

The Contractor shall coordinate with MaineDOT throughout the duration of the project on schedule, issues, MaineDOT's expectations and other project related matters.

No separate payment will be made for superintendent or foreman for supervising the work. This will be considered incidental to the contract.

All waste materials shall be disposed offsite. The Contractor is responsible for finding these disposal areas.

"Undetermined Location" shall be determined by the Department.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS - PREFERRED EMPLOYEES

Sec. 1303. Public Works; minimum wage

In the employment of laborers in the construction of public works, including state highways, by the State or by persons contracting for the construction, preference must first be given to citizens of the State who are qualified to perform the work to which the employment relates and, if they can not be obtained in sufficient numbers, then to citizens of the United States. Every contract for public works construction must contain a provision for employing citizens of this State or the United States. The hourly wage and benefit rate paid to laborers employed in the construction of public works, including state highways, may not be less than the fair minimum rate as determined in accordance with section 1308. Any contractor who knowingly and willfully violates this section is subject to a fine of not less than \$250 per employee violation. Each day that any contractor employs a laborer at less than the wage and benefit minimum stipulated in this section constitutes a separate violation of this section. [1997, c. 757, §1 (amd).]

SPECIAL PROVISION  
SECTION 103  
AWARD AND CONTRACTING  
(Post-Bid, Pre-Award Qualifications)

Standard Specification Section 103.3 Post-Bid Qualification Delete the entire section and replace with the following:

After Bid Opening and as a condition for Award of the Contract, the Department may require an Apparent Successful Bidder that is not prequalified to demonstrate to the Department's satisfaction that the bidder is responsible, meets the Contractor Requirements set forth in this contract, and is qualified to perform the Work.

If such qualification is required, the Department will provide the Bidder with a written Notice of Post-Bid Qualifications requiring the Bidder to provide written documentation presenting evidence of qualifications.

Contractor Requirements

In order to be considered for the award of this contract, the Bidder and key employees that will be assigned to the Work in this Contract shall have successfully completed projects of similar size and scope and have sufficient experience Installation of culverts Said experience shall include, at a minimum, at least three (3) projects of equal or greater complexity than the work required by this Contract completed by the Bidder in the last five (5) years.

Areas of experience shall include, but are not limited to:

- Installation of culvert pipes
- Work performed in live traffic in accordance to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)
- Work performed in or around water bodies in compliance with standards set by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP).

The Contractor shall maintain current licenses, authorizations, ratings and registrations for the duration of the contract.

The Bidder shall be able to comply with the Contract Requirements, be able to deliver according to the contract schedule, and have a history of satisfactory performance.

The Bidder must have a current, applicable Safety Plan on file with the Department or must submit, prior to Contract award, an acceptable, current Safety Plan or Project and Site Specific Safety Plan to the Department which identifies and addresses job hazards of

the expected contract work and complies with all applicable federal, State, and local laws governing safety including all applicable laws and regulations of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

The Bidder may be required to provide any information requested in the “Contractor’s Prequalification Application” form adopted by the Department.

#### Post-bid Qualification Submittals

The Department will notify the Apparent Successful Bidder of the requirements for post-bid, pre-award qualifications and the Bidder shall provide all of the items within seven (7) days of the notice. The Contractor shall submit two copies or an electronic copy of all required submittals to the Department. The Department and the Apparent Successful Bidder may extend the time for the Award process, fulfillment of Award Conditions, and/or execution of the Contract by mutual agreement. Unless specifically and mutually agreed to in writing, such extensions shall not extend the Contract Time nor the Contract Completion Date. Due seasonal, in-stream, or other considerations, the Department may choose not to extend the time for fulfillment of Award Conditions beyond the date when the Department determines that it is unlikely that the Work would be completed within the Contract Time.

The Bidder may be required to submit evidence of compliance with all Contractor Requirements set forth in this Contract.

If the Bidder does not have a history of satisfactory performance performing similar Work under contracts with the Department that meets the Contractor Requirements regarding experience, the Bidder may be required to submit written documentation setting forth the experience of the Bidder and subcontractor(s) who will be performing the Work specified in the contract documents, including a description of similar construction projects completed in the last five (5) years that highlight the Bidder’s and subcontractors’ related experience. Such information shall include:

1. the Company’s history and experience of work related specifically to the Scope of Work in this contract;
2. the name of the owner for whom the work was performed;
3. the name and telephone number of a contact person;
4. a description of the work performed by the Bidder or their subcontractor; and
5. the total construction cost of each project, and the value of work performed by the Bidder or their subcontractor.

If the Bidder does not have a history of satisfactory performance performing similar Work under contracts with the Department that meets the Contractor Requirements regarding experience, the Bidder may be required to submit written documentation setting forth the experience of the Bidder and/or their key personnel who will be

performing the Work specified in the contract documents, including a description of similar work completed in the last five (5) years that highlight the Bidder's and subcontractors' related experience. Such information shall include:

1. the key personnel's experience and number of years performing work related specifically to the Scope of Work in this contract;
2. the name of the owner for whom the work was performed;
3. the name and telephone number of a contact person;
4. a description and value of the work performed by key personnel.

The Bidder may be required to submit the relevant experience of the key personnel and supervisors who will be performing Work under this contract, their experience and number of years performing work related specifically to the Scope of Work in this contract.

The Bidder's submittal may be required to include a statement describing the personnel and equipment available for the Work and demonstrating that the Bidder is able to deliver according to the contract schedule.

If a Bidder has not previously submitted Traffic Control Plans (TCP) and Soil Erosion and Water Pollution Control Plans (SEWP) for other Department projects, the Contractor must submit, prior to Contract award, a substantially complete, acceptable, project specific Traffic Control Plan and Soil Erosion and Water Pollution Control Plan.

If the Bidder is to provide any information requested in the "Contractor's Prequalification Application" form adopted by the Department, the Notice of Post-Bid Qualifications shall so state.

If a current, applicable copy of the Contractor's Safety Plan is not on file with the Department, the Contractor must submit, an acceptable, current Contractor's Safety Plan or Project and Site Specific Safety Plan to the Department in accordance with Special Provision Section 105 Safety Plan. The plan shall identify and addresses job hazards of the expected contract work and comply with all applicable federal, State, and local laws governing safety including all applicable laws and regulations of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

The Bidder may be required to provide its OSHA 300 Log and its Experience Modification Rate provided by applicable insurance carrier.

Upon receipt of the pre-award submittals, the Department will review the submissions and determine if the submitted evidence or information satisfies the Department requirement that the bidder is qualified to properly carry out the terms of the Contract.

The qualifications submitted will be checked for general conformance with the concept of the project and compliance with the requirements set out in the Contract Documents.

This review does not modify the Contractor's duty to comply with the Contract documents.

Bidders shall ensure that all information required herein is submitted. Provision of inaccurate information or failure to provide all completed and required information may result in the Bidder being determined to be "Not Qualified" or disqualified as non-responsive. Within 14 days, the Department will review the required submittals for completeness, conformity with Federal and State requirements, Contract provisions, applicable laws and regulations of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the current edition of the MUTCD, and Department policy and procedures. The Department reserves the right to communicate in writing with Bidders, if needed, to obtain additions to and/or clarification of information contained in the submittals received. Review by the Department, comments by the Department, or any failure to review or comment, shall not absolve the Contractor of its responsibility to develop and implement the Contractor's Safety Plan or the Project and Site Specific Safety Plan, the TCP or the SEWPCP in accordance with the Contract, or to shift any responsibility to the Department. The Bidder shall have 3 days to submit additions and clarifications. The Bidder will have no additional opportunity to submit or clarify information. The Department will not provide an opportunity for the Bidder to meet to present evidence.

A Bidder may be determined to be Qualified in accordance with this Special Provision, and, prior to beginning Work, still may be required to make minor adjustments to the one or more of the plans submitted in order to meet specifications and/or address Department comments. The determination of qualified does absolve the Contractor of the responsibility to submit plans which comply with applicable specifications.

Based on these submissions, the Department will make one of the following determinations:

1. Qualified - The Contractor has satisfied the post-bid, pre-award qualification requirements and demonstrated to the Department's satisfaction that it is responsible, can meet the Contractor Requirements set forth in this contract, and is qualified to perform this type of work. The Contractor may still be required to make minor revisions to one or more of the plans submitted prior to starting on site work.
2. Not Qualified - Bidder is not qualified to properly carry out the terms of the Contract and/or the submission does not meet specifications and accepted standards and is not acceptable, as determined by the Department.

There is no Appeal process and the determination of "Not Qualified" is final. The Department will reject the bid as non-responsive, and the Award process will proceed without the unqualified Bidder.

The Department will notify the Bidder of its determination in writing. If a determination of "Not Qualified" is rendered, the notice will set forth reasons to the extent practical. Such reasons may include the following:

- A. Not meeting contract Contractor Requirements
- B. Unsatisfactory and/or insufficient Contractor and/or key employee experience
- C. Failure to demonstrate ability to do work to the satisfaction and at the sole discretion of the Department
- D. No Safety Plan or Project and Site Specific Safety Plan or an unacceptable Safety Plan or Project and Site Specific Safety Plan
- E. Default(s) or termination(s) on past or current Contracts.
- F. Failure to pay or settle all bills for labor, Materials or services on past or current Contracts.
- G. Failure to provide Closeout Documentation on past or current Contracts.
- H. Failure to fulfill warranty obligations on past or current Contracts.
- I. Failure to comply with directives of the Department on past or current Contracts.
- J. "Below Standard" performance as determined from the Department's Contractor's Performance Rating process.
- K. Inability of the Contractor to obtain or retain performance or Payment Bonds meeting MDOT requirements.
- L. Failure to accept an Award of a Contract made by the Department to the Contractor.
- M. Making materially false, deceptive, or misleading Statements or omissions, whether or not under oath, regarding a claim on prior Contracts or on the Contractor's Prequalification Application or the Post-Bid Qualifications submittals.

- N. Failure to provide information requested by the Department pursuant to this Special Provision.
- O. Any of the reasons contained in Section 102.02 of the “Rules Regarding Debarment of Contractors”, Maine Department of Transportation Register 17-229, Chapter 102 (October 2, 1985).
- P. Debarment or suspension by any federal, State, or local governmental procurement agency or the Contractor’s Agreement to refrain from Bidding as part of the settlement with any such agencies.
- Q. Other serious misconduct that the Department reasonably determines will substantially and adversely affect the cost, quality or timeliness of Work, or the safety of Workers or the public.

Macwahoc PLT &  
North Yarmouth Academy Grant TWP  
WINS: 028333.00 & 031160.00  
Culvert Replacement  
May 5, 2026

## SPECIAL PROVISIONS

### SPECIAL PROVISION SECTION 104 GENERAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

104.3.8A. Federal Wage Rates and Labor Laws Delete the entire section 104.3.8A.

104.3.8B State Wage Rates and Labor Laws The State wage rates enclosed apply to this work. Federal Wages Rates do not apply to this work.

**SPECIAL PROVISIONS**  
**SECTION 104**  
 Utilities

**UTILITY COORDINATION**

The contractor has primary responsibility for coordinating their work with utilities after contract award. The contractor shall communicate directly with the utilities regarding any utility work necessary to maintain the contractor’s schedule and prevent project construction delays. The contractor shall notify the resident of any issues.

**THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PLAN AND CONDUCT WORK ACCORDINGLY.**

**MEETING**

A pre-utility meeting, as defined in Subsection 104.4.6 of the Standard Specifications **is not** required.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

This Special Provisions outline the arrangements that have been made by the Department for utility work to be undertaken in conjunction with this project. The following tables identify all known utilities having facilities presently located within the limits of this specified road segment.

Utilities have been notified and shall be furnished a project booklet electronically.

<b>Utility Overall/Contact Information</b>				
<b>Utility</b>	<b>Aerial</b>	<b>Subsurface</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Contact Phone</b>
Fidium		X	Dave Paradis Bryan Kenison	(207) 956-1788 (207) 650-1022

Temporary utility adjustments **are not** anticipated as part of this project. If any unexpected utility relocations become necessary, they shall be scheduled in compliance with Section 104 of the Standard Specifications and shall be performed by the appropriate utility company in conjunction with the work by the Contractor. Should the contractor choose to have any poles temporarily relocated, all work shall be done at the Contractor’s request and expense, with no additional cost or schedule impacts to the Department.

Utility working days are Monday through Friday. Times are estimated on the basis of a single crew for each utility. Any times and dates mentioned are **estimates only** and dependent upon favorable weather, working conditions, and freedom from emergencies.

The contractor shall give notification to all existing utility companies **ten (10) working days** prior to beginning any work on this project.

*\*\* Specific information regarding the line voltage can be requested from N/A \*\**

### **AERIAL**

Aerial utility adjustments **are not** anticipated as part of this project. If any unexpected utility relocations become necessary, they shall be scheduled in compliance with Section 104 of the Standard Specifications and shall be done by the utilities in conjunction with the work by the Contractor.

Attention needs to be given to the existing aerial utilities service lines crossing the highway corridor. Each of the existing service lines provide a source of power and/or communication to the surrounding properties.

### **SUBSURFACE**

Subsurface utility adjustments **are not** anticipated as part of this project. If any unexpected utility relocations become necessary, they shall be scheduled in compliance with Section 104 of the Standard Specifications and shall be done by the utilities in conjunction with the work by the Contractor.

### **Fidium**

Fidium has buried **Fiber Optic** lines on the east side of roadway within the project scope.

***Contractor shall conduct work in accordance with MaineDOT Standard Specifications 104.3.11 and 104.4.6***

### **MAINTAINING UTILITY LOCATION MARKINGS**

The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining the buried utility location markings following the initial locating by the appropriate utility or their designated representative.

### **UTILITY SIGNING**

Any utility working within the construction limits of this project shall ensure that the traveling public is adequately protected at all times. All work areas shall be signed, lighted, and traffic flaggers employed as determined by field conditions. All traffic controls shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, as issued by the Federal Highway Administration.

**SPECIAL PROVISION**  
**SECTION 105**  
**General Scope of Work**  
(Environmental Requirements)

- I. There is no permitted In-Water work for this project. The following cross-pipe is considered a non-resource.
  1. This drainage cross pipe XC-47623 is located at -68.27421, 45.66057 in Macwahoc Plantation.
  
- II. Approvals:
  - A. Temporary Soil Erosion and Water Pollution Control Plan
    1. If shortened pipe length exposes erodible soils, work with resident to replace existing erodible materials with suitable sized non-erodible material or erosion control methods to prevent erosion.

**SPECIAL PROVISION**

**SECTION 105**

**General Scope of Work**

**(Environmental Requirements)**

- I. There is no permitted In-Water work for this project. The following cross-pipe is considered a non-resource.
  1. This drainage cross pipe XC-47654 is located at -68.29012, 45.69878 in North Yarmouth Academy Township.
  
- II. Approvals:
  - A. Temporary Soil Erosion and Water Pollution Control Plan
    1. If shortened pipe length exposes erodible soils, work with resident to replace existing erodible materials with suitable sized non-erodible material or erosion control methods to prevent erosion.

**SPECIAL PROVISION**  
**SECTION 105**  
**GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK**  
**(Safety Plan)**

In order to be awarded a construction contract, the Bidder must have a current, applicable Safety Plan on file with the Department or must submit to the Department's Bureau of Maintenance & Operations, an acceptable, current Contractor's Safety Plan or Project and Site Specific Safety Plan to the Department which identifies and addresses job hazards of the expected contract work and complies with all applicable federal, State, and local laws governing safety including all applicable laws and regulations of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

The Bidder's Project and Site Specific Safety Plan shall address the specific activities or tasks that require protection and establish the procedures that are to be followed to minimize the hazard. Specific statements which describe both what action is to be taken and how it is to be performed are preferable. The plan shall address the following items which include, but are not limited to:

1. Personal Protective Equipment
2. Materials Handling
3. Work Zone Safety and Traffic Control
4. Trench Excavation
5. Lifting and Rigging
6. Working near or above water
7. Silica and Dust Control
8. Heavy Equipment Loading/Unloading/Operation

If a submittal is required, the Department will notify the Apparent Successful Bidder of the required submittal of the Contractor's Safety Plan or the Project and Site Specific Safety Plan and the Bidder shall submit two copies or an electronic copy to the Department within seven (7) days of the notice or the Department will reject the bid as non-responsive.

Within 14 days, the Department will review the Apparent Low Bidder's Safety Plan. The Department will review a Project and Site Specific Safety Plan to evaluate if the Bidder has a reasonable understanding of job hazards of the expected contract work, has determined preventive measures to overcome these hazards and understands that the work is to be conducted in compliance with this special provision, Contract requirements and all applicable Federal, State, and local laws governing safety including all applicable laws and regulations of OSHA.

The Department reserves the right to communicate in writing with Bidders, if needed, to obtain additions to and/or clarification of information contained in the submittals received.

Review by the Department, comments by the Department, or any failure to review or comment, shall not absolve the Contractor of its responsibility to develop and implement a Safety Plan in accordance with the Contract, or to shift any responsibility to the Department. The Bidder shall have 3 days to submit additions, changes and clarifications. Following this 3 (three) day period, the Bidder will have no additional opportunity to submit, modify or clarify information. The Department will not provide an opportunity for the Bidder to meet. If the Department and the Apparent Successful Bidder agree, an extension beyond the 3 days may occur and in such case, there shall also be an equivalent or greater extension beyond the 30 days of the Bid and Bid Prices specified in Standard Specification Section 103.4 Notice of Intent to Award and the Bid remains viable. In no case shall these extensions change the specified Contract Completion Date.

Based on these submissions, the Department will make one of the following determinations:

1. Qualified - The Contractor has satisfied the post-bid, pre-award Safety Plan requirements, however, the Contractor may still be required to make minor revisions to the Safety Plan or Project and Site Specific Safety Plan prior to starting on site work.
2. Not Qualified - Bidder is not qualified to properly carry out the terms of the Contract and/or the submission does not meet specifications and accepted standards and is not acceptable, as determined by the Department.

There is no Appeal process and the determination of "Not Qualified" is final. The Department will reject the bid as non-responsive, and the Award process will proceed without the unqualified Bidder.

Failure by the Contractor to perform the Work in compliance with their submitted Safety Plan, Federal and State requirements, Contract provisions, applicable laws and regulations of OSHA when required or to substantially meet other contractual requirements will be considered a violation and may result in the following actions:

All Incidents: The Contractor will immediately eliminate all unsafe conditions brought to the Contractor's attention by the Department or any other representative of the Department. The Department reserves the right to suspend the work at any time and request a meeting to discuss violations and remedies. The Department shall not be held responsible for any delay in the work due to any suspension under this item.

1<sup>st</sup> Incident: If the Contractor has previously received a verbal warning for the same or similar unsafe conditions or does not take corrective action immediately upon receipt of verbal warning, the Department will issue a written warning.

2<sup>nd</sup> Incident: The Department may (A) give written Notice of Default to the Contractor and immediately terminate the Contract by written Notice of Termination, or (B) take prosecution of the Work away from the Contractor without violating the Contract. Such Contractor will be prohibited from submitting a Bid for the Work in the event that the Work is re-advertised. Further, the Department may refuse to accept any Bid from the Contractor on any Project for a period of two years from the date of such refusal. The Department may then take any action that the Department determines is in the best interest of the Department including re-advertising the Work.

SPECIAL PROVISION  
SECTION 105  
GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK  
(Limitations of Operations)

48-hour notice is required for any change in work schedule.

The Contractor's Traffic Control Plan must be operationally effective, complete and in conformity with Federal requirements, Contract provisions, the current edition of the MUTCD, and Department policy and procedures as determined by the Department prior to beginning work.

The Contractor shall work in lane closures with two-way traffic whenever possible and alternating one-way traffic when not possible. At least one lane traffic shall be maintained through the project area at all times. The minimum roadway width shall be 11'0".

The Contractor shall pave all trenches prior to shutting down for the weekend. The Contractor is responsible for maintaining the trenches prior to paving and providing proper signage and traffic control.

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**SPECIAL PROVISION**  
**SECTION 107**  
**TIME**  
(Contract Time)

The Contractor shall be allowed to commence Work on the Contract provided that the Contract has been awarded, all required plans/submittals have been received and approved by the Department and a preconstruction meeting has been held.

The specified Contract Completion Date is **October 31, 2026**. All Work must be Complete by the Contract Completion Date specified in the Contract, and any authorized extensions.

Once operations commence, the Contractor shall continue work on the project until Physical Work is completed. For every weekday not worked the Contractor will be assessed Supplemental Liquidated Damages at the rate given for liquidated damages in Section 107.7.2 of the Standard Specifications; excluding days lost to inclement weather, holidays, and approved absences.

Work can be performed at any time except Sundays, Holidays and State Shut Down Days and as provided in Special Provision, Section 107, Contract Time.

No work on Saturdays will be allowed without consent from the Department. Request to work on Saturday shall be made by **NOON** time on Thursday.

The Contractor shall be allowed to commence work 15 minutes after sunrise and shall be completely off the road 15 minutes before sunset. Night work will not be allowed without prior approval from the Department. Sunrise and sunset will be determined according to the Sunrise/Sunset Table at <http://www.sunrisesunset.com/usa/Maine/>. If the project town is not listed, the closest town on the list will be used as agreed.

Completion of Physical Work occurs when the Work is complete and has undergone a successful final inspection. Liquidated Damages will cease upon the physical completion of the Work. Completion occurs when the Contractor has finished all Work pursuant to the Contract, the Work is complete and has undergone a successful final inspection and delivered documentation is complete and accepted. Completion does not mean substantial Completion.

**SPECIAL PROVISION**  
**SECTION 603**  
**PIPE CULVERTS**  
(Lump Sum Culvert Pipes)

Description This Work shall consist of supplying and installing culvert pipes in reasonably close conformity with the lines and grades shown on the plans and notes, or established by the Resident; saw cutting and removing the old roadway and disposing of the material; installing cofferdams (if needed); removing and disposing of the existing culvert pipes; furnishing and installing concrete pipe ties; performing all traffic control (supplying all signs, cones, barrels, flagger, etc.) and maintaining the traffic control devices; providing temporary erosion and water pollution control; placing hot mix asphalt in all trenches; placing rip rap, mulch, seed, erosion control bark mulch, and special backfill (if required); and locating and coordinating with all utilities.

Materials All material shall meet the requirements of the Department of Transportation Standard Specification Section 603 – Pipe Culverts and Storm Drains.

Submittals The Contractor shall provide the following documents (14) days prior to the preconstruction meeting which shall include:

- Schedule of Work
  - The start of physical work onsite.
  - The placement of cofferdams.
  - The removal of coffer dams.
  - Expected date of completion.
- Site Specific Traffic Control Plan.
- Site Specific Soil Erosion and Water Pollution Control Plan.
- Site Specific Spill Prevention.
- Site Specific Safety Plan.

The Contractor shall not be relieved of responsibility for any deviation from the requirements of the specifications unless the contractor has specifically informed the Department in writing of such deviation at the time of submission and the Department has given written approval to the specific deviation.

The Contractor shall not be relieved of responsibility for errors or omissions. No portion of the work shall be commenced until the Department has accepted the submittals.

Construction Requirements Work shall meet the requirements of the Department of Transportation Standard Specification Section 603 and Standard Details 603 as updated through advertisement. The Contractor shall place the new culvert pipes to the elevations and offsets given unless otherwise directed by Department.

Any required cofferdams shall meet the requirements of the Department of Transportation Standard Specification Section 511 as updated through advertisement, and any Special Provisions and all permit requirements.

Any required concrete pipe ties shall be furnished and installed in conformance with the Standard Details.

The lower lifts of backfill shall be suitable excavation salvaged from the removal of the existing culvert pipes. The top 18" of backfill shall be excavated roadway material, reserved and replaced to best match the adjacent material. If additional material is required to complete the backfill, the top lift shall be of gravel meeting the gradation of Aggregate for Base, Type D as per section 703.06 of the Department of Transportation Standard Specifications.

Placing of backfill material shall not exceed 8" loose measure. The backfill material shall be thoroughly rammed under the haunches of the pipe with power or pneumatic operated hand tampers.

Any excavated material not suitable for use as backfill shall be used to build slopes or placed in approved waste area as directed by the Department.

The Contractor shall clean and realign existing ditch on Inlet and Outlet, as directed, and no more than 25' in any direction.

The Contractor shall install riprap to the in slope of the inlet and outlet ends as directed by the resident. The estimated quantity of riprap is approximately 20cy.

All culvert pipe trenches shall have a minimum depth of 5" hot mix asphalt placed in multiple lifts not to exceed 2.5". The gradation shall be a 9.5 mm or 12.5 mm mix.

Seeding and Mulching of disturbed soil shall be done daily. The Contractor may seed and mulch by hand.

The Contractor will be responsible for all signs, traffic control devices, flaggers, and maintenance of traffic control devices. The Contractor shall submit a traffic control plan that meets the requirement of section 652 of the Department of Transportation Standard Specifications.

The Contractor shall submit a Soil Erosion and Water Pollution Control Plan and a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan as per Section 656 of the Department of Transportation Standard Specifications as updated through advertisement, and any Special Provisions and all permit requirements.

Method of Measurement Culvert Pipes of the different types and sizes will be measured by each culvert installed, complete in place, and accepted.

Basis of Payment: The accepted quantity of Culvert Pipe will be paid for at the Contract unit price each.

The following shall be incidental to each culvert:

- a. Furnishing and installing the pipes.
- b. All culvert pipe excavation, including cutting and removal of the existing pavement and any underlying concrete roadway.
- c. All traffic control and maintenance of the traffic control devices, including the submittal of a Traffic Control Plan.
- d. Soil Erosion and Water Pollution Control, including the submittal of a SEWPCP Plan and a SPCCP Plan.
- e. Design, construction, maintenance, and removal of cofferdams, including dewatering.
- f. Ditching at pipe ends, as designated in the Construction Notes or as directed.
- g. Furnishing, placing, grading, and compacting of any new gravel and/or fill material. This also includes any granular borrow needed for bedding.
- h. Any clearing of brush and trees less than 12” in diameter.
- i. Paving the trench with HMA.
- j. Riprap, Seed, Mulch and Erosion Control Mix, Erosion Control Blanket, Erosion Control Geotextile.
- k. Special Backfill.

Payment will be made under:

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
603.1990 24” Culvert Pipe Option III	Each
603.2190 36” Culvert Pipe Option III	Each

SPECIAL PROVISION  
SECTION 652  
MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC

Approaches. Approach signing shall include the following signs at a minimum. Field conditions may warrant the use of additional signs as determined by the Resident.

Road Work Next X\* Miles  
Road Work 500 Feet (Ahead)  
End Road Work

Work Areas. At each work site, signs and channelizing devices shall be used as directed by the Resident.

Signs include:

Road Work xxxx<sup>1</sup>.  
One Lane Road Ahead  
Flagger Sign

Other typical signs include:

Be Prepared to Stop  
Low Shoulder  
Bump  
Pavement Ends

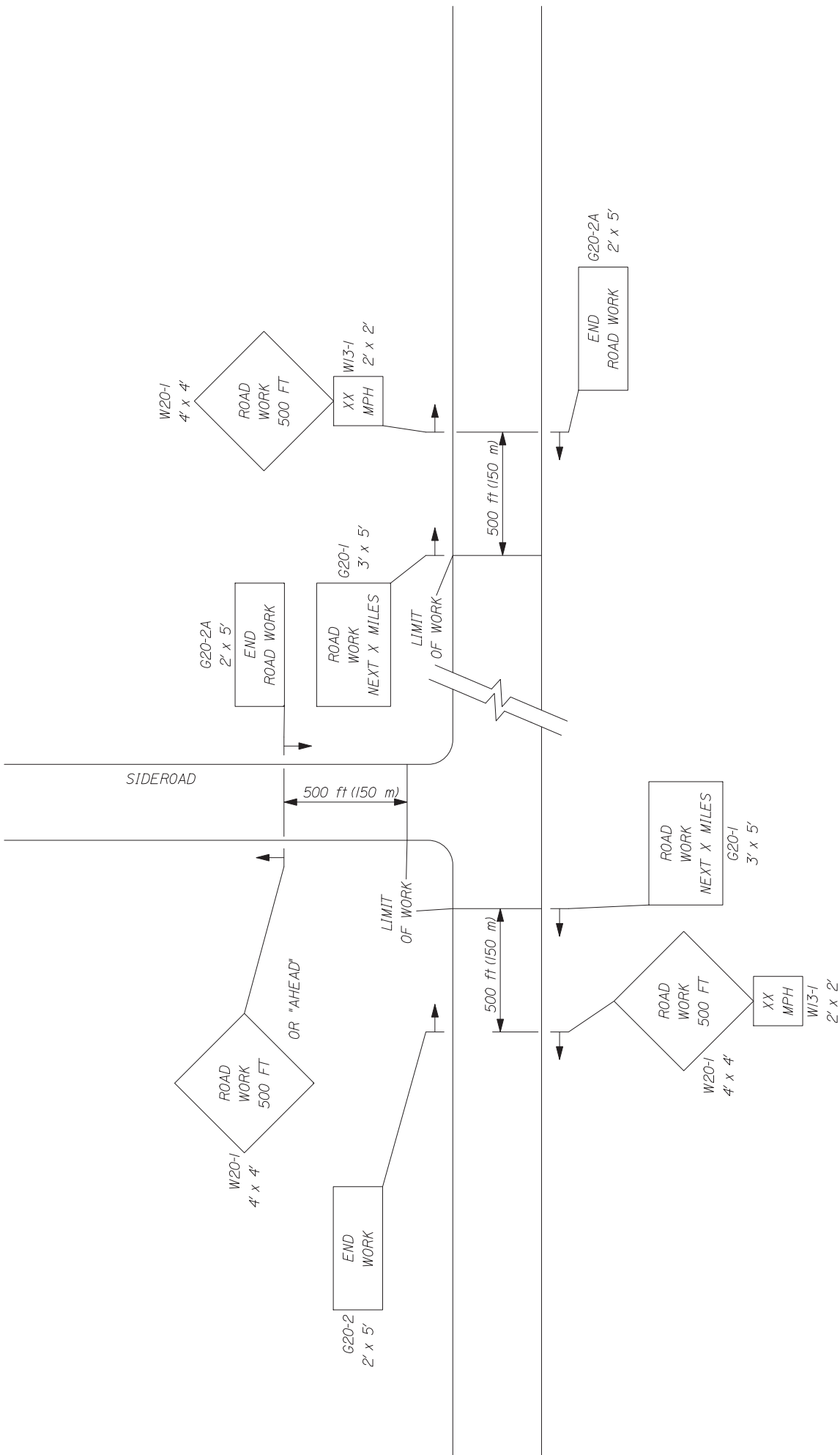
The above lists of Approach signs and Work Area signs are representative of the contract requirements. Other sign legends may be required.

Unless otherwise defined in Special Provision 105/107 or submitted and approved in the Traffic Control Plan, the following shall apply:

- The Contractor shall conduct their operations in such a manner that the roadway will not be restricted to one lane for more than 2,500 feet at each work area and no more than 4,000 feet for paving and milling work areas.
- Where more than one work area restricts traffic to one lane operation, these work areas shall be separated by at least 1 mile of two-way operation.

**Temporary Centerline** A temporary centerline shall be placed each day on all new pavement to be used by traffic. The temporary centerline, when specified of reflectorized traffic paint, shall conform to the standard marking patterns used for permanent markings. Failure to apply a temporary centerline daily will result in a Traffic Control Violation and suspension of paving operations until temporary markers are applied to all previously placed pavement.

<sup>1</sup> “Road Work Ahead” to be used in short duration operations and “Road Work xx feet” to be used in stationary operations as directed by the Resident.



-- PROJECT APPROACH SIGNING --  
TWO WAY TRAFFIC



\* Formulas for L are as follows:

For speed limits of 40 mph (60 km/h) or less:

$$L = \frac{WS^2}{60} \quad (L = \frac{WS^2}{155})$$

For speed limits of 45 mph (70 km/h) or greater:

$$L = WS \quad (L = \frac{WS}{1.6})$$

\* Formulas for L are as follows:

A minimum of 5 channelization devices shall be used in the taper.

TYPE OF TAPER	TAPER LENGTH (L)*
Merging Taper	at least L
Shifting Taper	at least 0.5L
Shoulder Taper	at least 0.33L
One-Lane, Two-Way Traffic Taper	100 ft (30 m) maximum
Downstream Taper	100 ft (30 m) per lane

#### CHANNELIZATION DEVICE SPACING

The spacing of channelization devices shall not exceed a distance equal to 1.0 times the speed limit in mph when used for taper channelization, and a distance in feet of 2.0 times the speed limit in mph when used for tangent channelization.

#### GENERAL NOTES;

1. Final placement of signs and devices may be changed to fit field conditions as approved by the Resident.

Road Type	Distance Between Signs**		
	A	B	C
Urban 30 mph (50 km/h) or less	100 (30)	100 (30)	100 (30)
Urban 35 mph (55 km/h) and greater	350 (100)	350 (100)	350 (100)
Rural	500 (150)	500 (150)	500 (150)
Expressway / Urban Parkway	2,640 (800)	1,500 (450)	1000 (300)

\*\*Distances are shown in feet (meters).

#### SUGGESTED BUFFER ZONE LENGTHS

Speed (mph)	Length (feet)	Speed (mph)	Length (feet)
20	115	40	325
25	155	45	360
30	200	50	425
35	250	55	495

## 2020 STANDARD DETAIL UPDATES

Standard Details and Standard Detail updates are available at:  
<http://maine.gov/mdot/contractors/publications/standarddetail/>

<b><u>Detail #</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Posted Date</u></b>
502(06)	Concrete Sidewalk on Bridges	9/22/2025
502(19)	Bridge Drains	3/17/2023
502(15)	Bridge Drains	3/17/2023
502(20)	Bridge Drains	3/17/2023
502(23)	Bridge Drains	3/17/2023
502(24)	Bridge Drains	3/17/2023
502(25)	Bridge Drains	3/17/2023
502(26)	Bridge Drains	3/17/2023
504(07)	Diaphragm & Crossframe Notes	3/17/2023
507(04)	Steel Bridge Railing	9/22/2025
507(05)	Steel Bridge Railing	9/22/2025
507(06)	Steel Bridge Railing	9/22/2025
507(07)	Steel Bridge Railing	9/22/2025
507(14)	Steel Bridge Railing	9/22/2025
507(15)	Steel Bridge Railing	9/22/2025
507(20)	Steel Approach Railing 3-Bar	2/11/2021
507(21)	Steel Approach Railing 3-Bar	2/11/2021
507(22)	Steel Approach Railing, 3 Bar	9/22/2025
507(23)	Steel Approach Railing, 3 Bar	9/22/2025
507(26)	Steel Approach Railing, 3 Bar	9/22/2025
507(27)	Steel Approach Railing	9/22/2025
507(39)	Barrier – Mounted Steel Bridge Rail	9/22/2025
526(01)	Portable Concrete Barrier	1/14/2021
526(01A)	Portable Concrete Barrier	1/14/2021
526(01B)	Portable Concrete Barrier	1/14/2021
526(02)	Portable Concrete Barrier	1/14/2021
526(02A)	Portable Concrete Barrier	1/14/2021
526(03)	Portable Concrete Barrier	1/14/2021
526(04)	Portable Concrete Barrier	1/14/2021

526(04A)	Portable Concrete Barrier	1/14/2021
526(04B)	Portable Concrete Barrier	1/14/2021
526(05)	Permanent Concrete Barrier	3/17/2023
526(21)	Permanent Concrete Barrier	3/17/2023
526(22)	Concrete Transition Barrier	9/22/2025
526(23)	Concrete Transition Barrier	9/22/2025
526(23)A	Concrete Transition Barrier	9/22/2025
526(34)	Concrete Transition Barrier	9/22/2025
526(35)	Concrete Transition Barrier	9/22/2025
526(36)	Concrete Transition Barrier	9/22/2025
526(37)	Concrete Transition Barrier	9/22/2025
526(37) A	Concrete Transition Barrier	9/22/2025
526(38)	Concrete Transition Barrier	9/22/2025
526(39)	Texas Classic Rail	3/17/2023
526(55)	Texas Classic Rail	3/17/2023
603(10)	Concrete Pipe Ties	6/10/2021
605(01)	Underdrain	7/8/2022
605(01)	Underdrain Notes	7/8/2022
606(17)	Midway Splice Guardrail Transition	6/10/2022
606(21)	Guardrail Type 3 – Single Rail Bridge Mounted	9/22/2025
606(22)	Guardrail Treatment over Buried Structures	9/22/2025
606(23)	Standard Bridge Transition – Type “1”	2/11/2021
606(24)	Bridge Transition – Type “1A”	9/22/2025
606(25)	Bridge Transition – Type “2”	9/22/2025
607(10)	Snow Fence Details (New Detail)	9/22/2025
607(11)	Snow Fence Details (New Detail)	9/22/2025
607(12)	Snow Fence Details (New Detail)	9/22/2025
607(13)	Snow Fence Details (New Detail)	9/22/2025
607(14)	Snow Fence Details (New Detail)	9/22/2025
607(15)	Snow Fence Details (New Detail)	9/22/2025
607(16)	Snow Fence Details (New Detail)	9/22/2025
608(02)	Detectable Warnings	6/10/2021
609(08)	Precast Concrete Transition Curb	9/22/2025
609(09)	Precast Concrete Vertical Curb	9/22/2025
627(07)	Crosswalk	2/22/2022
627(08)	Crosswalk	2/22/2022

643(11)	ATCC Cabinet	12/14/2020	
645(06)	H Beam Posts Highway Signing	12/17/2024	
645(21)	Overpass Mounted Sign Support Highway Signing	9/22/2025	
645 (22)	Overpass Mounted Sign Support Highway Signing	9/22/2025	
<u>801(10)</u>	<u>Pavement Transition at Bridge</u>	<u>DISCONTINUE THIS STD DETAIL</u>	<u>9/22/2025</u>
801(11)	Pedestrian Ramp Notes	11/20/2023	
801(12)	Pedestrian Ramp Requirements	11/20/2023	
801(13)	Ramp Length Table	11/20/2023	
801(14)	Parallel Pedestrian Ramp	11/20/2023	
801(15)	Perpendicular Pedestrian Ramp – Option 1	11/20/2023	
801(16)	Parallel Pedestrian Ramp – Option 2A	11/20/2023	
801(17)	Perpendicular Pedestrian Ramp – Option 2A	11/20/2023	
801(18)	Parallel Pedestrian Ramp – Option 2B	11/20/2023	
801(19)	Perpendicular Pedestrian Ramp – Option 2B	11/20/2023	
801(20)	Parallel Pedestrian Ramp – Option 3	11/20/2023	
801(21)	Perpendicular Pedestrian Ramp – Option 3	11/20/2023	
801(22)	Side Street Pedestrian Ramp	11/20/2023	
801(23)	Parallel Pedestrian Ramp – Esplanade	11/20/2023	
801(24)	Perpendicular Pedestrian Ramp – Esplanade	11/20/2023	
801(25)	Island Crossings	11/20/2023	
801(26)	Blended Transition	11/20/2023	
801(26)	Blended Transition	1/19/2024	
801(27)	Pedestrian Ramp Adjacent to Driveway or Entrance	11/20/2023	
802(05)	Roadway Culvert End Slope Treatment	1/03/2017	
802(05)	Roadway Culvert End Slope Treatment	11/01/2024	

**SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS**  
**(Corrections, Additions, & Revisions to Standard Specifications – March 2020)**

**SECTION 101**  
**CONTRACT INTERPRETATION**

101.2 Definitions

Construction Easement revise this definition by removing it in its entirety and replace with:  
**“A right acquired by the Department for a specific use of private property outside of the established Right-of-Way. Examples include but are not limited to Drainage Easements, Construction and Maintenance Easements, and Slope Easements. Construction Easement areas, including Temporary Construction Limits and Temporary Road Limits, outside of the Right-of-Way remain private property. No use other than to access and perform the specified work activity is permitted without written permission of the owner.”**

Construction Limit Line Remove this definition in its entirety.

Holidays Amend this paragraph by adding “**Juneteenth**” between ‘Memorial Day’ and ‘Independence Day’.

Plans Revise this paragraph by removing “**Standard Details, Supplemental Standard Details**” from the first sentence.

Project Limits Revise this definition by removing it in its entirety and replacing it with:  
**“Areas within the Right-of-Way, Construction Easements, or Temporary Construction Limits shown on the Plans or otherwise indicated in the Contract. If no Project Limits are indicated in the Contract, the Project Limits shall be determined by the Department. For a related Maine statute, see 23 MRSA § 653. “**

Right-Of-Way Revise this definition by removing it in its entirety and replacing it with:  
**“The area of land, property, or interest therein, acquired for or devoted to the Project or other purposes. Portions of the Right-of-Way may be used for storage of materials and equipment and the location of engineering facilities, subject to written approval by the Department.”**

Amend this Section by adding the following two definitions (that replace Construction Limit Line);

Temporary Construction Limits **The area within which the Contractor may access and perform the Physical Work and outside of which Work may not be performed without written authorization by the property owner.**

Temporary Road Limits **The area within which the Contractor may construct and maintain a temporary detour for maintenance of traffic.**

## SECTION 102 BIDDING

102.11 Bid Responsiveness Revise the paragraph that states  
“The Bid is not signed by a duly authorized representative of the Bidder.” So that it reads:

“The Bid is not signed by a duly authorized representative of the Bidder.

- Properly submitted electronic bids meet this requirement.
- Paper bids must include at least one signed copy of the Contract Agreement Offer & Award form.”

## SECTION 103 AWARD AND CONTRACTING

103.3.1 Qualification Requirement for Award Revise this subsection so that it reads:

“**103.3.1 Qualification Requirement for Award** If the Notice to Contractors lists a Prequalification requirement, the Apparent Successful Bidder must successfully complete the Prequalification process as a condition of Award. The Apparent Successful Bidder who does not already hold an Annual Prequalification shall have 21 days to provide the Department with their Prequal documents or the Department may move on to the next low bidder.”

## SECTION 104 GENERAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

104.2.1 Furnishing of Right-of-Way Revise this subsection by removing it in its entirety and replace with the new subsection:

“**104.2.1 Furnishing of Property Rights** The Department will secure all necessary rights to real property within the Project Limits shown on the Right-of-Way Plans that are provided with the Bid Documents. For related provisions, see Sections 104.3.2 – Furnishing of Other Property Rights, Licenses and Permits and 105.4.5 - Maintenance of Existing Structures. For related definitions, see Construction Easements and Right-of-Way.”

104.3.2 Furnishing of Other Property Rights, Licenses and Permits Revise this subsection by replacing “104.2.1 Furnishing of Right-of-Way” with “**104.2.1 Furnishing of Property Rights**”.

## SECTION 105 GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

Amend this Section by adding this new sub-section:

**105.8.8 Protected Species** If the Contractor witnesses a bat (dead or alive), any activities that may injure any live bats must cease immediately and the Contractor shall contact the

**Resident. Dead and/or injured bats will be collected by the Department. Work in the vicinity of the live/dead bat sighting will not resume until the Department confirms it is acceptable to do so.**

**If the Contractor observes an active bird nest within the project limits, any activities that may disturb the nest or injure birds (i.e., nesting adults, chicks, eggs) must cease immediately, and the Contractor shall contact the Resident.**

Amend this Section by adding this new sub-section to cover incidents in the field:

**105.6.5 Survey Control Markers If a survey control marker will be disturbed by Work on a project, the Resident shall be informed a minimum of 2 weeks prior to performing any Work that may disturb the marker. If a survey control marker is accidentally disturbed by Work on a project, the Resident shall be informed immediately. A disturbed marker will remain the property of the Department.**

**105.10.1.4 Race-conscious Project Goals Revise the second paragraph of this section so it reads as follows:**

**“At the time of the bid opening, all Bidders shall submit with their bid a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Commitment Form provided by the Department. This form will list the DBE and non-DBE firms that are proposed to be used during the execution of the Work. This form must be filled out in its entirety. The dollar total of each commitment shall be totaled and a percentage determined.”**

**105.10.2 Requirements Applicable to All Contracts Under section A, number 2, in the first sentence of the first paragraph, revise this Section by replacing the word “handicap” in two places with the word “disability” so it now reads:**

**“2) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, State that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, sexual orientation, religious creed, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, physical disability, or mental disability.”**

**105.10.1.6 Bidders’ List Survey This section shall be revised to meet the May 9, 2024 CFR changes as follows:**

Revise the title of this Section to “**Bidders’ List**” by removing the word “**Survey**”.

Revise the current information required to:

- (i) Firm name;**
- (ii) Firm address including ZIP code;**
- (iii) Firm's status as a DBE or non-DBE;**
- (iv) Race and gender information for the firm's majority owner;**
- (v) NAICS code applicable to each scope of work the firm sought to perform in its bid;**
- (vi) Age of the firm; and**

**(vii) The annual gross receipts of the firm. You may obtain this information by asking each firm to indicate into what gross receipts bracket they fit (e.g., less than \$1 million; \$1-3 million; \$3-6 million; \$6-10 million; etc.) rather than requesting an exact figure from the firm.**

Revise this section by removing the paragraph beginning with “This information...” and replacing it with the following:

**“This data is required from all bidders for federally assisted contracts to be submitted with their bids as this information is critical in determining the availability of DBE Businesses relative to other businesses that do similar work.”**

## SECTION 106 QUALITY

106.6 Acceptance Revise this Subsection by replacing the paragraph beginning with “Acceptance of Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement will be based” with:

**“Acceptance of Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement will be based on Method A or C Statistical Acceptance, or Method B or D Acceptance as specified. The method of acceptance for each item is defined in Special Provision, Section 403, Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement. When items of Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement are not so designated, Method A will be utilized whenever there are more than 1000 tons per Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement item, and Method B will be utilized when there are less than or equal to 1000 tons per Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement item.”**

Revise Subsection “B” by removing it and replacing it with:

**“B. Items not designated for Statistical Acceptance will utilize Method B or D Acceptance testing to validate the quality of the material incorporated into the Project. For material paid under Item 403.209 – Method D, or designated to be visually accepted, the Contractor shall provide the Department with a Certification Letter that indicates that the material supplied complies with the Specifications. Test results representative of the certified material shall be attached to the letter.**

**The Department will randomly sample and test the certified Material for properties noted in Table 1 of Section 502 - Structural Concrete or Table 14 of Section –401.21 Acceptance Method B & D. Material will be subject to rejection as noted in Structural Concrete Section 502.195 - Quality Assurance Method C Concrete or Hot Mix Asphalt, Section 401.2022 Pay Adjustment – Method B & D.”**

106.7.1 Standard Deviation Method Revise 106.7.1, subsection H by removing the following from the first paragraph:

“Method B:  $PF = [70 + (Quality\ Level * 0.33)] * 0.01$ ”

106.9.1 Warranty by Contractor Revise the third paragraph of this section so that it reads:

**“For a related provision regarding obligations regarding plantings, see section 621.36 – Maintenance Period. “**

SECTION 107  
 TIME

107.3.1 General Amend this paragraph by adding “**Juneteenth**” between ‘Patriot’s Day’ and ‘the Friday after Thanksgiving’.

SECTION 108  
 PAYMENT

108.2.3 Mobilization Payments Replace Standard Specification 108.2.3 – Mobilization Payments with the following:

**“108.2.3 Mobilization Payments “Mobilization” includes the mobilization and demobilization of all resources as many times as necessary during the Work.**

**Percent Mobilization Bid will be determined by taking the amount Bid for Mobilization and dividing by the Total Contract Amount less Mobilization. Mob/(Total Contract – Mob).**

**Payment will be made at the following intervals:**

<b>% Mobilization Bid</b>	<b>% Mobilization Paid at Contract Award</b>	<b>% Mobilization Paid after the Department determines 50% of the work is Complete</b>	<b>% Mobilization Paid at Final Acceptance</b>
<b>10% or less</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>50%</b>	
<b>More than 10% to 15%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>More than 15% to 20%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>More than 20% to 30%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Greater than 30%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>80%</b>

108.3 Retainage Revise the third paragraph of this section so that it reads:

**“Upon Final Acceptance, and determination by the department that there are no claims either by or on the Contractor or Subcontractors; no over payments by the department; no LDs due; and no disincentives due, the Department will reduce Retent to 1% of the original Contract Award amount, or \$100,000, whichever is less, as it deems desirable and prudent.”**

108.4.1 Price Adjustment for Hot Mix Asphalt Revise this section by removing it in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

**108.4.1 Price Adjustment for Hot Mix Asphalt: For each Contract, a price adjustment for performance graded binder will be made for the following pay items, when the total quantity of Hot Mix Asphalt included in these items is in excess of 500 tons, based on the estimated quantities of these items at the time of bid.**

<b>Item 403.102</b>	<b>Hot Mix Asphalt – Special Areas</b>
<b>Item 403.207</b>	<b>Hot Mix Asphalt - 19 mm</b>
<b>Item 403.2071</b>	<b>Hot Mix Asphalt - 19 mm (Polymer Modified)</b>
<b>Item 403.2072</b>	<b>Hot Mix Asphalt - 19 mm (Asphalt Rich Base)</b>
<b>Item 403.208</b>	<b>Hot Mix Asphalt - 12.5 mm</b>
<b>Item 403.2081</b>	<b>Hot Mix Asphalt - 12.5 mm (Polymer Modified)</b>
<b>Item 403.2084</b>	<b>Hot Mix Asphalt - 12.5 mm (Highly Modified HiMAP)</b>
<b>Item 403.209</b>	<b>Hot Mix Asphalt - 9.5 mm (sidewalks, drives, &amp; incidentals)</b>
<b>Item 403.210</b>	<b>Hot Mix Asphalt - 9.5 mm</b>
<b>Item 403.2101</b>	<b>Hot Mix Asphalt - 9.5 mm (Polymer Modified)</b>
<b>Item 403.2104</b>	<b>Hot Mix Asphalt - 9.5 mm (Thin Lift Surface Treatment)</b>
<b>Item 403.21041</b>	<b>Hot Mix Asphalt - 9.5 mm (Polymer Modified Thin Lift Surface Treatment)</b>
<b>Item 403.211</b>	<b>Hot Mix Asphalt – Shim</b>
<b>Item 403.2111</b>	<b>Hot Mix Asphalt – Shim (Polymer Modified)</b>
<b>Item 403.212</b>	<b>Hot Mix Asphalt - 4.75 mm (Shim)</b>
<b>Item 403.213</b>	<b>Hot Mix Asphalt - 12.5 mm (base and intermediate course)</b>
<b>Item 403.2131</b>	<b>Hot Mix Asphalt - 12.5 mm (base and intermediate course Polymer Modified)</b>
<b>Item 403.2132</b>	<b>Hot Mix Asphalt - 12.5 mm (Asphalt Rich Base and intermediate course)</b>
<b>Item 403.301</b>	<b>Hot Mix Asphalt (Asphalt Rubber Gap-Graded)</b>
<b>Item 461.13</b>	<b>Light Capital Pavement</b>
<b>Item 461.210</b>	<b>9.5 mm HMA - Paver Placed Surface</b>
<b>Item 461.2101</b>	<b>Hot Mix Asphalt - 9.5 mm (Polymer Modified)</b>
<b>Item 461.216</b>	<b>Hot Mix Asphalt (Shim)</b>
<b>Item 462.30</b>	<b>Ultra-Thin Bonded Wearing Course</b>
<b>Item 462.301</b>	<b>Polymer Modified Ultra-Thin Bonded Wearing Course</b>

**Price adjustments will be based on the variance in costs for the performance graded binder component of hot mix asphalt. They will be determined as follows:**

The quantity of hot mix asphalt for each pay item will be multiplied by the performance graded binder percentages given in the table below times the difference in price between the base price and the period price of asphalt cement. Adjustments will be made upward or downward, as prices increase or decrease.

- Item 403.102–6.2%
- Item 403.207–5.2%
- Item 403.2071–5.2%
- Item 403.2072–5.8%
- Item 403.208–5.6%
- Item 403.2081–5.6%
- Item 403.2084 – 6.2%
- Item 403.209–6.2%
- Item 403.210–6.2%
- Item 403.2101–6.2%
- Item 403.2104–6.2%
- Item 403.21041–6.2%
- Item 403.211–6.2%
- Item 403.2111–6.2%
- Item 403.212–6.8%
- Item 403.213–5.6%
- Item 403.2131–5.6%
- Item 403.2132–6.2%
- Item 403.301–6.2%
- Item 461.13–6.7%
- Item 461.210 – 6.4%
- Item 461.2101 – 6.4%
- Item 461.216 – 6.7%
- Item 462.30–0.0021 tons/SY
- Item 462.301–0.0021 tons/SY”

## SECTION 110 INDEMNIFICATION, BONDING, AND INSURANCE

110.3.2 Commercial General Liability Revise the last sentence in this Section that starts with “The coverage shall also...” and add a sentence to the end so that it reads:

**“The coverage shall also include protection against damage claims due to explosives, collapse, and underground coverage. No endorsement excluding damage caused by subsidence, earth movement, and/or earth pressure shall be permitted.”**

110.3.9 Administrative & General Provisions Amend this subsection by adding “**Automobile Liability**” under letter A) Additional Insured to the list of exceptions.

10. Assurance Required by 49 CFR: 26.13(a)(b) Revise this section by removing it in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

**“a. MaineDOT shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of any DOT-assisted contract or in the administration of its DBE Program or the requirements of 49 CFR part 26. MaineDOT shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 CFR part 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. MaineDOT’s DBE Program, as required by 49 CFR part 26 and as approved by DOT, is incorporated by reference in this agreement. The implementation of this program is a legal obligation and failure to carry out its terms shall be treated as a violation of this agreement. Upon notification to the MaineDOT of its failure to carry out its terms shall be treated as a violation of this agreement. Upon notification to the MaineDOT of its failure to carry out its approved program, the Department may impose sanctions as provided for under 49 CFR Part 26, and may, in appropriate cases, refer the matter for enforcement under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or the Program Fraud Remedies Act of 1986 (31 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.). This language will appear in financial assistance agreements with sub-recipients.**

**b. The contractor, sub-recipient, or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR part 26 in the award and administration of DOT assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate, including, but not limited to:**

- 1. Withholding monthly progress payments;**
- 2. Assessing sanctions;**
- 3. Liquidated damages; and/or**
- 4. Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible.”**

## SECTION 206 STRUCTURAL EXCAVATION

206.01 Description – *Structural Earth Excavation, Below Grade* delete the entire sentence and replace with “**shall consist of the removal of excavation required for unknown or unanticipated subsurface condition. See 206.04 – Method of Measurement for pay limits.**”

206.04 Method of Measurement – Drainage and Minor Structures Paragraph 1, sentence 2, delete the remainder of the sentence beginning with “...provided the maximum allowable...” And replace with: “**...in accordance with the following limits:**”

- **Vertical pay limits:**

- **Below a plane parallel with and 12 inches below the bottom of the drainage or minor structure or**
  - **Below the excavation limits shown in the Bid Documents; whichever is greater.**
- **Horizontal pay limits – The maximum allowable horizontal dimensions shall not exceed those bounded by vertical surfaces 18 inches outside the base, or extreme limits of, the structure, and to the vertical neat lines of underdrain trenches, as shown in the Contract Documents.**

### SECTION 401 HOT MIX ASPHALT PAVEMENT

401.19 Contractor Quality Control Amend this Section by adding the following to the end:  
**“Failure to comply with the approved QCP will result in work suspension and pay reductions as outlined in Section 106.4.6. The Quality Control Plan Value shall be the total bid value for all items covered by the QCP as identified in Special Provision 403.”**

### SECTION 501 FOUNDATION PILES

501.044 Special Requirements for Steel Pipe Piles and Steel Casings Amend this section by deleting it in its entirety and replacing with:

**Pipe piles shall be driven closed ended, unless otherwise specified. When open-ended pipe piles are specified or when the ends are not completely closed ended when driven, the inside of the pile shall be thoroughly cleaned out, and the inside walls cleaned by jetting or other means approved by the Resident. The sediment control required for the cleaning operations shall be covered in the Contractor’s SEWPCP.**

**Pipe piles shall be inspected and approved by the Resident immediately before concrete is placed in them. They shall be free from rupture and undue deformation and shall be free from water unless the Resident determines that the concrete can be placed without damage to the pile and such that the discharged water will be contained. The Contractor shall provide lights and other equipment necessary to enable the Resident to inspect each pipe pile.**

**Portland cement concrete for filling the pipe piles shall be placed in one continuous operation to fill the pile completely without causing water contamination. An internal type vibrator shall be used in the top 25 feet. Pile heads shall be protected and cured in accordance with Section 502, Structural Concrete.**

**The placing of concrete and the driving of piles shall be scheduled so that fresh and setting concrete will not be injured by the pile driving.**

Concrete shall not be placed in pipe piles until pile driving has progressed beyond a radius of 15 feet from the pile to be concreted. If pile heave is detected for pipe piles that have been filled with concrete, the piles shall be redriven to the original position after the concrete has attained sufficient strength and a proper hammer-pile cushion system, is in place and is satisfactory to the Resident.

When a reinforcing steel cage is specified, it shall be placed inside the piles to allow for a minimum of 2 inches of concrete cover and the piles shall be filled with concrete to the elevation shown on the Plans.

Full-length pipe piles and steel casings shall be used wherever practicable; however, splicing may be permitted when approved by the Resident. The method of splicing shall be as follows:

- a. Steel pipe piles and steel casings shall be spliced by full penetration butt joint welds.
- b. When the pipe piles and steel casings are to be spliced while in a vertical position, splicing shall be accomplished utilizing single-bevel groove welds with the use of back-up rings. When the pipe piles and steel casings are to be spliced while in a horizontal position, splicing shall be accomplished utilizing single-vee groove welds with the use of back-up rings.
- c. Welded joints shall conform to the Standard Details.

501.047 Splicing Piles Amend this section by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with:

Full-length piles shall always be used wherever practicable. When full-length piles cannot be used, the number of splices, locations, and details shall be noted in the QCP. Piles fabricated from multiple pieces will be acceptable only if they comply with the following:

H-Beam Piles <sup>a</sup>		Pipe Piles and Steel Casings <sup>a,b</sup>	
Lengths	Maximum No. Field Splices	Lengths	Maximum No. Field Splices
Less than 20 ft.	0	Less than 20 ft.	0
Over 20 – 35 ft.	1	Over 20 – 40 ft.	1
Over 35 – 79 ft.	2	Over 40 – 60 ft.	2
Over 79 ft.	1 per 40 ft.	Over 60 – 80 ft.	3
		Over 80 ft.	1 per 20 ft.
<sup>a</sup> Pile lengths less than 10 feet will not be spliced, except as the final (top) section of the pile. <sup>b</sup> Where pipe piles are used for pile bent piers, no splices will be allowed in the length of pile from the cutoff elevation to 2 feet below the channel bottom.			

When pre-planned splicing is approved, the pile piece of lesser length shall be placed at the tip of the pile (the first part of the pile that enters the ground).

When splicing is allowed, the work shall be done in accordance with the following:

- A. Welding shall be done in accordance with the requirements of the AWS D1.1 welding code.**
- B. Qualify welders in accordance with the most recent edition of the AWS D1.5 code.**
- C. Submit a written Weld Procedure Specification (WPS) for each joint to be included as part of the QCP. The WPSs shall be provided to the Fabrication Engineer for review and approval prior to beginning welding. Provide copies of the approved WPSs to the welder, QC Inspector and Resident prior to beginning welding. Welding performed without an approved WPS and approved QCP will be considered Unacceptable Work.**
- D. Provide a list of qualified welders with copies of their AWS certifications to the Fabrication Engineer for review prior to beginning welding. Welders shall have in their possession, at the time of welding, a valid certification for the process and position to be used in production from the AWS. The welder shall show the Resident their credentials upon request.**
- E. The Contractor shall only use electrodes that are on the Department's Qualified Products List for Welding Electrodes or shall submit alternative electrodes for review and approval by the Fabrication Engineer. Electrodes used shall match those approved for use in the WPS.**
- F. Welding shall not be done: When the temperature in the immediate vicinity of the weld is below 0°F; when the surfaces are damp or exposed to rain, snow, or high wind; or when the welders or welding operators are exposed to inclement conditions.**
- G. The pile shall be preheated to and maintained at 150°F minimum, within 6 inches from the joint during welding.**
- H. Power sources for welders shall have meters indicating amperage/voltage that have been calibrated within 1 year at the time of welding.**
- I. The Contractor shall provide the Department with notice, a minimum of, 7 Days prior to the start of any welding.**
- J. The Contractor shall provide a QC Inspector to perform QC for the welds in accordance with the AWS D1.1 welding code. The QC Inspector shall be an AWS Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) in conformance with the requirements of AWS QC1, Standard for AWS Certifications of Welding Inspectors. The Contractor may submit, in lieu of a CWI, an alternative QC Inspector with documented training and experience in metals fabrication, inspection, and testing for approval by the Fabrication Engineer. The QC Inspector shall be someone other than the welder performing the welds to be inspected.**
- K. The QC Inspector shall inspect all production stages of the welded splice to ensure that workmanship and materials meet the requirements of the AWS D1.1 welding code and the Contract. The QC Inspector shall submit a signed record of all weld inspection documentation to the Resident after welding is completed.**

**Record of weld inspection shall include, but not be limited to, the following:**

- 1. Name of QC Inspector**
- 2. Project WIN and Location**
- 3. Date**
- 4. Weather conditions**
- 5. Type, size, length, and location of welds.**

6. **Confirmation of appropriate equipment and materials used, including proper handling of welding electrodes.**
7. **Confirmation that welder has approved WPS onsite, and welding is performed in accordance with approved WPS.**
8. **Confirmation that welder is qualified to perform work per approved WPS. Include name and certifications of qualified welder who performed the work.**
9. **Confirm that 100% visual testing, in accordance with AWS D1.1 Table 8.1, has been conducted and any subsequent repairs are made prior to non-destructive testing (NDT).**
10. **Document NDT testing including name of NDT technician, NDT personnel qualifications, type and extent of NDT testing performed, and include NDT testing reports provided by the NDT testing technician.**

L. **Piles shall not be driven until all pile welding has been inspected and accepted by the Department.**

#### **501.0471 Specific Requirements for Splicing H-Beam Piles**

- A. Damaged material shall be removed from the end of the driven pile. Lifting holes shall be repaired or trimmed off. The ends of both pieces to be spliced shall be cut off square with the longitudinal axis of the pile and beveled per the approved WPS. All cutting shall be done with the use of a mechanical guide, except that minor trimming may be allowed, as approved by the Resident.
- B. The Contractor shall use an approved mechanical splicer or a full penetration butt weld for the entire cross section of the pile. Mechanical splicers shall be installed per the manufacturer's recommendations, except that the flanges shall be welded using a complete joint penetration weld, per the AWS D1.1 welding code.
- C. In addition to the 100% visual testing (VT) performed by the QC Inspector, the Contractor shall perform NDT on the first two welded splices of the same type/size. The welds shall be radiographically (RT) or ultrasonically (UT) tested for their full length for acceptance per Table 8.2 of AWS D1.1. If both RT/UT-tested splices are determined to be acceptable, no further NDT will be required. If either of the first two RT/UT-tested splices contain defects warranting rejection, RT/UT testing of splices shall continue until two consecutive splices are found to be acceptable.
- D. Should the Department determine that the Quality Control of the Contractor is not producing welds with acceptable quality, then the Department may request the Contractor to perform additional NDT, such as RT or UT of any or all welds. Should the NDT testing identify defects warranting rejection, the welds shall be repaired and retested. The Contractor shall perform the NDT and weld repair work at no additional cost to the Department. If the NDT does not identify defects warranting rejection, then the Department will pay for the cost of the NDT testing. RT and UT defect indications will be evaluated according to the statically loaded criteria of AWS D1.1.

#### **501.0472 Specific Requirements for Splicing Steel Pipe Piles and Steel Casings**

- A. Damaged material shall be removed from the end of the driven pile. Lifting holes shall be trimmed off. The ends of both pieces to be spliced shall be cut off square with the

longitudinal axis of the pile and beveled per the approved WPS. All cutting shall be done with the use of a mechanical guide, except that minor trimming may be allowed, as approved by the Resident.

B. Splices shall be welded using an AWS D1.1 Complete Joint Penetration butt weld with a backer ring.

C. In addition to the 100% VT performed by the QC Inspector, the Contractor shall perform NDT on the first two welded splices of the same type/size. The welds shall be RT or UT tested for their full length for acceptance per Table 8.2 of AWS D1.1. If both RT/UT-tested splices are determined to be acceptable, no further NDT will be required. If either of the first two RT/UT-tested splices contain defects warranting rejection, RT/UT testing of splices shall continue until two consecutive splices are found to be acceptable.

D. Should the Department determine that the Quality Control of the Contractor is not producing welds with acceptable quality, then the Department may request the Contractor to perform additional NDT, such as RT or UT of any or all welds. Should the NDT testing identify defects warranting rejection, the welds shall be repaired and retested. The Contractor shall perform the NDT and weld repair work at no additional cost to the Department. If the NDT does not identify defects warranting rejection, then the Department will pay for the cost of the NDT testing. RT and UT defect indications will be evaluated according to the statically loaded criteria of AWS D1.1.

501.048 Prefabricated Pile Tips Amend this section by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with:

Welding of pile tips shall be done in accordance with the following:

A. Welding shall be done in accordance with the requirements of the AWS D1.1 welding code.

B. Qualify welders in accordance with the most recent edition of the AWS D1.5 code.

C. Submit a written WPS for each tip to be included as part of the QCP. The WPSs shall be provided to the Fabrication Engineer for review and approval prior to beginning welding. Provide copies of the approved the WPS to the welder and Resident prior to beginning welding. Welding performed without an approved WPS and approved QCP will be considered Unacceptable Work.

D. Provide a list of qualified welders with copies of their AWS certifications to the Fabrication Engineer for review prior to beginning welding. Welders shall have in their possession, at the time of welding, a valid certification for the process and position to be used in production from the AWS or other organization acceptable to the Resident. The welder shall show the Resident their credentials upon request.

E. The Contractor shall only use electrodes that are on the Department's Qualified Products List for Welding Electrodes or shall submit alternative electrodes for review and approval by the Fabrication Engineer. Electrodes used shall match those approved for use in the WPS.

F. Pile tips shall be approved by the Resident.

G. Welding shall not be done: When the temperature in the immediate vicinity of the weld is below 0°F; when the surfaces are damp or exposed to rain, snow, or high wind; or when the welders or welding operators are exposed to inclement conditions.

H. The pile shall be preheated to and maintained at 150°F minimum within 6 inches from the joint during welding.

I. Power sources for welders shall have meters indicating amperage/voltage that have been calibrated within 1 year at the time of welding.

J. Pile tips may be welded to the piles by the pile supplier upon approval by the Department. Approval is contingent upon submission of the following: A welding QC Plan; proof that the proposed welder(s) is certified per AWS D1.5; and an AWS D1.1 WPS, with base metal preheated to a minimum of 150°F. The Contractor shall provide notice a minimum of 14 Days prior to the start of any welding by the pile supplier. At a minimum, welds shall be 100% visually inspected by the pile supplier's QC representative.

K. The Contractor shall provide a QC Inspector to perform QC for the welds in accordance with the AWS D1.1 welding code. The QC Inspector shall be an CWI in conformance with the requirements of AWS QC1, Standard for AWS Certifications of Welding Inspectors. The Contractor may submit, in lieu of a CWI, an alternative QC Inspector with documented training and experience in metals fabrication, inspection, and testing for approval by the Fabrication Engineer. The QC Inspector shall be someone other than the welder performing the welds to be inspected.

L. The QC Inspector shall inspect all production stages of the welded splice to ensure that workmanship and materials meet the requirements of the AWS D1.1 welding code and the Contract. The QC Inspector shall submit a signed record of all weld inspection documentation to the Resident after welding is completed.

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**Record of weld inspection shall include, but not be limited to, the following:**

- 1. Name of QC Inspector**
- 2. Project WIN and Location**
- 3. Date**
- 4. Weather conditions**
- 5. Type, size, length, and location of welds.**
- 6. Confirmation of appropriate equipment and materials used, including proper handling of welding electrodes.**
- 7. Confirmation that welder has approved WPS onsite, and welding is performed in accordance with approved WPS.**
- 8. Confirmation that welder is qualified to perform work per approved WPS. Include name and certifications of qualified welder who performed the work.**
- 9. Confirm that 100% VT, in accordance with AWS D1.1 Table 8.1, has been conducted and any subsequent repairs are made prior to NDT.**
- 10. Document NDT testing including name of NDT technician, NDT personnel qualifications, type and extent of NDT testing performed, and include NDT testing reports provided by the NDT testing technician.**

N. The Contractor shall provide notice a minimum of 7 Days prior to the start of any field welding.

- O. Piles shall not be driven until all pile welding has been inspected and accepted by the Department.

**501.0481 Specific Requirements for Installing H-Beam Pile Tips**

- A. Damaged material shall be removed from the end of the driven pile, as applicable. Lifting holes shall be trimmed off. The end of the pile to which the tip is to be attached shall be cut off square with the longitudinal axis of the pile and prepared per the approved WPS. All cutting shall be done with the use of a mechanical guide, except that minor trimming may be allowed, as approved by the Resident.
- B. Regarding weld size, prefabricated pile tips shall be attached to H-beam piles with 5/16-inch groove welds along each flange, or as recommended by the manufacturer of the pile tips, whichever weld size is larger.
- C. The QC Inspector shall, at a minimum, perform 100% VT on each pile tip weld.
- D. Should the Department determine that the Quality Control of the Contractor is not producing welds with acceptable quality, then the Department may request the Contractor to perform additional NDT, such as RT or UT of any or all welds. Should the NDT testing identify defects warranting rejection, the welds shall be repaired and retested. The Contractor shall perform the NDT and weld repair work at no additional cost to the Department. If the NDT does not identify defects warranting rejection, then the Department will pay for the cost of the NDT testing. RT and UT defect indications will be evaluated according to the statically loaded criteria of AWS D1.1.

**501.0482 Specific Requirements for Installing Steel Pipe Pile Tips**

- A. Damaged material shall be removed from the end of the driven pile, as applicable. Lifting holes shall be trimmed off. The end of the pile to which the tip is to be attached shall be cut off square with the longitudinal axis of the pile and prepared per the approved WPS. All cutting shall be done with the use of a mechanical guide, except that minor trimming may be allowed, as approved by the Resident.
- B. Unless otherwise shown on the Plans, steel pipe piles shall have pointed cast steel pile tips.
- C. Regarding weld size, prefabricated pile tips shall be attached to steel pipe piles with a continuous 5/16-inch groove weld along the full perimeter of the pile, or as recommended by the manufacturer of the pile tips, whichever weld size is larger.
- D. The QC Inspector shall, at a minimum, perform 100% VT on each pile tip weld.
- E. Should the Department determine that the Quality Control of the Contractor is not producing welds with acceptable quality, then the Department may request the Contractor to perform additional NDT, such as RT or UT of any or all welds. Should the NDT testing identify defects warranting rejection, the welds shall be repaired and retested. The Contractor shall perform the NDT and weld repair work at no additional cost to the Department. If the NDT does not identify defects warranting rejection, then the Department will pay for the cost of the NDT testing. RT and UT defect indications will be evaluated according to the statically loaded criteria of AWS D1.1.

501.05 Method of Measurement

c. Piles in Place Revise the third paragraph by replacing the “10” with “20” so that it reads:

Unused pile cutoffs **20** feet or more in length, except those required to accommodate the Contractor’s construction method, as discussed herein, will remain the property of the Department and will be stored at a bridge maintenance yard nearest the project. Hauling and unloading of piles will be done by the Contractor or by the Department, depending upon availability of services.

SECTION 502  
STRUCTURAL CONCRETE

502.03 Materials Amend this section by adding the following to the list of materials:

Combined Aggregate Grading for Concrete 703.03

502.07 Mixing and Delivery Remove the last sentence in Paragraph A that starts with “With prior approval... and replace with the following:

**“An approved hydration stabilizing admixture may be used to increase the discharge time. Justification for the need for a hydration stabilizing admixture shall be provided in the QC Plan. When a hydration stabilizing admixture is used, the manufacturer, dosage rate and discharge time, from the time cement is added to the aggregate, shall be documented in the approved QC Plan. The proposed discharge time(s) shall be based on the manufacturer’s written recommendations, the anticipated concrete temperatures and anticipated ambient conditions at the time of placement(s). Discharge time(s) shall be adjusted when conditions change or are not as anticipated as outlined in the approved QC Plan. The discharge time(s) approved by the Department shall be subject to change at any time, and discharge of concrete into the permanent work shall cease immediately if the concrete is determined to have attained Accelerated Hydration Gain. Accelerated Hydration Gain being the condition where the fresh concrete has hydrated to the point where the workability and finishability is detrimental to the quality of the final product. Determination of when concrete has attained Accelerated Hydration Gain shall be made by the Contractor’s Quality Control Technician(s) and shall be based on parameters proposed by the Contractor in the QC Plan, such as, but not limited to, loss of slump, plasticity, or workability, an increase in concrete temperature, or a change in the percentage of entrained air.”**

502.09 Forms and Falsework Amend this subsection by adding the subsection title “**502.10 Placing Concrete**” after section “D” Removal of Forms and False work” and after the paragraph beginning with “2. Forms and False work, including blocking...”. So that a new subsection starts and reads:

**“502.10 Placing Concrete**

**A. General Concrete shall not be placed until forms ....”**

502.1701 Quality Control, Method A and B Revise this Section so that the first paragraph and the first sentence of the second paragraph read:

**502.17 Quality Control** The Contractor shall control the quality of the concrete through testing, inspection, and practices which shall be described in the QCP, sufficient to assure a product meeting the Contract requirements. The QCP shall meet the requirements of Section 106, Quality, and this specification. No work under this item shall proceed until the QCP is submitted to and approved by the Department. Failure to comply with the approved QCP will result in work suspension and pay reductions as outlined in Section 106.4.6. The Quality Control Plan Value shall be the total bid value for all cast-in-place items covered by the QCP, using the P value listed in Special Provision 502. If no P value is listed, a value of \$350, or bid value per cubic yard, whichever is less, shall be used.

**502.1701 Quality Control, Method A and B** The QCP shall address all elements that affect the quality of the structural concrete including, but not limited to, the following: “

Under the list with the heading, “The QCP shall address all elements that affect the quality of the structural concrete including, but not limited to, the following:”:

Replace “F” to read: “**Mix and Transportation, including Time from Batching to Completion of Delivery, as well as manufacturer, product name, proposed dosage(s) and discharge time(s) if a hydration stabilizing admixture is used.**”

Replace “H” to read: “**Process QC Testing, including monitoring for attainment of Accelerated Hydration Gain when a hydration stabilizing admixture is used.**”

Revise this section by replacing the paragraph before Table 4 that starts out “The Contractor shall maintain...” to read:

**“The Contractor shall maintain records of all QC tests and calculations. All QC test data shall be signed by the person who performed the test. The representative gradation test results shall be reported to the Department before the placement they represent. This initial representative gradation test shall be sampled a maximum of 30 days prior to the production day. The Contractor or supplier shall retain split samples of the most recent QC gradations for possible testing by the Department. In addition, the Department will sample the aggregates at the plant monthly to determine compliance with 703.03 Combined Aggregate Grading for Concrete. The Combined Aggregate Grading will be calculated by mathematically blending the individual aggregate gradations using the batch percentages from the approved mix design. If the Department’s gradation tests determine that the aggregate does not meet the specified gradation limits, the current procedure mentioned in MaineDOT PCC Policies and Procedures Manual shall be followed. The compressive strength test results shall be reported to the Department by 10:00 A.M. of the first working day following the test. The Contractor shall record all onsite QC test data and calculations at the time of the placement and present this information, on a form acceptable to the Department, to the Department by 10:00 A.M. of the first working day following the concrete placement. Batch tickets shall be representative of that day’s total moisture in aggregate value, QC test data for total moisture in aggregate shall be provided to the**

**Department by 10:00 A.M. of the first working day following the concrete placement. All Method A and B QC testing shall meet the minimum requirements found in Table 4.”**

Section 502.1701, Quality Control, Revise Table 4 of this Subsection by removing it in its entirety and replacing it with:

**TABLE 4  
METHOD A & B MINIMUM QUALITY CONTROL TESTING REQUIREMENTS\***

TEST	TEST METHOD	SAMPLING LOCATION	FREQUENCY
Gradation	AASHTO T 27 & T 11	Stockpile	One representative set per proposed grading before production One set every 100 yd <sup>3</sup> (Min. 1 set per month)
Organic Impurities	AASHTO T 21	Stockpile	Once per fine aggregate per year**
% Absorption	AASHTO T 84 & T 85	Stockpile	Once per aggregate per year
Specific Gravity	AASHTO T 84 & T 85	Stockpile	Once per aggregate per year
Total Moisture in Aggregate	AASHTO T 255	Stockpile	One set per day's production
Free Water and Aggregate Wt.	N/A		One per day's production
% Entrained Air	AASHTO T 152	On Project	On first two loads and every third load thereafter provided consistent results are achieved
Compressive Strength	AASHTO T 22	On Project	One set per subplot
Compressive Strength	AASHTO T 22	On Project	One set per subplot

\*Additional QC testing will be required any time a process change occurs during a placement, including changes in type or dosage of admixture. Additional testing shall include, but is not limited to, entrained air testing.

\*\*If the color produced is a laboratory designation Plate III, then the fine aggregate shall be tested once per month

502.1702 Quality Control, Method C Remove this sub section and replace it with:

**“The Contractor shall submit a QCP listing the mix design(s) to be used, the name and location of the production facility, a brief description of the placement and curing process and the name and qualifications of any QCT to be used. When a hydration stabilizing admixture is proposed for use, the manufacturer, product name, dosage rate and discharge time, from the time cement is added to the aggregate, shall be included, as well as procedures for monitoring attainment of Accelerated Hydration Gain. A QCT will be required. The Contractor shall provide a Certificate of Compliance for each truckload of concrete to the Department at the time of the load placement.”**

502.18, Method of Measurement, Revise Subsection ‘F’ by removing the word ‘transverse’ so that it reads: **“Saw cut grooving of concrete wearing surfaces, complete and accepted, will be measured for payment as one lump sum.”**

502.19, Basis of Payment, Revise the third paragraph by removing the word ‘transverse’ so that it reads: **“Saw cut grooving of concrete wearing surfaces will be paid for at the Contract Lump Sum Price, which shall be payment for furnishing all materials, labor, and equipment, including depth gauges and all incidentals, to satisfactorily complete the work.”**  
(Also see 535.24 and 535.25 for related changes)

## SECTION 503 REINFORCING STEEL

Section 503.07 Splicing Revise this section by removing the table and following footnote and replacing them with:

Minimum Lap Splice Length (inches)									
Bar Type	Bar Size								
	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11
Plain or Galvanized	16	20	24	29	38	47	59	72	85
Epoxy or Dual Coated	17	24	36	43	56	71	88	107	128
Stainless	19	24	30	36	47	59	73	89	107
Low-carbon Chromium	24	32	39	47	63	78	97	119	142

**“The minimum lap splice lengths in the table above are based on the parameters below. When any of these parameters are altered, appropriate minimum lap splice lengths will be as shown on the Plans.**

- Normal weight concrete
- Minimum 28-day concrete compressive strength from 4,000 psi to 10,000 psi

- **Class B tension lap splice**
- **Minimum center-to-center spacing between bars of 6 inches**
- **Minimum clear cover of 2 inches**
- **Nominal reinforcing steel yield strengths**
  - **Low-carbon Chromium = 100 ksi**
  - **Stainless = 75 ksi**
  - **All others = 60 ksi**
- **Reinforcement with yield strengths greater than 75 ksi shall have beam transverse reinforcement and column ties provided over the required lap splice length in accordance with the current edition of the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications**

**When lap splices are placed horizontally in an element where the concrete depth below the splice will be 12 inches, or more, the indicated lap splice lengths shall be multiplied by a factor of 1.3.”**

Amend the Paragraph starting with **Welded Splices may be made...**” by adding to the last sentence beginning so that it reads **“The Contractor shall submit complete details of their proposed method of making welded splices for the Resident's approval at least 10 days prior to use.”**

504.12 Protective Coatings Revise this subsection by removing the paragraph beginning with “When galvanizing is specified” and replacing it with:

**“When galvanizing is specified, clean the steel in accordance with SSPC-SP 6 prior to galvanizing. Galvanize in accordance with AASHTO M 111 (ASTM A123). Galvanize fasteners in accordance with AASHTO M 232 (ASTM A153), ASTM F2329, or ASTM B695, Class 50, Type I. Galvanized nuts shall be lubricated with a water-soluble lubricant containing a dye that contrasts with the color of the galvanizing.”**

## SECTION 506 SHOP APPLIED PROTECTIVE COATING – STEEL

506.10 Description Revise this subsection by removing the entire paragraph in its entirety and replacing it with:

**“This work shall consist of surface preparation and application of coating systems in accordance with the Plans and this Specification. The color of structural steel painted in its entirety shall comply with SAE AMS-STD-595 – Colors Used in Government Procurement Color No. 14272 (Green), unless otherwise specified in the Contract. The color of partially painted weathering steel shall comply with SAE AMS-STD-595 – Colors Used in Government Procurement Color No. 30045 (Brown), unless otherwise specified in the Contract. All other coating colors shall be as specified in the Contract.”**

506.13 Surface Preparation Amend this section by adding this paragraph to the end:

**“Steel shall meet the requirements of SSPC SP8 Pickling prior to being immersed in the zinc tanks. Verification of the surface preparation shall be included in the QC documentation.”**

## SECTION 518 STRUCTURAL CONCRETE REPAIR

**518.02 Repair Materials** Replace the paragraph beginning with “Where the depth of placement...” with the following:

**“Where the depth of placement is equal to or greater than 1 inch, the Contractor may use concrete as the repair material. When concrete is used, the coarse aggregate shall conform to the requirements of the table below and Standard Specification Section 703.02, Coarse Aggregate for Concrete, or 703.03, Combined Aggregate Grading for Concrete.”**

Remove the second table with the heading, “Sieve Designation Percent by Weight Passing a Square Mesh Sieve”

## SECTION 523 BEARINGS

**523.051 Protective Coating** Revise this subsection by removing the paragraph beginning with “Anchor rods shall be galvanized...” and replacing with:

**“Anchor rods shall be galvanized. When anchor rods are designated to secure bare unpainted steel or painted steel, a dielectric coating (epoxy or bituminous type coatings are acceptable) shall be applied to the anchor rod and/or adjacent steel to prevent contact between galvanized surfaces and painted or unpainted steel.”**

**523.22 Fabrication** Amend this subsection by adding the following: **“Elastomeric Bearings shall be fabricated in accordance with AASHTO M251.”**

## SECTION 526 CONCRETE BARRIER

Amend this section by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with:

**“526.01 Description This work shall consist of the furnishing, constructing, erecting, setting, resetting, and removal of concrete barrier and associated elements in accordance with these specifications, the Standard Details, and the lines and grades shown on the Plans or established by the Resident.**

**The types of concrete barrier are designated as follows:**

**Portable Concrete Barrier Type I** Double faced removable barrier in accordance with the Standard Details.

**Permanent Concrete Barrier Type II** Double faced barrier as shown on the Plans.

**Permanent Concrete Barrier Type IIIa** Single faced barrier 32 inches high in accordance with the Standard Details or as shown on the Plans.

**Permanent Concrete Barrier Type IIIb** Single faced barrier 42 inches high in accordance with the Standard Details or as shown on the Plans.

**Permanent Concrete Transition Barrier** Barrier of various heights joining steel bridge rail to steel guardrail in accordance with the Standard Details or as shown on the Plans.

**Permanent Texas Classic Rail Barrier** Traffic rail or sidewalk rail, in accordance with the Standard Details or as shown on the Plans.

#### **526.02 Materials**

a. **Concrete** Concrete for barriers, both permanent and portable, shall have a design strength of 5,000 psi.

For cast-in-place barrier: The concrete shall be Class LP, in accordance with Standard Specification Section 502, Structural Concrete.

For precast barrier: The concrete shall meet the requirements of Standard Specification 712.061, Structural Precast Concrete Units, except that the stripping strength for precast barriers is 4,000 psi.

b. **Reinforcing Steel** Reinforcing steel shall meet the requirements of Section 503, Reinforcing Steel.

c. **Structural Steel** Plates and barrier connections shall meet the requirements specified in Standard Specification 504 - Structural Steel and shall be hot dip galvanized after fabrication in accordance with Standard Specification 506, Shop Applied Protective Coating – Steel

d. **Bolts** Bolts shall meet the requirements specified in Section 713.02, High Strength Bolts.

e. **Connecting Pins for Portable Concrete Barrier** Portable concrete barriers must be connected using a 1- inch diameter pin. The connecting pin must be smooth, not deformed, i.e., reinforcing bar may not be used, and shall meet the strength requirements of ASTM A449 steel. Materials with greater strength may be used with the approval of the Department.

**f. Anchor Pins for Portable Concrete Barrier** Anchoring to concrete or asphalt will be required when specified on the Plans. When required, portable concrete barriers must be anchored using a 1 ½ - inch diameter anchor pin. The anchor pin must be smooth, not deformed, i.e., reinforcing bar may not be used, and shall meet the strength requirements of ASTM A36 steel. Materials with greater strength may be used with the approval of the Department.

**g. Device Crashworthiness** MaineDOT is transitioning to MASH2016 criteria for Portable Concrete Barrier on the following schedule:

**New Portable Concrete Barrier shall be crash tested and/or evaluated to MASH2016 criteria.**

**Current Portable Concrete Barrier in useful serviceable condition that is successfully tested to NCHRP Report 350 or MASH2009 criteria may be utilized through December 31, 2029.**

**Other current Portable Concrete Barrier that is deemed acceptable by the Department may be utilized on projects off the National Highway System through December 31, 2024.**

### **526.03 Construction Requirements**

**Cast-in-place barriers shall be fabricated in accordance with Standard Specification Section 502, Structural Concrete. Precast barriers shall be fabricated in accordance with Standard Specification 534, Precast Structural Concrete.**

**Concrete finish for permanent barrier shall be rubbed as defined in Standard Specification Section 502, Structural Concrete, 502.13 D2 or an approved equal.**

**Portable concrete barrier shall be generally free from fins and porous areas and shall present a neat and uniform appearance.**

**Permanent barrier shall have a protective coating applied in accordance with Standard Specification Section 515, Protective Coating for Concrete Surfaces.**

**Reflective delineators for concrete median barrier shall meet the requirements of Special Provision 645, Highway Signing.**

**Preformed Joint Filler shall meet the requirements specified in Subsection 705.01, Preformed Expansion Joint Filler.**

**Permissible dimensional tolerances for all concrete barriers shall be as follows:**

**a. Cross-sectional dimensions shall not vary from design dimensions by more than ¼ inch. The vertical centerline shall not be out of plumb by more than ¼ inch.**

b. Longitudinal dimensions shall not vary from the design dimensions by more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch per 10 feet of barrier section and shall not exceed  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches per section.

c. Location of anchoring holes shall not vary by more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from the dimensions shown in the concrete barrier details on the Plans.

d. Surface straightness shall not vary more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch under a 10-foot straightedge.

e. The barrier shall have no significant cracking. Significant cracking is defined as fractures or cracks passing through the section, or any continuous crack extending for a length of 12 inches or more, regardless of position in the section.

**526.04 Method of Measurement** Permanent Concrete Barrier Type II, IIIa, IIIb, Texas Classic Rail, and Precast Median Barrier will be measured for payment by lump sum, complete in place.

Portable concrete barrier, both anchored and unanchored will be measured for payment by lump sum. Lump sum measurement will include verification of the installation and removal of all portable concrete at the completion of the Contractor's operations.

The Contractor shall replace sections of portable concrete barrier, including anchored barrier damaged by the traveling public when directed by the Resident. Replacement sections will be measured for payment in accordance with Standard Specification 109.7, Equitable Adjustments to Compensation and Time.

Transition barrier will be measured by each, complete in place.

**526.05 Basis of Payment** The accepted quantities of Concrete Barrier Type II, IIIa, IIIb, Texas Classic Rail, and Precast Median Barrier will be paid for at the Contract lump sum price for the type specified, complete in place.

The accepted quantities of Portable Concrete Barrier Type I, both anchored and unanchored will be paid for at the Contract lump sum price. Such payment shall be full compensation for furnishing all materials, assembling, moving, resetting, transporting, temporarily storing, removing barrier, furnishing new parts as necessary, and all incidentals necessary to complete the work.

Portable barrier shall become the property of the Contractor upon completion of the use of the barrier on the project and shall be removed from the project site by the Contractor.

Transition barrier will be paid for at the Contract price each, complete in place.

The accepted quantity of all types of concrete barrier, whether portable or permanent, will be paid for at the lump sum or per each price, as applicable, which payment shall be full compensation for all materials, including reinforcing steel, protective coating, reflective

**delineators, steel plates and hardware, equipment, labor and incidentals required, as necessary, to complete the work.**

**Payment will be made under:**

	<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
526.301	Portable Concrete Barrier, Type I	Lump Sum
526.304	Portable Concrete Barrier, Anchored Type I	Lump Sum
526.312	Permanent Concrete Barrier Type II	Lump Sum
526.321	Permanent Concrete Barrier Type IIIa	Lump Sum
526.323	Texas Classic Rail	Lump Sum
526.331	Permanent Concrete Barrier Type IIIb	Lump Sum
526.34	Permanent Concrete Transition Barrier	Each
526.502	Precast Concrete Median Barrier	Lump Sum”

## SECTION 527 ENERGY ABSORBING UNIT

527.02 Materials Amend this section by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with:

**“MaineDOT is transitioning to MASH2016 criteria for Work Zone Traffic Control Devices on the following schedule:**

**Portable Crash Cushions will be crash tested and/or evaluated to MASH2016 criteria by January 1, 2030. Current Category 3 devices in useful serviceable condition that are successfully tested to NCHRP Report 350 or MASH2009 criteria may be utilized through December 31, 2029.**

**Work Zone Crash Cushions shall be selected from the Department’s Qualified Products List of Crash Cushions/Impact Attenuators or approved equal.”**

## SECTION 535 PRECAST, PRESTRESSED CONCRETE SUPERSTRUCTURE

535.02 Materials Replace the description of “Coarse Aggregate for Concrete (Class A, AA, or Latex) in its entirety with: **“Coarse Aggregate for Concrete (Class A, AA, or SP-1-7)”**

535.22 Tolerances Amend this section by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with: **“Product dimensional tolerances shall be in conformance with the latest edition of PCI MNL-135, Tolerance Manual for Precast and Prestressed Concrete Construction, as applicable to the particular product (e.g., slab, I-girder, box beam), the Plans, and this Specification. Use Box**

**Beam fabrication tolerances for voided or solid slab beams and use Double Tee tolerances for NEXT beams. In case of dispute, the Fabrication Engineer shall determine the allowable tolerance.”**

535.24 Installation of Slabs, Beams, and Girders Revise the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph by replacing “6.0 and 9.0” to “5.0 and 8.0” so it reads: **“Ready mixed grout shall achieve a design compressive strength of 6,000 psi at 28 days, have an entrained air content of between 5.0 and 8.0 percent, be non-shrink, flowable, and contain a non-shrink additive listed on the Department QPL for expansive cements.”**

535.25, Installation of Precast/Prestressed Deck Panels Revise the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph by replacing “6.0 and 9.0” to “5.0 and 8.0” so it reads: **“Ready mixed grout shall achieve a design compressive strength of 6,000 psi at 28 days, have an entrained air content of between 5.0 and 8.0 percent, be non-shrink, flowable, and contain a non-shrink additive listed on the Department QPL for expansive cements.”**

## SECTION 606 GUARDRAIL

Amend this section by replacing it with the following:

606.01 Description This work shall consist of furnishing and installing guardrail components in accordance with these specifications and in reasonably close conformity with the lines and grades shown on the plans or as established. Guardrail is designated as:

31” W-Beam Guardrail - Mid-Way Splice

Galvanized steel w-beam, 8” wood or composite offset blocks, galvanized steel posts

Thrie Beam

Galvanized steel thrie beam, 8” wood or composite offset blocks, galvanized steel posts

Median guardrail shall consist of two beams of the above types, mounted on single posts.

Bridge mounted guardrail shall consist of furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to install guardrail as shown on the plans. This work shall also include drilling for and installation of offset blocks if specified, and incidental hardware necessary for satisfactory completion of the work.

Remove and Reset and Remove, Modify, and Reset guardrail shall consist of removing the existing designated guardrail and resetting in a new location as shown on the plans or directed by the Resident. Remove, Modify, and Reset guardrail and Modify guardrail include the following guardrail modifications: Removing plate washers at all posts, except at anchorage assemblies as noted on the Standard Details, adding offset blocks, and other modifications as listed in the Construction Notes or General Notes. Modifications shall conform to the guardrail Standard Details.

Bridge Connection shall consist of the installation and attachment of beam guardrail to the existing bridge. This work shall consist of constructing a concrete end post or modifying an existing end post as required, furnishing, and installing a terminal connector, necessary hardware, and incidentals required to complete the work as shown on the plans. Bridge Transition shall consist of a bridge connection and furnishing and installing guardrail components as shown in the Standard Details.

606.02 Materials Materials shall meet the requirements specified in the following Sections of Division 700 - Materials:

Timber Preservative	708.05
Metal Beam Rail	710.04
Guardrail Posts	710.07
Guardrail Hardware	710.08

Guardrail components shall meet the applicable standards of "A Guide to Standardized Highway Barrier Hardware" prepared and approved by the AASHTO-AGC-ARTBA Joint Cooperative Committee, Task Force 13 Report.

Posts for underdrain delineators shall be "U" channel steel, 8 ft long, 2 ½ lb/ft minimum and have 3/8-inch round holes, 1-inch center to center for a minimum distance of 2 ft from the top of the post.

Reflectorized Flexible Guardrail Markers shall be mounted on all guardrails. A marker shall be mounted onto guardrail posts at the flared guardrail terminal end point and tangent point, both at the leading and trailing ends of each run of guardrail. The marker's flexible posts shall be gray with either silver-white or yellow reflectors (to match the edge line striping) at the tangents, red at leading ends, and green at trailing ends. Whenever the guardrail terminal is not flared, markers will only be required at the terminal end point. These shall be red or green as appropriate. Markers shall be installed on the protected side of guardrail posts unless otherwise approved by the Resident. Reflectorized flexible guardrail markers shall be from the Department's Qualified Products List of Delineators. The marker shall be gray, flexible, durable, and of a non-discoloring material to which 3-inch by 9-inch reflectors shall be applied, and capable of recovering from repeated impacts and meeting MASH 16 requirements. Reflective material shall meet the requirements of Section 719.01 for ASTM D 4956 Type III reflective sheeting. The marker shall be secured to the guardrail post with two fasteners, as shown in the Standard Details.

Reflectorized beam guardrail reflectors shall be mounted on all "w" beam guardrail and shall be either the "butterfly" type or linear delineation system panels. "Butterfly" or linear delineation panels shall be installed at approximately 62.5 foot intervals on tangents (after every tenth post) and 31.25 feet on curves (after every fifth post), and shall be centered on the guardrail beam. On Divided highways, the left-hand delineators shall be yellow and the right-hand delineators shall be silver/ white. On two-way directional highways, the right-hand side will have silver / white reflectors and no reflectorized delineator used on the left. Delineators shall have reflective sheeting that meets or exceeds the requirements of Section 719.01.

“Butterfly” reflectors shall be fabricated from high-impact, ultraviolet & weather resistant thermoplastic. Aluminum, galvanized metal or other materials shall not be used. Reflective sheeting will be applied to only one side of the delineator facing the direction of traffic and shall be centered vertically on the guardrail beam as shown in the Standard Detail 606(7).

Linear delineation system panels shall be 1.5 inches wide by approximately 11 inches nominal length, with a minimum of 5 raised lateral ridges spaced at approximately 2.25 inches. The height of each ridge shall be 0.34 inches with a 45 degree profile and a 0.28 inches radius at the top. Sheeting shall be laminated to thin gauge aluminum with a pre-applied adhesive tape on the back. Panels shall not be installed over seams or bolt heads and shall be centered horizontally on the guardrail beam; linear delineation panels shall be attached to only one guardrail beam. The guardrail beam surface shall be cleaned and prepared according to the manufacturer’s instructions. Air temperature and guardrail surface temperature must be a minimum of 50 degrees F (10 C) with rising temperature at the time of installation.

Exact locations of the either the “butterfly” type or the linear delineation panels shall be approved by the Resident prior to installation.

Single wood post shall be of cedar, white oak, or tamarack, well-seasoned, straight, and sound and have been cut from live trees. The outer and inner bark shall be removed, and all knots trimmed flush with the surface of the post. Posts shall be uniform taper and free of kinks and bends.

Single steel post shall conform to the requirements of Section 710.07 b.

Single steel pipe post shall be galvanized, seamless steel pipe conforming to the requirements of ASTM A120, Schedule No. 40, Standard Weight.

Acceptable multiple mailbox assemblies shall be listed on the Department’s Qualified Products List and shall be MASH 16 tested and approved.

Flared and Tangent w-beam guardrail terminals and guardrail offset blocks shall be from the Department’s Qualified Products List. Flared terminals shall be installed with a 4 ft offset as shown in the Manufacturer’s installation instructions.

Anchorage assemblies used to anchor trailing ends, radius guardrail, or other ends not exposed to traffic shall meet the applicable standards of "A Guide to Standardized Highway Barrier Hardware" prepared and approved by the AASHTO-AGC-ARTBA Joint Cooperative Committee, Task Force 13 Report, Drawing SEW02a.

Existing materials damaged or lost during adjusting, removing and resetting, or removing, modifying, and resetting, shall be replaced by the Contractor without additional compensation. Existing guardrail posts and guardrail beams found to be unfit for reuse shall be replaced when directed by the Resident.

606.03 Posts Posts for guardrail shall be set plumb in holes or they may be driven if suitable driving equipment is used to prevent battering and distorting the post. When posts are driven

through pavement, the damaged area around the post shall be repaired with approved bituminous patching. Damage to lighting and signal conduit and conductors shall be repaired by the Contractor.

When set in holes, posts shall be on a stable foundation and the space around the posts, backfilled in layers with suitable material, thoroughly tamped.

The reflectorized flexible guardrail markers shall be set plumb with the reflective surface facing the oncoming traffic. Markers shall be installed on the protected side of guardrail posts. Markers, which become bent or otherwise damaged, shall be removed and replaced with new markers.

Single wood posts shall be set plumb in holes and backfilled in layers with suitable material, thoroughly tamped. The Resident will designate the elevation and shape of the top. The posts, that are not pressure treated, shall be painted two coats of good quality oil base exterior house paint.

Single steel posts shall be set plumb in holes as specified for single wood posts or they may be driven if suitable driving equipment is used to prevent battering and distorting the post.

Additional bolt holes required in existing posts shall be drilled or punched, but the size of the holes shall not exceed the dimensions given in the Standard Details. Metal around the holes shall be thoroughly cleaned and painted with two coats of approved aluminum rust resistant paint. Holes shall not be burned.

606.04 Rails Brackets and fittings shall be placed and fastened as shown on the plans. Rail beams shall be erected and aligned to provide a smooth, continuous barrier. Beams shall be lapped with the exposed end away from approaching traffic.

End assemblies shall be installed as shown on the plans and shall be securely attached to the rail section and end post.

All bolts shall be of sufficient length to extend beyond the nuts but not more than ½ inch. Nuts shall be drawn tight.

Additional bolt holes required in existing beams shall be drilled or punched, but the size of the holes shall not exceed the dimensions given in the Standard Details. Metal around the holes shall be thoroughly cleaned and painted with two coats of approved aluminum rust resistant paint. Holes shall not be burned.

606.045 Offset Blocks The same offset block material is to be provided for the entire project unless otherwise specified.

606.05 Shoulder Widening At designated locations the existing shoulder of the roadway shall be widened as shown on the plans. All grading, paving, seeding, and other necessary work shall be in accordance with the Specifications for the type work being done.

606.06 Mail Box Post Single wood post shall be installed at the designated location for the support of the mailbox. The multiple mailbox assemblies shall be installed at the designated location in

accordance with the Standard Details and as recommended by the Manufacturer. Attachment of the mailbox to the post will be the responsibility of the home or business owner.

606.07 Abraded Surfaces All galvanized surfaces of new guardrail and posts, which have been abraded so that the base metal is exposed, and the threaded portions of all fittings and fasteners and cut ends of bolts shall be cleaned and painted with two coats of approved rust resistant paint.

606.08 Method of Measurement Guardrail will be measured by the linear foot from center to center of end posts along the gradient of the rail except where end connections are made to masonry or steel structures, in which case measurement will be as shown on the plans. When connected to radius rail, measurement will be to the end of the last tangent beam.

Guardrail terminal, reflectorized flexible guardrail marker, terminal end, anchorage assembly, bridge transition, bridge connection, multiple mailbox post, and single post will be measured by each unit of the kind specified and installed.

Widened shoulder will be measured as a unit of grading within the limits shown on the plans.

Excavation in solid rock for placement of posts will be paid under force account unless otherwise indicated in the Bid Documents.

Reflectorized beam guardrail reflectors (“butterfly” type or linear delineation system panels) when identified by pay item, will be measured for payment by each.

606.09 Basis of Payment The accepted quantities of guardrail will be paid for at the contract unit price per linear foot for the type specified, complete in place. Reflectorized beam guardrail (“butterfly”-type) delineators will not be paid for directly but will be considered incidental to guardrail items. Reflectorized flexible guardrail marker, terminal end, anchorage assembly, bridge transition, bridge connection, multiple mailbox post, and single post will be paid for at the contract unit price each for the kind specified complete in place.

Guardrail terminals will be paid for at the contract price each, complete in place which price shall be full payment for furnishing and installing all components including the terminal section, posts, offset blocks, "w" beam, cable foundation posts, plates and for all incidentals necessary to complete the installation within the limits as shown on the Standard Details or the Manufacturer’s installation instructions. Pay limits for a flared terminal will be 37.5 feet. Pay limits for a tangent terminal will be 50 feet. Each guardrail terminal will be clearly marked with the Manufacturer’s name and model number to facilitate any future needed repair. Such payment shall also be full compensation for furnishing all material, excavating, backfilling holes, assembling, and all incidentals necessary to complete the work, except that for excavation for posts or anchorages in solid ledge rock, payment will be made under 109.7.5 – Force Account. Type III Retroreflective Adhesive Sheeting shall be applied to the approach buffer end sections and sized to substantially cover the end section. On all roadways, the ends shall be marked with alternating black and retroreflective yellow stripes. The stripes shall be 3 in wide and sloped down at an angle of 45 degrees toward the side on which traffic is to pass the end section. Guardrail terminals shall also include a set of installation drawings supplied to the Resident.

Anchorage to bridge end posts will be part of the bridge work. Connections thereto will be considered included in the unit bid price for guardrail.

Guardrail to be placed on a radius of curvature of 150 ft or less will be paid for under the designated radius pay item for the type guardrail being placed.

Widened shoulder will be paid for at the contract unit price each complete in place and will be full compensation for furnishing and placing, grading and compaction of aggregate subbase and any required fill material.

Adjust guardrail will be paid for at the contract unit price per linear foot and will be full compensation for adjusting to grade. Payment shall also include adjusting guardrail terminals where required.

Modify guardrail will be paid for at the contract unit price per linear foot and will be full compensation for furnishing and installing offset blocks, additional posts, and other specified modifications; removing, modifying, installing, and adjusting to grade existing posts and beams; removing plate washers and backup plates, and all incidentals necessary to complete the work. Payment shall also include removing and resetting guardrail terminals where required.

Remove and Reset guardrail will be paid for at the contract unit price per linear foot and will be full compensation for removing, transporting, storing, reassembling all parts, necessary cutting, furnishing new parts when necessary, reinstalling at the new location, and all other incidentals necessary to complete the work. Payment shall also include removing and resetting guardrail terminals when required.

Remove, Modify, and Reset guardrail will be paid for at the contract unit price per foot and will be full compensation for the requirements listed in Modify guardrail and Remove and Reset guardrail.

Bridge Connections will be paid for at the contract unit price each. Payment shall include, attaching the connection to the endpost including furnishing and placing concrete and reinforcing steel necessary to construct new endposts if required, furnishing and installing the terminal connector, and all miscellaneous hardware, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary to complete the work.

Bridge Transitions will be paid for at the contract unit price each. Payment shall include furnishing and installing the three beam or "w"-beam terminal connector, doubled beam section, and transition section, where called for, posts, hardware, precast concrete transition and vertical curb, and any other necessary materials and labor, including the bridge connection as stated in the previous paragraph.

No payment will be made for guardrail removed, but not reset and all costs for such removal shall be considered incidental to the various contract pay items.

Reflectorized beam guardrail reflectors ( "butterfly" type and the linear delineation panels ) will not be paid for directly but will be considered incidental to all new guardrail items. The Contractor shall

furnish and install either the “butterfly” type or linear delineation panels, at its discretion, for new guardrail items.

Reflectorized beam guardrail reflectors ( either “butterfly” type or linear delineation system panels) will be paid for under the applicable pay items for installation in conjunction with Adjust, Modify, Remove and Reset, Remove Modify and Reset guardrail items. The accepted quantity of “butterfly” type or linear delineation system panels will be paid for at the contract unit price each for all work and materials furnished to install, complete in place, including all incidentals necessary to complete the work.

Payment will be made under:

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
606.1301 31” W-Beam Guardrail - Mid-Way Splice – Single Faced	Linear Foot
606.1302 31” W-Beam Guardrail - Mid-Way Splice – Double Faced	Linear Foot
606.1303 31” W-Beam Guardrail - Mid-Way Splice, 15’ Radius and Less	Linear Foot
606.1304 31” W-Beam Guardrail - Mid-Way Splice, Over 15’ Radius	Linear Foot
606.1305 31” W-Beam Guardrail - Mid-Way Splice Flared Terminal	Each
606.1306 31” W-Beam Guardrail - Mid-Way Splice Tangent Terminal	Each
606.1307 Bridge Transition (Asymmetrical) – Type IA	Each
606.1721 Bridge Transition - Type I	Each
606.1722 Bridge Transition - Type II	Each
606.1731 Bridge Connection - Type I	Each
606.1732 Bridge Connection - Type II	Each
606.178 Guardrail Beam	Linear Foot
606.25 Terminal Connector	Each
606.257 Terminal Connector - Thrie Beam	Each
606.259 Anchorage Assembly	Each
606.265 Terminal End-Single Rail - Galvanized Steel	Each
606.266 Terminal End-Single Rail - Corrosion Resistant Steel	Each
606.275 Terminal End-Double Rail - Galvanized Steel	Each
606.276 Terminal End-Double Rail - Corrosion Resistant Steel	Each
606.352 Reflectorized Beam Guardrail Delineators (“Butterfly” type)	Each
606.3521 Linear Delineation System Panel	Each
606.353 Reflectorized Flexible Guardrail Marker	Each
606.354 Remove and Reset Reflectorized Flexible Guardrail Marker	Each
606.356 Underdrain Delineator Post	Each
606.358 Guardrail, Modify	Linear Foot
606.362 Guardrail, Adjust	Linear Foot
606.365 Guardrail, Remove, Modify, and Reset	Linear Foot
606.366 Guardrail, Remove and Reset	Linear Foot
606.367 Replace Unusable Existing Guardrail Posts	Each
606.3671 Replace Unusable Offset Blocks	Each
606.47 Single Wood Post	Each
606.48 Single Galvanized Steel Post	Each

606.50	Single Steel Pipe Post	Each
606.51	Multiple Mailbox Support	Each
606.568	Guardrail, Modify - Double Rail	Linear Foot
606.63	Thrie Beam Rail Beam	Linear Foot
606.64	Guardrail Thrie Beam - Double Rail	Linear Foot
606.65	Guardrail Thrie Beam - Single Rail	Linear Foot
606.66	Terminal End Thrie Beam	Each
606.70	Transition Section - Thrie Beam	Each
606.71	Guardrail Thrie Beam - 15 ft radius and less	Linear Foot
606.72	Guardrail Thrie Beam - over 15 ft radius	Linear Foot
606.73	Guardrail Thrie Beam - Single Rail Bridge Mounted	Linear Foot
606.74	Guardrail - Single Rail Bridge Mounted	Linear Foot
606.753	Widen Shoulder for Low Volume Guardrail End	Each
606.754	Widen Shoulder for Flared Guardrail Terminal	Each
606.78	Low Volume Guardrail End	Each
606.80	Buried-in-Slope Guardrail End	Each

## SECTION 608 SIDEWALKS

Section 608.022 Detectable Warning Materials Standard Revise this section by removing the last sentence of this section beginning with “Concrete...” and replacing it with “**Concrete shall meet the requirements of Section 608.021, Sidewalk Materials, of this specification or may be a prepackaged concrete mix from the Department’s Qualified Products List (QPL).**”

## SECTION 609 CURB

Remove this section in its entirety and replace with the following:

609.01 Description Construct or reset curb, gutter, or combination curb and gutter, paved ditch, and paved flume. The types of curb are designated as follows:

- Type 1 - Stone curbing of quarried granite stone
- Type 2 – Concrete Curbing
- Type 3 - Bituminous curbing
- Type 5 - Stone edging of quarried granite stone

609.02 Materials Except as provided below, the materials used shall meet the requirements of the following Sections of Division 700 - Materials:

Portland Cement and Portland Pozzolan Cement	701.01
Water	701.02
Air Entraining Chemical Admixture	701.03
Fine Aggregate for Concrete	703.01

Coarse Aggregate for Concrete	703.02
Joint Mortar	705.02
Reinforcing Steel	709.01
Stone Curbing and Edging	712.04
Epoxy Resin	712.35
Hot Mix Asphalt Curbing	712.36
Structural Precast Concrete Units (Concrete Curb)	712.061

The Contractor shall submit a concrete mix design for the Portland Cement Concrete to the Resident, for the uses specified below or in accordance with the Contract Documents.

Circular curb, terminal sections and transition sections shall be in reasonably close conformity with the shape and dimensions shown on the Plans and to the applicable material requirements herein for the type of curb specified.

Dowels shall be reinforcing steel deformed bars.

Concrete for Slipform Concrete Curb shall meet the requirements below:

- a. Class A, with the exception that permeability requirements shall be waived.
- b. Entrained air content of Slipform Concrete Curb shall be 4.0% to 7.0%
- c. Concrete temperature, prior to discharge, shall not exceed 90 F.
- d. Proposed mix designs may contain polypropylene fibers.
- e. Partially discharged loads may be retempered with water provided the maximum water to cement ratio is not exceeded.

609.03 Vertical Stone Curb, Terminal Section and Transition Sections and Portland Cement Concrete Curb, Terminal Sections and Transition Sections

a. Installation The curb stone shall be set on a compacted foundation so that the front top arris line conforms to the lines and grades required. The foundation shall be prepared in advance of setting the stone by grading the proper elevation and shaping to conform as closely as possible to the shape of the bottom of the stone. The required spacing between stones shall be assured by the use of an approved spacing device to provide an open joint between stones of at least ¼ inch and no greater than ⅝ inch.

b. Backfilling All remaining spaces under the curb shall be filled with approved material and thoroughly hand tamped so the stones will have a firm uniform bearing on the foundation for the entire length and width. Any remaining excavated areas surrounding the curb shall be filled to the required grade with approved materials. This material shall be placed in layers not exceeding 8 inches in depth, loose measure and thoroughly tamped.

When backfill material infiltrates through the joints between the stones, small amounts of joint mortar or other approved material shall be placed in the back portion of the joint to prevent such infiltrating.

c. Protection The curb shall be protected and kept in good condition. All exposed surfaces smeared or discolored shall be cleaned and restored to a satisfactory condition or the curb stone removed and replaced.

d. Curb Inlets Curb placed adjacent to curb inlets shall be installed with steel dowels cemented into each stone with epoxy grout as shown in the Standard Details.

The epoxy grout shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The grout shall be forced into the hole, after which the dowel shall be coated with grout for one-half its length and inserted into the grout filled hole. The hole shall be completely filled with grout around the dowel. All tools and containers must be clean before using.

The Contractor may elect to substitute concrete to backfill Stone Curbing or Stone Edging at their option. If the concrete backfill option is elected, the Concrete Fill shall meet the requirements of 609.02. The Contractor shall submit a concrete design for the Portland Cement Concrete, with a minimum designated compressive strength of 3000 PSI meeting the requirements of Class S or Class Fill Concrete. The Contractor may elect to choose a Prepackaged Concrete Mix from the Departments Qualified Products list (QPL). Concrete backfill shall be completed in conformance with a Department supplied concrete backfill detail.

#### 609.04 Bituminous Curb

a. Preparation of Base Before placing the curb, the foundation course shall be thoroughly cleaned of all foreign and objectionable material. String or chalk lines shall be positioned on the prepared base to provide guidelines. The foundation shall be uniformly painted with tack coat at a rate of 0.04 to 0.14 gal/yd<sup>2</sup>.

b. Placing The curb shall be placed by an approved power operated extruding type machine using the shape mold called for. A tight bond shall be obtained between the base and the curb. The Resident may permit the placing of curbing by other than mechanical curb placing machines when short sections or sections with short radii are required. The resulting curbing shall conform in all respects to the curbing produced by the machine.

c. When required, the curb shall be painted and coated with glass beads in accordance with Section 627 - Pavement Marking. Curb designated to be painted shall not be sealed with bituminous sealing compound.

d. Acceptance Curb may be accepted or rejected based on appearance concerning texture, alignment, or both. All damaged curb shall be removed and replaced at the Contractor's expense.

e. Polyester fibers shall be uniformly incorporated into the dry mix at a rate of 0.25 percent of the total batch weight. Certification shall be provided from the supplier with each shipment meeting the following requirements:

Average Length	0.25 inches $\pm$ 0.005
Average Diameter	0.0008 inches $\pm$ 0.0001
Specific Gravity	1.32-1.40
Melting Temperature	480 °F Minimum

#### 609.05 Slipform Concrete Curb

a. Preparation of Base Before placing the curb, the foundation course shall be thoroughly cleaned of all foreign and objectionable material. The Contractor shall not place Slipform Concrete Curb on a wet or frozen foundation. The foundation (HMA or concrete) may be in a Saturated Surface Dry condition, but no standing water shall be allowed. String or chalk lines shall be positioned on the prepared foundation to provide guidelines. Prior to placing the curb, the foundation shall be uniformly coated with an epoxy resin adhesive that meets the requirements of AASHTO M 235, Type I, II, III, IV or V and has been tested by AASHTO Product Evaluation & Audit Solutions. The Contractor shall submit the epoxy resin adhesive that they propose to utilize with the concrete mix design. The epoxy resin adhesive must be approved prior to placement and used in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

b. Placing Concrete shall be placed with an approved Slipform machine that will produce a finished product according to the design specified in the Plans. For cold weather slip forming, the outside temperature must be at least 36°F and rising. The curb shall be placed on a firm, uniform foundation, shall conform to the section profile specified in the Plans, and shall match the appropriate grade. Expansion joints shall be placed in the curb where it meets rigid structures such as but not limited to building foundations, catch basin headers or fire hydrants. Contraction joints will be placed at 10-foot intervals using sawing methods, which shall cut 1 to 3 inches into the concrete. Contraction joints shall be cut between 1 and 7 days after placement of the concrete. Joints shall be constructed perpendicular to the subgrade and match other joints in roadways, sidewalks, or other structures when applicable.

c. Curing and Sealing Proper curing shall be provided using either a combination curing/sealing compound spray that meets ASTM 1315 Type 1-Class A, or a curing compound spray that meets ASTM 309 Type 1-D – Class A. Curing may also be accomplished by the methods specified in Standard Specification Section 502.14, Curing Concrete.

If a combination curing/sealing compound spray is not used, a separate sealing compound from the MaineDOT Qualified Products List for a Type 1c sealer shall be applied after the concrete has cured.

d. Protection Slipform curb must be adequately protected after placement. The concrete shall be allowed to cure for at least 72 hours. During cold weather conditions, when temperatures drop below the required temperature of 36°F after placement, curbing shall be protected by concrete blankets or a combination of plastic sheeting and straw. After any

placement of Slipform curb, regardless of weather conditions, the placed curb shall be adequately protected by traffic control devices as necessary.

e. Marking When required, the curb shall be painted and coated with glass beads in accordance with Section 627 - Pavement Marking. Curb designated to be painted shall not be sealed unless a combination curing/sealing compound is used.

f. Acceptance Curb shall be accepted or rejected based on finish, alignment, entrained air content, and compressive strength. Concrete Quality Control and Acceptance shall be done in accordance with Standard Specification Section 502, Method C. All damaged curb shall be removed and replaced at the Contractor's expense.

609.06 Stone Edging The curb shall be installed, backfilled and protected in accordance with Section 609.03, except as follows:

a. Slope The edging shall be set on a slope as shown on the Plans or as directed.

b. Joints Joints shall be open and not greater than 1½ inch in width.

#### 609.07 Stone Bridge Curb

a. Installation Each stone and the bed upon which it is to be placed shall be cleaned and thoroughly wetted with water before placing the mortar for bedding and setting the stone. The stone shall be set on a fresh bed of joint mortar and well bedded before the mortar has set so that the front top arris line conforms to the line and grade required. Whenever temporary supporting wedges or other devices are used in setting the stones, they shall be removed before the mortar in the bed has become set, and the holes left by them shall be filled with mortar. Concrete behind the stones shall not be placed until the stones have been in place at least two days. Bedding and pointing mortar for joints shall be cured as required under Section 502 - Structural Concrete.

b. Joints Vertical joints shall be ½ inch in width plus or minus ⅛ inch. Whenever possible, the face and top of the joint shall be pointed with joint mortar to a depth of 1½ inch, before the bedding mortar has set. Joints which cannot be so pointed, shall be prepared for pointing by raking them to a depth of 1½ inch before the mortar has set. Joints not pointed at the time the stone is laid shall be thoroughly wetted with clean water and filled with mortar. The mortar shall be well driven into the joint and finished with an approved pointing tool, flush with the pitch line of the stones.

#### 609.08 Resetting Stone or Portland Cement Concrete Curb, Including Terminal Sections and Transitions

The curb shall be installed, backfilled and protected in accordance with Section 609.03, except as follows:

a. Removal of Curbing The Contractor shall carefully remove and store curb specified on the Plans or designated for resetting. Curb damaged or destroyed, because of the

Contractor's operations or because of their failure to store and protect it in a manner that would prevent its loss or damage, shall be replaced with curbing of equal quality at the Contractor's expense.

b. Cutting and Fitting Cutting or fitting necessary in order to install the curbing at the locations directed shall be done by the Contractor.

609.09 Method of Measurement Curb, both new and reset, will be measured by the linear foot along the front face of the curb at the elevation of the finished pavement, complete in place and accepted. Curb inlets at catch basins, including doweling, will not be measured for payment but shall be considered included in the cost of the catch basin. New transition sections and terminal curb will be measured by the unit. Reset transition sections and terminal curb will be included in the measurement for resetting curb.

Concrete Slipform Curb and terminal ends will be measured by the linear foot along the front face of the curb at the elevation of the finished pavement, complete in place and accepted.

609.10 Basis of Payment The accepted quantities of curbing will be paid for at the contract unit price per linear foot for each kind and type of curbing as specified.

Payment for terminal curb shall include only that portion of the curbing modified for installation at ends of curb runs shown in the Standard Details. Curb adjacent to terminal ends shall be paid for at the contract unit price per linear foot for the type of curb installed.

Vertical Curb Type 1 is required to have a radius of 60 feet or less, will be paid for as Vertical Curb Type 1 - Circular.

Curb, Type 5 required to have a radius of 30 feet or less will be paid for as Curb Type 5 - Circular.

There will be no separate payment for concrete fill, mortar, reinforcing steel, anchors, tack coat, drilling for and grouting anchors, pointing and bedding of curbing, and for cutting and fitting, but these will be considered included in the work of the related curb.

Removal of existing curb and necessary excavation for installing new or reset curbing will not be paid for directly but shall be considered to be included in the appropriate new or reset curb pay item. Base and Subbase material will be paid for under Section 304 - Aggregate Base and Subbase Course. Backing up bituminous curb is incidental to the curb items. Loam, as directed, will be paid under 615 – Loam.



SECTION 619  
MULCH

619.03 General Amend this Section by adding the following sentence to the end: **“Straw mulch shall be used in all wetland areas.”**

SECTION 626  
FOUNDATIONS, CONDUIT, AND JUNCTION BOXES FOR HIGHWAY  
SIGNING, LIGHTING, AND SIGNALS

Section 626.021 Miscellaneous Materials Revise this section by removing the fourth paragraph beginning with “ All Concrete for concrete encasement...” and replace it with **“All concrete for concrete encasement of conduit shall be Class S or Class Fill concrete in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 502 – Structural Concrete, or a Prepackaged Concrete Mix from the Department’s Qualified Products List (QPL).”**

Section 626.031 Conduit Revise the fifth paragraph beginning with “After the trench has been...” by removing the last sentence beginning with “Where concrete encasement...” and replacing it with **“Where concrete encasement is required around the conduit, the concrete shall meet Class S, Class Fill in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 502 – Structural Concrete, or a Prepackaged Concrete Mix from the Department’s Qualified Products List (QPL).”**

626.034 Concrete Foundations Revise this Section by changing ‘626.037’ to ‘**626.036**’ in the Second Paragraph which begins with “Foundations shall consist of cast-in-place...”.

Revise the 10<sup>th</sup> paragraph beginning with “Before placing concrete, the required elbows...” by removing “...in accordance with **Standard Specification 633.**”

626.036 Precast Foundations Revise the last sentence of paragraph one so that it reads: **“Construction of precast foundations shall conform to the Standard Details and all requirements of 712.061.”**

SECTION 627  
PAVEMENT MARKINGS

627.02 Materials Amend this section by adding the following to the existing Specification:

**“When pavement marking paint must be applied on pavement with an air temperature between 35 °F and 50 °F, a low temperature waterborne paint may be used upon the Department’s approval as noted below.**

**The Contractor shall submit the following information for Department review and approval at least 10 calendar days prior to application:**

**The manufacturer and product name of the low temperature waterborne paint**

**The manufacturer's technical product data sheets**

**The product's SDS sheets**

**All required and recommended application specifications for the product**

**The manufacturer's requirements for temperature, surface preparation, paint thickness and the bead application shall be followed. No additional payment will be made for the use of low temperature waterborne paint. “**

627.06 Application Revise this subsection by replacing the paragraph beginning with “ On other final pavement markings...” with the following:

**“On other final pavement markings and on curb, where the paint is applied by hand painting or spraying, application shall be one uniform covering coat at least 16 mils thick. Before the paint has dried, the glass beads shall be applied by a pressure system that will force the glass beads onto the undried paint as uniformly as possible.**

**Painted lines and markings shall be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's published recommendations. These recommendations will be supplied to the Resident prior to installation.”**

Revise this subsection by replacing the paragraph beginning with “ If the final reflectivity values are less...” with the following:

**“The final reflectivity will be acceptable if 90 percent or more of the painted pavement lines and markings meet the specified minimum value. If less than 90 percent of the painted pavement lines and markings meet the specified minimum final reflectivity values, the Contractor shall repaint those areas not meeting required reflectivity at no cost to the Department.**

**If, after repainting, analysis of the final reflectivity values results in the need for a second repainting, the Contractor will submit in writing a plan of action to meet the reflectivity minimums prior to continuing any work. Once the plan has been reviewed and approved by the Department, the Contractor shall reapply at no cost to the Department.”**

## SECTION 634 HIGHWAY LIGHTING

634.021 Materials Revise this subsection by removing the paragraph beginning with “All bolts for mounting lighting fixtures” and replacing with:

**“All bolts for mounting lighting fixtures under bridge structures shall conform to the requirements of ASTM A307. These bolts and other fastening hardware shall be galvanized in**

accordance with AASHTO M 232 (ASTM A153), ASTM F2329, or ASTM B695, Class 50, Type I.”

SECTION 637  
DUST CONTROL

Revise this section by removing it in its entirety.

SECTION 643  
TRAFFIC SIGNALS

643.021 Materials Amend this subsection by adding the following at the end:

**“MaineDOT is transitioning to MASH2016 criteria for Work Zone Traffic Control Devices on the following schedule:**

**Temporary Traffic Control Signals will be crash tested and/or evaluated to MASH2016 criteria by January 1, 2030. Current Category 4 devices in useful serviceable condition that are successfully tested to NCHRP Report 350 or MASH2009 criteria may be utilized through December 31, 2029.”**

643.023 Traffic Signal Structures Remove the third paragraph and replace it with the following:

**“Traffic signal support structures shall be classified as Fatigue Category III if they are located on roads with a speed limit of 35 mph or less, Fatigue Category II if they are located on roads with a speed limit of greater than 35 mph, and Fatigue Category I if noted on the Contract Plans. Fatigue Importance Factors shall be as specified in Table 11.6-1 (Fatigue Importance Factors). Fatigue analyses are not required for span-wire (strain) pole traffic signal support structures with heights of 55 feet or less unless required by the current edition of AASHTO “LRFD Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals”.**

643.09 Service Connection Revise this subsection by removing the paragraph that begins with “Traffic signal services shall have...”.

And by removing the paragraphs beginning with “ A service ground rod shall be installed...” and “A total of 4, 10’ service...” and replace them with **“A total of 4, 10’ service ground rods shall be installed and properly connected together on the outside of the cabinet foundation. One ground rod shall be located at each corner and shall be either flush or slightly below finished grade. The connection between the ground rod and the ground wire shall be an**

**exothermic connection such as a Cadweld. The ground wire from the interconnected ground rods shall be routed through a conduit in the foundation and into the base of the cabinet”.**

## SECTION 645 HIGHWAY SIGNING

Section 645.023 Sign Support Structures. Under letter “c.”, revise the fifth paragraph beginning with “In addition to the required details...” by removing the words **”and foundation”** from the 5<sup>th</sup> sentence.

Section 645.08 Method of Measurement. Revise the second paragraph beginning with “Bridge-type, cantilever and...” by removing the words **”including the foundation”** .

Section 645.09 Basis of Payment. Revise the third paragraph beginning with “The accepted bridge-type, cantilever and...” by removing the word **”foundation”** from the second sentence. Add the following sentence to the end of the paragraph **“Conduits, Junction Boxes, and Foundations will be paid for under Section 626.”**

## SECTION 652 MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC

652.2.5 Portable Changeable Message Sign Revise the fifth paragraph so it reads:

**“The control system shall include a display screen upon which messages can be reviewed before being displayed on the message sign. The control system shall be capable of maintaining memory when power is unavailable. Messages must be changeable with either a portable electronic device like a notebook computer or an on-board keypad. The controller shall have the capability to store a minimum of 200 user-defined and 200 pre-programmed messages. Controller and battery compartments shall be enclosed in lockable, weather-tight boxes. The cabinet shall be locked at all times that the Contractor is not actively changing the message. The Contractor shall change the password for the controller prior to stationing the PCMS and shall provide the password to the Resident. The password shall be unique per PCMS and secure and shall not be written anywhere in, on, around, or stored in the PCMS.”**

Amend this Section by adding the following new subsection:

**“652.2.6 Device Crashworthiness MaineDOT is transitioning to MASH2016 criteria for Work Zone Traffic Control Devices on the following schedule:**

**Category 1 (Cones, Drums, Tubular Markers, Flexible Delineators, and similar devices that have little chance of causing windshield penetration, tire damage, or other significant effect on the control or trajectory of a vehicle) – All Category 1 devices will be manufacturer self-certified as MASH2016 by January 1, 2025. Current Category 1 devices in useful serviceable condition that are not self-certified as MASH2016 compliant may be utilized through December 31, 2024.**

**Category 2 (Barricades, Portable Sign Supports, Category 1 devices with attachments, and similar devices that are not expected to produce significant vehicular velocity change but may be otherwise hazardous) – All Category 2 devices will be crash tested and/or evaluated to MASH2016 criteria by January 1, 2025. Current Category 2 devices in useful serviceable condition that are successfully tested to NCHRP Report 350 or MASH2009 criteria may be utilized through December 31, 2024.**

**Category 3 (Portable Concrete Barrier, Portable Crash Cushions, Truck Mounted Attenuators, Category 2 devices weighing more than 100 pounds, and similar devices that are expected to produce significant vehicular velocity change or other harmful reactions) – All Category 3 devices will be crash tested and/or evaluated to MASH2016 criteria by January 1, 2030. Current Category 3 devices in useful serviceable condition that are successfully tested to NCHRP Report 350 or MASH2009 criteria may be utilized through December 31, 2029. (See Standard Specification 526 for additional Portable Concrete Barrier information).**

**Category 4 (Trailer Mounted Devices: Arrow Boards, Temporary Traffic Control Signals, Area Lighting, Portable Changeable Message Sign, and other similar devices.) – All Category 4 devices will be crash tested and/or evaluated to MASH2016 criteria by January 1, 2030. Current Category 4 devices in useful serviceable condition that are successfully tested to NCHRP Report 350 or MASH2009 criteria may be utilized through December 31, 2029.”**

652.3.3 Submittal of Traffic Control Plan Amend this section by adding:

**“n. A security plan for any PCMS shall be included. The Contractor shall provide a plan for secure access to the PCMS and protection from unauthorized users. The plan shall have details on securing the cabinets via a lock and password from unauthorized users, password changing protocols, and where the access information will be kept so it can be used in the event of emergency. The Contractor shall not Identify or store passwords in the TCP.”**

652.4 Flaggers Revise the first paragraph of this section so that it reads:

**“The Contractor shall furnish flaggers as required by the TCP or as otherwise specified by the Resident. All flaggers must have successfully completed a flagger test approved by the Department and administered by a Department-approved Flagger-Certifier who is employing that flagger. All flaggers must carry an official certification card with them while flagging that has been issued by their employer.”**

## SECTION 681

### PRECAST AGGREGATE-FILLED, CONCRETE BLOCK GRAVITY WALL

681.08 Basis of Payment Amend this section by adding the Item Number “**681.10**” in front of the item “Precast Aggregate-Filled Concrete Block Gravity Wall” at the end of the section.

SECTION 701  
STRUCTURAL CONCRETE RELATED MATERIAL

701.01 Portland Cement and Portland Pozzolan Cement Amend the first sentence of Paragraph 3 by adding “**or Type 1L Portland Limestone cement**” so that it reads:

**“A Type IP (MS) Portland-pozzolan cement (blended hydraulic cement with moderate sulfate resistance) or Type 1L Portland Limestone cement meeting the requirements of AASHTO M 240, may be used instead of Type II or where Type I Portland cement, meeting the requirements of AASHTO M 85, is allowed.”**

SECTION 703  
AGGREGATES

Add the following to Section 703 - Aggregates

703.01 Fine Aggregate for Concrete Fine aggregate for concrete shall consist of natural sand or, when approved by the Resident, other inert materials with similar characteristics or combinations thereof, having strong, durable particles. Fine aggregate from different sources of supply shall not be mixed or stored in the same pile nor used alternately in the same class of construction or mix without permission of the Resident.

All fine aggregate shall be free from injurious amounts of organic impurities. Should the fine aggregate, when subjected to the colorimetric test for organic impurities, AASHTO T 21, produce a color darker than the reference standard color solution (laboratory designation Plate III), the fine aggregate shall be rejected.

Fine aggregate shall have a sand equivalent value of not less than 75 when tested in accordance with AASHTO T 176.

Fine aggregate sources shall meet the Alkali Silica Reactivity (ASR) requirements of Section 703.0201.

The fineness modulus shall not be less than 2.26 or more than 3.14. If this value is exceeded, the fine aggregate will be rejected unless suitable adjustments are made in proportions of coarse and fine aggregate. The fineness modulus of fine aggregate shall be determined by adding the cumulative percentages of material by weight retained on the following sieves: Nos. 4, 8, 16, 30, 50, 100 and dividing by 100.

Fine aggregate, from an individual source when tested for absorption as specified in AASHTO T 84, shall show an absorption of not more than 2.3 percent.

Sieve Designation	Percentage by Weight Passing Square Mesh Sieves
3/8 inch	100
No. 4	95-100
No. 8	80-100
No. 16	50-85
No. 30	25-60
No. 50	10-30
No. 100	2-10
No. 200	0-5.0

703.02 Coarse Aggregate for Concrete Coarse aggregate for concrete shall consist of crushed stone or gravel having hard, strong, durable pieces, free from adherent coatings and of which the composite blend retained on the 3/8 inch sieve shall contain no more than 15 percent, by weight of flat and elongated particles when performed in accordance with test method ASTM D 4791, Flat Particles, Elongated Particles, or Flat and Elongated Particles in Coarse Aggregate, using a dimensional ratio of 1:5.

The coarse aggregate from an individual source shall have an absorption no greater than 2.0 percent by weight determined in accordance with AASHTO T 85 modified for weight of sample.

The composite blend shall have a Micro-Deval value of 18.0 percent or less as determined by AASHTO T 327 or not exceed 40 percent loss as determined by AASHTO T 96.

Coarse aggregate sources shall meet the Alkali Silica Reactivity (ASR) requirements of Section 703.0201.

Coarse aggregate shall conform to the requirements of the following table for the size or sizes designated and shall be well graded between the limits specified.

Sieve Designation	Percentage by Weight Passing Square Mesh Sieves						
	S	A	AA	SP-1-7	SP-1-78	SP-2-8	SP-2-89
Aggregate Size	1 ½ inch	1 inch	¾ inch	½ inch	½ inch	⅜ inch	⅜ inch
2 inch	100						
1 ½ inch	95-100	100					
1 inch	-	95-100	100				
¾ inch	35-70	-	90-100	100	100		
½ inch	-	25-60	-	90-100	90-100	100	100
⅜ inch	10-30	-	20-55	40-70	40-75	85-100	90-100
No. 4	0-5	0-10	0-10	0-15	5-25	10-30	20-55
No. 8	-	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-10	0-10	5-30
No. 16	-	-	-	-	0-5	0-5	0-10
No. 50	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-5
No. 200*	0-1.5	0-1.5	0-1.5	0-1.5	0-1.5	0-1.5	0-1.5

\*This limit will be 0-2.0 for Department production samples. Yearly quality samples will be held to 0-1.5.

**703.0201 Alkali Silica Reactive Aggregates** All coarse and fine aggregates proposed for use in concrete shall be tested for Alkali Silica Reactivity (ASR) potential under AASHTO T 303 (ASTM C 1260), Accelerated Detection of Potentially Deleterious Expansion of Mortar Bars Due to Alkali-Silica Reaction, prior to being accepted for use. Acceptance will be based on testing performed by an accredited independent lab submitted to the Department. Aggregate submittals will be required on a 5-year cycle, unless the source or character of the aggregate in question has changed within 5 years from the last test date.

As per AASHTO T 303 (ASTM C 1260): Use of a particular coarse or fine aggregate will be allowed with no restrictions when the mortar bars made with this aggregate expand less than or equal to 0.10 percent at 30 days from casting. Use of a particular coarse or fine aggregate will be classified as potentially reactive when the mortar bars made with this aggregate expand greater than 0.10 percent at 30 days from casting. Use of this aggregate will only be allowed with the use of cement-pozzolan blends and/or chemical admixtures that result in mortar bar expansion of less than 0.10 percent at 30 days from casting as tested under ASTM C 1567.

Acceptable pozzolans and chemical admixtures that may be used when an aggregate is classified as potentially reactive include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. Class F Coal Fly Ash meeting the requirements of AASHTO M 295
- b. Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag (Grade 100 or 120) meeting the requirements of AASHTO M 302
- c. Densified Silica Fume meeting the requirements of AASHTO M 307
- d. Lithium-based admixtures
- e. Metakaolin

Pozzolans or chemical admixtures required to offset the effects of potentially reactive aggregates will be incorporated into the concrete at no additional cost to the Department.

Amend this section by adding the new sub section:

**“703.03 Combined Aggregate Grading for Concrete** The combined gradation of the fine and coarse aggregates when mathematically blended using the mix design percentages shall conform to the requirements of the following table for the size or sizes designated and shall be well graded between the limits specified.

Sieve Designation	Percentage by Weight Passing Square Mesh Sieves						
	Grading S	A	AA	SP-1-7	SP-1-78	SP-2-8	SP-2-89
Aggregate Size	1½ inch	1 inch	¾ inch	½ inch	½ inch	⅜ inch	⅜ inch
2 inch	100						
1½ inch	95–100	100					
1 inch	80–100	95–100	100				
¾ inch	55–90	90–100	93–100	100	100		
½ inch	45–80	55–80	60–90	90–100	90–100	100	100
⅜ inch	40–65	40–65	50–80	55–85	65–90	90–100	90–100
No. 4	35–55	35–55	35–60	30–60	40–70	45–75	50–80
No. 8	25–53	28–50	30–55	25–55	30–65	35–65	35–75
No. 16	15–40	18–45	19–45	18–50	20–55	20–55	20–55
No. 30	7–30	9–30	10–33	8–32	10–38	10–38	10–40
No. 50	3–14	4–14	4–16	3–16	4–20	4–20	4–20
No. 100	0–6	0–6	0–6	0–6	0–7	0–8	0–8
No. 200	0–3.5*	0–3.5*	0–3.5*	0–3.5*	0–3.5*	0–3.5*	0–3.5*

\*The percent passing the No. 200 sieve shall not exceed 6.0 percent for any fine aggregate. The percent passing the No. 200 sieve shall not exceed 2.0 percent for any single coarse aggregate. The percent passing the No. 200 sieve shall not exceed 4.0 percent for the combined gradation of self-consolidating concrete (SCC) mix designs.”

703.05 Aggregate for Sand Leveling Aggregate for sand leveling shall be sand of hard durable particles free from vegetable matter, lumps or balls of clay and other deleterious substances. The aggregate shall meet the grading requirements of the following table.

Sieve Designation	Percentage by Weight Passing Square Mesh Sieves
⅜ inch	85-100
No. 200	0-5.0

703.06 Aggregate for Base and Subbase The following shall apply to Sections (a.) and (c.) below. The material shall have a Micro-Deval value of 25.0 or less as determined by AASHTO T 327. If the Micro-Deval value exceeds 25.0, the Washington State Degradation DOT Test Method T113, Method of Test for Determination of Degradation Value (January 2009 version) shall be performed, except that the test shall be performed on the portion of the sample that passes the ½ in sieve and is retained on the No. 10 sieve. If the material has a Washington Degradation value of less than 15, the material shall be rejected. The material used in Section (b.) below shall have a Micro-Deval value of 25.0 or less as determined by AASHTO T 327. If the Micro-Deval value exceeds 25.0 the material may be used if it does not exceed 25 percent loss on AASHTO T 96, Resistance to Degradation of Small-Size Coarse Aggregate by Abrasion and Impact in the Los Angeles Machine.

Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) shall not be used for or blended with aggregate base or subbase.

- a. Aggregate for base, Type A and B shall be crushed ledge or crushed gravel of hard durable particles free from vegetable matter, lumps or balls of clay and other deleterious substances. The gradation of the part that passes a 3 inch sieve shall meet the grading requirements of the following table:

Sieve Designation	Percentage by Weight Passing Square Mesh Sieves	
	Type A	Type B
½ inch	45-70	35-75
¼ inch	30-55	25-60
No. 40	0-20	0-25
No. 200	0-6.0	0-6.0

At least 50 percent by weight of the material retained on the No. 4 sieve shall have at least one fractured face as tested by AASHTO T 335.

Type A aggregate for base shall only contain particles of rock that will pass the 2 inch square mesh sieve.

Type B aggregate for base shall only contain particles of rock that will pass the 4 inch square mesh sieve.

- b. Aggregate for base, Type C shall be crushed ledge or crushed gravel of hard durable particles free from vegetable matter, lumps or balls of clay and other deleterious substances. The material shall meet the grading requirements of the following table:

Sieve Designation	Percentage by Weight Passing Square Mesh Sieves	
	Type C	
4 inches	100	
3 inches	90-100	
2 inches	75-100	
1 inch	50-80	
½ inch	30-60	
No. 4	15-40	
No. 200	0-6.0	

At least 50 percent by weight of the material coarser than the No. 4 sieve shall have at least one fractured face as tested by AASHTO T 335.

c. Aggregate for subbase shall be sand or gravel of hard durable particles free from vegetable matter, lumps or balls of clay and other deleterious substances. The gradation of the part that passes a 3 inch sieve shall meet the grading requirements of the following table:

Sieve Designation	Percentage by Weight Passing Square Mesh Sieves	
	Type D	Type E
½ in	35-80	
¼ inch	25-65	25-100
No. 40	0-30	0-50
No. 200	0-7.0	0-7.0

Type D aggregate for subbase gravel may contain up to 50 percent by weight Recycled Concrete Aggregate (RCA). When RCA is used, the portion of the resulting blend of gravel and RCA retained on a ½” square mesh sieve shall contain a total of no more than 5 percent by weight of other recycled materials such as brick, concrete masonry block, or asphalt pavement as determined by visual inspection.

RCA shall be substantially free of wood, metal, plaster, and gypsum board as defined in Note 9 in Section 7.4 of AASHTO M 319. RCA shall also be free of all substances that fall under the category of solid waste or hazardous materials.

Aggregate for subbase shall not contain particles of rock which will not pass the 6 inch square mesh sieve.

703.08 Recycled Asphalt Pavement Recycled asphalt pavement shall consist of salvaged asphalt materials from milled pavements or production waste that has been processed before use to meet the requirements of the job mix formula. It shall be free of winter sand, granular fill, construction debris, or other materials not generally considered asphalt pavement.

703.081 RAP for Asphalt Pavement Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) may be introduced into hot-mix asphalt pavement at percentages approved by the Department according to the MaineDOT Policies and Procedures for HMA Sampling and Testing.

If approved by the Department, the Contractor shall provide documentation stating the source, test results for average residual asphalt content, and stockpile gradations showing RAP materials have been sized to meet the maximum aggregate size requirements of each mix designation. The Department will obtain samples for verification and approval prior to its use.

The maximum allowable percent of RAP shall be determined by the asphalt content, the percent passing the 0.075 mm sieve, the ratio between the percent passing the 0.075 mm sieve and the asphalt content, and Coarse Micro-Deval loss values as tested by the Department.

The maximum percentage of RAP allowable shall be the lowest percentage as determined according to Table 4 below:

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Maximum RAP Percentage Allowed</b>	<b>Asphalt content standard deviation</b>	<b>Percent passing 0.075 mm sieve standard deviation</b>	<b>Percent passing 0.075 mm sieve / asphalt content ratio</b>	<b>Residual aggregate M-D loss value</b>
<b>Class III</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>≤ 1.0</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>≤ 4.0</b>	<b>≤ 18</b>
<b>Class II</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>≤ 0.5</b>	<b>≤ 1.0</b>	<b>≤ 2.8</b>	
<b>Class I</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>≤ 0.3</b>	<b>≤ 0.5</b>	<b>≤ 1.8</b>	

Table 4: Maximum Percent RAP According to Test Results

The Department will monitor RAP asphalt content and gradation during production by testing samples from the stockpile at approximately 15,000 T intervals (in terms of mix production). The allowable variance limits (from the numerical average values used for mix designs) for this testing are determined based upon the maximum allowable RAP percentage and are shown below in Table 5.

Table 5: RAP Verification Limits

Classification	Asphalt content (compared to aim)	Percent passing 0.075 mm sieve (compared to aim)
Class III	± 1.5	± 2.0
Class II	± 1.0	± 1.5
Class I	± 0.5	± 0.7

For specification purposes, RAP will be categorized as follows:

Class III – A maximum of 10.0 percent of Class III RAP may be used in any base, intermediate base, surface, or shim mixture. A maximum of 20.0 percent of Class III RAP may be used in hand-placed mixes for item 403.209.

Class II – A maximum of 20.0 percent Class II RAP in any base, binder, surface, or shim course.

Class I – A maximum of 20.0 percent Class I RAP may be used in any base, intermediate base, surface, or shim mixture without requiring a change to the specified asphalt binder. A maximum of 30.0 percent Class I RAP may be used in in any base or intermediate base mixture provided that a PG 58-28 or PG 58-34 asphalt binder is used. A maximum of 30.0 percent Class I RAP may be used in any surface or shim mixture provided that PG 58-34 asphalt binder is used. Mixtures exceeding 20.0 percent Class I RAP must be evaluated and approved by the Department.

The Contractor may use up to two different RAP sources in any one mix design. The total RAP percentage of the mix shall not exceed the maximum allowed for the highest classification RAP source used (i.e. if a Class I & Class III used, total RAP must not exceed 30.0%). The blended RAP material must meet all the requirements of the classification for which the RAP is entered (i.e. 10% Class III with 20% Class I, blend must meet Class I criteria). The Department may take belt cuts of the blended RAP to verify the material meets these requirements. If the Contractor elects to use more than one RAP source in a design, the Contractor shall provide an acceptable point of sampling blended RAP material from the feed belt.

In the event that RAP source or properties change, the Contractor shall notify the Department of the change and submit new documentation stating the new source or properties a minimum of 72 hours prior to the change to allow for obtaining new samples and approval.

Revise this Section by removing 703.7 and 703.9 in its entirety and replace with the following:

**703.07 Aggregates for HMA Pavements** Coarse and fine aggregate for hot mix asphalt pavements shall be of such gradation that when combined in the proper proportions, including filler, if required, the resultant blend will meet the composition of mixture for the type of pavement specified.

Coarse aggregate, that material retained on the No. 4 sieve, shall be crushed stone or crushed gravel and, unless otherwise stipulated, shall consist of clean, tough, durable fragments free from an excess of soft or disintegrated pieces and free from stone coated with dirt or other objectionable matter. Coarse aggregate shall not exceed an absorption of 2.0 percent by weight as determined by AASHTO T 85.

Fine aggregate, material that passes the No. 4 sieve, shall consist of natural sand, manufactured sand, or a combination of these. It shall consist of hard, tough grains, free from injurious amounts of clay, loam, or other deleterious substances. Fine aggregate shall not exceed an absorption of 2.3 percent by weight as determined by AASHTO T 84.

All individual aggregates for hot mix asphalt pavements shall meet Table 3 requirements (excluding LCP) unless otherwise noted. The Department reserves the right to sample and test the aggregate for any of the following properties at any time:

**TABLE 3: Aggregate Consensus Properties Criteria**

Estimated Traffic, Million 18 kip ESALs	AASHTO T 335 (minimum %)	AASHTO T 304 Method A **	ASTM D 4791 Method B	AASHTO T 176	Aggregate shall meet at least one of these:		
					AASHTO T 327	AASHTO T 96	WSDOT T 113*
< 3.0	75/60	≥ 40%	≤ 10%	≥ 45	≤ 18.0%	≤ 40%	≥ 30
3.0 to < 10	90/80	≥ 45%		≥ 50		≤ 35%	
≥ 10	95/90					≤ 30%	N/A

\* As determined by Washington State DOT Test Method T 113, Method of Test for Determination of Degradation Value except that the reported degradation value will be the result of testing a single composite specimen from that portion of the sample that passes the ½ inch sieve and is retained on the No. 10 sieve.

\*\* Property will be evaluated on a mix design basis by calculating a weighted average based upon individual aggregate values (weighted average by the percentage proportion of the aggregate within the design).

**AASHTO T 335** - “90/80” denotes that 90 percent of the coarse aggregate has one fractured face and 80 percent has two fractured faces.

**AASHTO T 304** - Criteria are presented as percent air voids in loosely compacted fine aggregate, (U).

**ASTM D4791** - Criteria are presented as maximum percent by weight of flat and elongated particles (5:1 ratio).

The entire HMA wearing course shall come from the same source of material and the same job mix formula, except when permission is obtained from the Department to change sources.

**703.09 HMA Mixture Composition** The coarse and fine aggregate shall meet the requirements of Section 703.07. The several aggregate fractions for mixtures shall be sized, graded, and combined in such proportions that the resulting composite blends, including RAP aggregate will meet the grading requirements of the following table:

**Aggregate Gradation Control Points**

Nominal Maximum Aggregate Size---Control Points (Percent Passing)						
Sieve Designation	Type 25 mm	Type 19 mm	Type 12.5 mm	Type 9.5 mm	Type 9.5 mm Thin Lift Mixture (TLM)	Type 4.75 mm
Percent By Weight Passing - Combined Aggregate						
37.5 mm	100					
25 mm	90-100	100				
19 mm	-90	90-100	100			
12.5 mm	-	-90	90-100	100	100	100
9.5 mm	-	-	-90	90-100	95-100	95-100
4.75 mm	-	-	-	-90	60-95	80-100
2.36 mm	19-45	23-49	28-58	32-67	47-65	40 - 80
1.18 mm	-	-	-	-	-	-
0.60 mm	-	-	-	-	-	-
0.30 mm	-	-	-	-	-	-
0.075 mm	2.0-6.0	2.0-6.0	2.0-6.0	2.0-7.0*	2.0-7.0*	2.0-7.0

\* For 9.5 mm nominal maximum aggregate size mixtures, the maximum design aim for the percent passing the 75 µm sieve is 6.5%.

## SECTION 709 REINFORCING STEEL AND WELDED STEEL WIRE FABRIC

**709.01 Reinforcing Steel** Remove the second paragraph of Section 709.01 of the standard specification beginning with “Low-Carbon, Chromium,...” and replace with the following:

**“ Low-carbon, chromium, reinforcing steel shall be deformed bars conforming to the requirements of ASTM A1035. Bars shall be Grade 100 and alloy Type CS unless otherwise specified on the Plans. “**

## SECTION 710 FENCE AND GUARDRAIL

710.06 Fence Posts and Braces Revise the first Paragraph so that it reads:

“Wood posts shall be of cedar, white oak, or tamarack or other AWPAs approved species, of the diameter or section and length shown on the plans.”

Remove the fourth paragraph which starts “ That portion of wood posts...”.

Revise the paragraph beginning with “Braces shall be of spruce, eastern hemlock ... so that it now reads:

“Braces shall be of spruce, eastern hemlock, Norway pine, pitch pine, or tamarack timbers or other AWPAs approved species, or spruce, cedar, tamarack or other AWPAs approved species round posts of sufficient length to make a diagonal brace between adjacent posts. All wood posts and braces shall be pressure-treated in accordance with AASHTO M 133 and AWPAs U1, UC4A Commodity Specification B: Posts. “

710.07 Guardrail Posts Revise this section so that the first sentence of section a. reads:

“a. Wood posts shall be of Norway pine, southern yellow pine, pitch pine, Douglas fir, red pine, white pine, or eastern hemlock or other AWPAs approved species.”

Revise the next paragraph so that it reads:

Wood posts and offset brackets shall be preservative treated in accordance with the requirements of AASHTO M 133 and AWPAs U1, UC4A Commodity Specification B: Posts.

710.08 Guardrail Hardware Revise this subsection by replacing “AASHTO M 298” with “ASTM B695”

## SECTION 711 MISCELLANEOUS BRIDGE MATERIAL

711.06 Stud Shear Connector Anchors and Fasteners Amend this section by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with:

**“Shear connectors shall meet the dimensional tolerances of Figure 9.1 of the ANSI/AASHTO/AWS D1.5 Bridge Welding Code (D1.5 Code). Shear connectors, anchors and fasteners shall meet the material requirements of Section 9 of the D1.5 Code. Shear connectors shall meet the mechanical property requirements of Table 9.1, Type B of the D1.5 Code. Anchors and fasteners shall meet the mechanical property requirements of Table 9.1 of the D1.5 Code, Type A.”**

SECTION 712  
MISCELLANEOUS HIGHWAY MATERIAL

712.061 Structural Precast Units Amend this section by adding the following sentence to the end of the first paragraph of the Construction subsection:

**“Facilities certified by NPCA or PCI shall provide to the Fabrication Engineer a copy of their annual audit to include deficiency reports and corrective actions.”**

Revise this section by changing the letter “b” of ASTM C1611 of the Concrete Testing subsection so that it reads:

**“b. Air content shall be 5.0% to 8.0%.”**

SECTION 713  
STRUCTURAL STEEL AND RELATED MATERIAL

Section 713.01 Structural Steel Replace paragraph two in its entirety with the following:

**“Main load-carrying components subject to tensile stresses or stress reversal shall meet the notch toughness requirements in AASHTO M 270M, Table 11, Zone 2, for non-fracture critical steel or Table 12, Zone 2 for fracture critical steel. Frequency of tension tests shall comply with the requirements of S1.”**

Section 713.02 High Strength Bolts Revise this subsection by removing the portion from the beginning up to and including TABLE 1 – Test Schedule\*, and replace it with:

**“Bolts shall conform to the requirements of ASTM F3125, Grade A325, Type 1 or Type 3. Type 3 bolts shall be supplied for all structures utilizing unpainted AASHTO M 270M weathering steel. Type 1 galvanized bolts shall be used for all structures utilizing metallized or galvanized steel.**

**Nuts shall meet the requirements of ASTM A563.**

**Circular and beveled washers shall conform to the requirements of ASTM F436.**

**Direct Tension Indicators (DTI’S) shall conform to the requirements of ASTM F959. DTI’s for use with painted steel shall have a plain “as fabricated” finish. DTI’s for use with unpainted steel shall be galvanized to the requirements of ASTM B695 Class 50, Type I and have a fusion-bonded epoxy coating. DTI’s used with galvanized steel, metallized steel and steel coated with a zinc-rich primer shall be galvanized to the requirements of ASTM B695 Class 50, Type I.**

**“Twist Off” Type Tension Control Structural Bolt/Nut/Washer Assemblies shall meet the requirements of ASTM F3125, Grade F1852.**

**Bolts, nuts and washers specified to be galvanized, shall be galvanized in accordance with AASHTO M 232 (ASTM A153), ASTM F2329, or ASTM B695 Class 50, Type I.**

**All fastener (bolts and nuts), whether black or galvanized, shall be coated with a suitable lubricant. Galvanized nuts shall be lubricated with a lubricant containing a visible dye.**

**Each lot of bolts, nuts, washers and DTI's shall be tested by the manufacturer in accordance with the tests tabulated in Table 1 - Test Schedule. The testing frequency for bolts, nuts and washers from each shipping lot of fasteners shall be as specified in the applicable AASHTO/ASTM Standard Specifications. The testing frequency for each production lot of DTI's shall be as specified in ASTM F959.**

TABLE 1 - Test Schedule\*

Bolts	Tensile Strength (Wedge Test)	ASTM F606
	Proof Load	ASTM F606
	Hardness	ASTM F606
	Coating Thickness	ASTM B695
Nuts	Proof Load	ASTM F606
	Hardness	ASTM F606
	Coating Thickness	ASTM B695
Washers	Hardness	ASTM F606
	Coating Thickness	ASTM B695
DTI's	Coating Thickness	ASTM B695
	Compression Load	ASTM F959

### Section 716

#### STRUCTURAL ALUMINUM AND RELATED MATERIAL

716.01 Aluminum Railings: Revise this subsection by removing section d. and replacing with:

**d. Steel Anchor Assembly Steel spacers for post anchors shall conform to the requirements of ASTM A36. Nuts embedded in concrete shall conform to the requirements of ASTM A307.**

**Anchor bolts, exposed nuts and washers shall conform to the requirements of ASTM A449 or ASTM F1554, Grade 55 and shall be galvanized in accordance with AASHTO M 232 (ASTM A153), ASTM F2329, or ASTM B695, Class 50, Type I.**

### SECTION 718

#### TRAFFIC SIGNALS MATERIAL

718.03 Signal Mounting Amend the paragraph beginning with “All trunions, brackets and...” by adding “**For polycarbonate signal heads with more than 3 sections or requiring mounting extensions greater than 12 inches in length, reinforcing plates shall be used to reinforce the housings at the point of attachment.**” to the end of the paragraph.

718.08 Controller Cabinet Revise this subsection by replacing the paragraph beginning with “The cabinet shall be supplied with LED light panels...” on or about page 7-66 with **“The cabinet shall be supplied with white LED light panels which shall automatically illuminate via a door open switch whenever one of the four main cabinet doors are opened for the ground mount cabinet or two main doors for the side of pole cabinet. The ground mounted cabinet shall contain four LED light panels per side totaling eight panels for the cabinet; one panel each at the top and bottom portion of the front side and back side on the Control side and Power/Auxiliary side of the cabinet. Each light panel shall produce a minimum of 250 lumens for a total minimum lumen output of 2000 lumens with all eight panels illuminated. The minimum output per side would be 1000 lumens. The LED panels shall be protected by a clear shatterproof shield. The side of pole mounted cabinet shall contain four light panels; one at the top of the rack assembly and one at the bottom rack assembly on each side of the cabinet.**

**A second door open status switch per door shall activate a controller input to log a report event that one of the doors was opened. All door open status switches shall be connected to the same controller input. For the ground mount cabinet, there shall be two switches on each of the four main doors. For the side-of-pole mount cabinet, there shall be two switches on each of the two main doors.”**

Revise this subsection by replacing the paragraph beginning with “The cabinet shall be supplied with a generator panel ...” on or about page 7-68 with:

**“The cabinet shall be supplied with a generator panel. The generator panel shall consist of a manual transfer switch and a twist-lock connector for generator hookup. The transfer switch knob and twist-lock connector shall be located inside a stainless steel enclosure with a separate lockable door accessed with a Corbin #2 key. The unit shall be mounted on the left, exterior of the control side wall of the ground mount cabinet a minimum of 36” above the surrounding grade and on the lower left side of the pole mounted cabinet. The generator transfer switch shall be a Reliance C30A1N Signa Series or approved equal. “**

Revise this subsection by removing the following from the paragraph beginning with “The ground mounted cabinet shall be supplied and installed with an electric service meter socket trim and electrical service disconnect switch ...” on or about page 7-69: **“(removed: thus preventing that space from being used either by equipment supplied as part of the project, or future equipment that would be installed in the rack system. Joe indicated that he would add this language to the detail so it is covered.)”**.

Revise this subsection by replacing the following in the paragraph beginning with “The Contractor shall reconfigure the default user name...” on or around page 7-70; “MaineDOT IT” with **“MaineDOT Traffic Division”**.

In the paragraph beginning with “Tests shall be conducted by the contractor...” on or around page 7-73, amend this subsection by removing **“in the state of Maine and”** after “The facility shall be”.

Amend this Section by adding the following subsection:

**718.13 Field Monitoring Unit (FMU)** This item of work shall conform to this specification. This item shall consist of furnishing and installing a Field Monitoring Unit (FMU) and software, as well as all needed accessories required for a full and complete installation, including but not limited to power adapters, Ethernet cables, and interface cables, as described herein.

Where applicable, communications from MaineDOT's cloud-based Central Management System (CMS) to the on-street traffic signal controllers shall be made through fiber optic interconnect cable connected back to existing internet connections and/or the Field Monitoring Unit (FMU). The Contractor shall furnish and install all materials necessary for a complete and operational fiber optic interconnection to all project intersections as shown on the plans. All connections to the CMS cloud-based system shall be via a secure VPN network.

The FMU shall be the only remote connection device used by isolated intersections to connect to the cloud-based system. All connections shall be encrypted VPN tunnels. The Contractor shall coordinate all configuration settings with MaineDOT IT and the Engineer.

The FMU central web based interface shall be a separate element from the CMS.

MATERIALS: The materials for this work shall conform to the following requirements:

1. The work under this item specifies the requirements for the FMU. The FMU shall operate independent of the brand/type of intersection controller deployed in the ATC traffic cabinet.
2. The FMU shall conform to the following requirements:
  - 2.1 The FMU shall function correctly between -34 degrees C and +74 degrees C.
  - 2.2 The FMU shall be provided with appropriately rated connectors that allows the FMU to be exchanged by unplugging connectors, without tools.
  - 2.3 The FMU shall monitor and log all ATC Controller and ATC cabinet faults and or alarms.
  - 2.4 The FMU shall be wired directly to the ATC cabinet.
  - 2.5 The FMU shall have an internal cellular modem running at 4G LTE.
    - 2.5.1 The Cellular modem shall be designed to be replaced / upgraded to 5G service when available.
  - 2.6 The FMU shall incorporate an integrated GPS and cell modem.
  - 2.7 The configuration of the FMU shall be accomplished by accessing the internal web server with a browser. It shall be possible to configure the FMU without any special software.
  - 2.8 The FMU shall be powered via a standard 120V input power.

- 2.9 The FMU shall allow for the routing of the controller configuration packets to and from the controller (either by Ethernet or serial communications) for any type of controller utilized by the MaineDOT. In this way it shall be possible to configure the controller and utilize the controller specific software to interrogate the controller, and the FMU shall provide the communications pipe which allows this to be accomplished.
- 2.10 The FMU shall, within the size limitations above, include a battery and battery charging/monitoring circuit, to allow the FMU to function correctly even when all power to the intersection has failed. The battery shall continue to power the FMU for a minimum of 5 hours after all power has failed to the intersection.
- 2.11 The FMU shall incorporate an integrated GPS which will allow the FMU to geo-locate itself on the FMU management software map, without configuration.
- 2.12 The FMU shall operate without requiring a static IP address. The only configuration required at the FMU is to enter the URL of where the FMU management software is hosted.
- 2.13 In the event that the cell service is interrupted or is not available, the FMU shall store any events that occur in internal memory and forward these events automatically to the FMU management software when the cell service is restored. In this way, a complete record of events at the device can be maintained even if cell service is interrupted for a period. The system will store 5000 events.
- 2.14 The FMU shall utilize HTTP and HTTPS protocols, and XML data structures, for communication with the FMU management software. In this way the data will be open for future expansion and competition. The use of secret proprietary protocols is not permitted.
- 2.15 The FMU shall include Ethernet communications via an Ethernet Port with RJ45 connector.
- 2.16 The FMU shall include weather proof antennas.

### **3. Map Display FMU Management Software**

- 3.1 The FMU shall include a scrollable, zoomable map display, with the intersections and other monitored devices shown as representative icons on the map. The map shall include the ability to see the intersections using Google Streetview.
- 3.2 The alarm status of the intersection shall be clearly indicated on the icon on the map, so that the user can see at a glance which intersections are in alarm.
- 3.3 The map display shall also include a list of intersections, with the number and priority of alarms indicated on the list. Intersections in high priority alarm shall be moved to the top

of the list, followed by medium priority, low priority and then finally by intersections not in alarm.

- 3.4 The icons shall change to be able to clearly indicate if an intersection is offline.
- 3.5 Clicking on the icon on the map shall expose a box with the current parameters of the intersection shown.
- 3.6 The default map display position and zoom shall be configurable by user, so that the user's view will default to show the intersections that the user is responsible for managing.
- 3.7 The map view shall have the ability to show Google traffic overlays on the map.

#### **4. Intersection Detail Display FMU Management Software**

- 4.1 It shall be possible to drill down, either from the map icon or from the list, to a device level detail for the intersection, which as a minimum shall display the following parameters:
  - 4.1.1 The alarm status, with priority indicated, and a text description of the alarm (if an alarm is present for this device).
  - 4.1.2 The time since the last communication with the device
  - 4.1.3 The following parameters (real time now values, minimum for the day values, maximum for the day values, and average for the day values)
    - 4.1.3.1 The AC mains voltage (value)
    - 4.1.3.2 The battery back-up voltage (value)
    - 4.1.3.3 The cabinet temperature (value)
    - 4.1.3.4 The cabinet humidity (value)
    - 4.1.3.5 The presence of AC power (OK or Fail)
    - 4.1.3.6 The flashing status of the intersection (OK or Flashing)
    - 4.1.3.7 Stop Time status (OK or Stop Time Active)
    - 4.1.3.8 The cabinet door status (Open or Closed)
    - 4.1.3.9 The intersection fan status (Fan On or Fan off)

4.1.4 It shall be possible to view graphs of each of the value parameters in graphical form, over the recent two-week period. This includes real time graphs of:

4.1.4.1 The AC mains voltage

4.1.4.2 The battery back-up voltage

4.1.4.3 The cabinet temperature

4.1.4.4 The cabinet humidity

## **5. Diagnostics and Log Display FMU Management Software**

5.1 From the device level detail within the FMU management software, it shall be possible to drill down to get the raw data; the error logs; and the communications logs to allow a technician to fault-find problems.

5.2 It shall be possible to filter the logs by Device; by Device Type and/or by Group as well as between dates.

5.3 It shall be possible to print these selected logs to a local printer or a PDF file.

5.4 It shall be possible to export these logs to Excel on the local computer for further analysis.

## **6. Alarms FMU Management Software**

6.1 The FMU management software shall have a comprehensive alarm generation capability

6.2 It shall be possible to configure alarms to be generated on any parameter becoming out of tolerance, including analog values, digital values and enumerated values.

6.3 Alarms shall be configurable to be of Low, High or Critical Priority.

6.4 The alarm priority shall be displayed throughout the FMU management software, on all displays, using color codes such as red-critical; yellow – high; and amber-low to indicate the priority of the alarm.

6.5 The current active alarms shall be accessible for view via an expandable window, to see which alarms are active and when the alarm occurred. The highest priority alarms shall rise to the top of the list.

## **7. Alerts FMU Management Software**

7.1 The FMU management software shall have comprehensive alerting capability, to enable the response personnel to be notified when an abnormal situation has occurred.

- 7.2 It shall be possible to configure alerts to one or more personnel for each alarm. This will cause, as selected, an SMS and/or an email to be sent to the person when an alarm occurs.
- 7.3 The alert shall be configurable to optionally send via email and/or via SMS a message when an alarm clears.
- 7.4 The intention is that the FMU management software provides the alerts to the user in near real time. The SMS and email shall be issued within 30 seconds of the occurrence of event which results in an alert being issued.

## 8. Hosting and Connectivity and Service FMU / FMU Management Software

- 8.1 The contractor shall supply the FMU with the FMU manufacturers 10 year options for Connectivity and Service, as part of the purchase price. The Connectivity and Service agreement shall include at a minimum:
- 8.1.1 Cellular Connectivity
  - 8.1.2 No cellular overage charges
  - 8.1.3 Extended warranty on the hardware for the period of the Connectivity and Service Agreement
  - 8.1.4 Over-the-air software updates
  - 8.1.5 Over-the-air security updates
  - 8.1.6 Future Connected Vehicles Service

## Section 719 SIGNING MATERIAL

719.072 Overhead Signing: Revise this subsection by replacing it in entirety with:

**“Sign panels mounted to independent sign support structures and support structure components mounted to bridges passing over the highway are considered to be overhead signing. Overhead signing shall be mounted on W6 by 9 steel beams conforming to the requirements of ASTM A992/A992M, galvanized in accordance with AASHTO M 111 (ASTM A123), or the same size aluminum beams conforming to ASTM B221M, alloys and tempers of 6061-T6, 6063-T6 or 6005-T5. These components shall be horizontally spaced a maximum of 5¼ feet on center, extending from the bottom of sign panel to the top. If supplemental signs are included in the contract, these beams will extend from the bottom of the main sign panel to the top of the supplemental sign panel. The maximum distance from the edge of the sign to the center of the W6 by 9 shall not exceed approximately 3¼ feet.**

**On independent sign support structures, these W6 by 9 beam components shall be fastened to chords with a pair of appropriately sized U-bolts on each side of the web at each fastening**

location. A similar pair of U-bolt assemblies shall be used in attaching each chord of an overhead component to upright supports. U-bolts for steel support structures shall conform to ASTM A449, Type 1. U-bolt hardware, which includes nuts, flat washers, and helical lock washers, shall be galvanized in accordance with AASHTO M 232 (ASTM A153), ASTM F2329, or ASTM B695, Class 50, Type I. Washers shall conform to the requirements of ASTM F436. The U-bolt material for aluminum support structures, or a combination of steel and aluminum structural components, shall be stainless steel conforming to the requirements of ASTM F593, alloy group 1, with a minimum yield strength of 45 ksi. Steel support structures may also utilize stainless steel hardware assemblies as an alternative to galvanized steel. Nuts shall be of the locking type with nylon inserts. Washers shall conform to the requirements of ASTM A276, Type 302. Flat washers, without helical lock washers, will be acceptable in this stainless steel assembly.

On bridge mounted structures, the fastener configurations shall be depicted in the contract documents. “

## SECTION 720 STRUCTURAL SUPPORTS FOR HIGHWAY SIGNS, LUMINAIRES AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS

720.03 Steel Supports: Revise this subsection by removing the paragraph beginning with “Chord flange splice fastener” and replacing with:

“Chord flange splice fastener assemblies shall conform to ASTM A325, Type 1, and galvanized in accordance with AASHTO M 232 (ASTM A153), ASTM F2329, or ASTM B695, Class 50, Type I. Other fastener assemblies shall be as specified in Section 719.07, or as approved by the Fabrication Engineer.”

720.06 Steel H-beam: Revise this subsection by replacing it in its entirety with:

“Steel H-beam Post shall conform to the requirements of ASTM A992. All work shall conform to the applicable provisions of Section 504 – Structural Steel. Steel shall be hot-dip galvanized in accordance with AASHTO M 111 (ASTM A123). All steel hardware for use with H-beam poles shall be galvanized in accordance with AASHTO M 232 (ASTM A153), ASTM F2329, or ASTM B695, Class 50, Type I.”

720.07 Anchor Bolts: Revise this subsection by replacing it in its entirety with:

“Anchor bolts and nuts supplied for aluminum and/or steel supports shall conform to ASTM A449, Type 1, or ASTM F1554, Grade 55, both with a minimum yield strength of 55 ksi. Anchor bolts shall be supplied with 2 heavy hex nuts and 2 hardened washers and unless otherwise specified the anchor bolts shall have a 90° bend with a 6 inch minimum leg length at the lower end. The anchor bolts, nuts and hardened washers shall be galvanized in accordance with AASHTO M 232 (ASTM A153), ASTM F2329, or ASTM B695, Class 50, Type I. The bolt

**shall be zinc-coated 12 inches from the exposed end, unless otherwise specified. If the anchor bolts are to be used with breakaway devices incorporating the function of a nut, for example, longitudinally grooved breakaway couplings, nuts or washers will not be required.**

**Alternate materials, grades, and designs may be used for anchor bolts subject to approval of the Fabrication Engineer.”**

720.09 Wood Ornamental Light Standard: Revise this subsection by removing the paragraph beginning with “All bolts shall be” and replacing it with:

**“All bolts shall be galvanized in accordance with AASHTO M 232 (ASTM A153), ASTM F2329, or ASTM B695, Class 50, Type I.”**

720.12 Wood Sign Posts Revise the first sentence so that it reads:

**“Wood sign posts shall be rectangular, straight and sound timber, cut from live growing native spruce, red pine, hemlock, cedar trees or other AWWA approved species, free from loose knots or other structurally weakening defects of importance, such as shake or holes or heart rot.”**

Revise the third paragraph that starts with “When pressure treated...” so that it reads:

**“All sign posts shall be pressure-treated in accordance with AASHTO M 133 and AWWA Standard U1, UC4A, Commodity Specification A: Sawn Products.”**

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**Department of the Army  
General Permits for the State of Maine**

The New England District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) hereby issues thirty-seven (37) regional general permits (GPs) for activities subject to Corps jurisdiction in waters of the U.S., including wetlands; and navigable waters within the State of Maine and adjacent ocean waters to the seaward limit of the outer continental shelf. The Maine GPs (hereafter referred to as the ME GP or GP) are issued in accordance with Corps regulations at 33 CFR 320 – 332 [see 33 CFR 325.5(c)(1)].

GPs numbered “1-60” were developed to closely match the current 2021 Nationwide Permits (NWP) and the upcoming 2026 NWP. The next NWP is proposed to be reissued in March 2026 and will likely be phased into use in New England District (NAE), including Maine Section. To ensure General Permit coverage, between October (expiration of existing Maine General Permits NAE-2019-02771) to March (when the NWP will be issued), the below Regional General Permits (RGPs) will be used. Each GP has been numbered to match the current NWP for ease of transition. Please note, once the 2026 NWP is issued, New England District may phase in some or all the NWP and RGP 1-60. The RGP that have letters (A-C) will likely continue as New England District RGP (post March 2026) as these activities are not covered under any NWP. If the new NWP and/ or RGP are proposed to be used in New England District, the NWP will be public noticed in accordance with 33 CFR 330.5.

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## **SECTION I. STATUTORY AUTHORITIES AND REGULATED ACTIVITIES**

### 1. Federal Authorities

- a. **Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899** (see 33 CFR Part 322). The Corps regulates any *structure* in, over, or under any *navigable waters of the United States* (as defined in 33 CFR 329), and *work* such as excavating or dredging from or depositing of material in such waters, or the accomplishment of any other work affecting the course, location, condition, or capacity of such waters.
- b. **Section 404 of the Clean Water Act** (see 33 CFR Part 323). The Corps regulates the discharge of *dredged material* or *fill material* and certain discharges associated with excavation into *waters of the United States* (as defined in 33 CFR 328), including wetlands. Exemptions of Section 404 can be found at 33 CFR Part 323.4.

### 2. State Approvals

Applicants are responsible for applying for and obtaining any required state or local government agency approvals, such as those required by Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Maine Land Use Planning Commission, and Maine Department of Marine Resources; as well as those required by the City, Town, or County the project is located within. In many cases activities requiring Corps authorization will also require approval from these government agencies. However, Federal and state jurisdiction as well as review criteria will differ in some cases. State and Local permits may be required for specific projects regardless of Corps jurisdiction.

When state or local approvals or statutorily required reviews are also required, those approvals should be obtained prior to commencing work under Corps jurisdiction. Refer to “*Agency & Partners Contact Directory*”, which can be found on the Corps website (i.e. <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>).

## **SECTION II. RGP PROCEDURES**

To qualify under these GPs, the design, construction, maintenance, and use associated with each proposed activity shall meet the terms and eligibility criteria listed in Section III of the GPs and all applicable general conditions (GCs) in Section IV. Applicants should first review the GPs to see if a project is eligible for verification under one or more of the GPs within this document. For activities authorized by GPs which do not require submission of a pre-construction notification, (i.e. non-notifying) prior to commencement of the activity, the proponent (i.e., the person and/or the entity performing the work) is responsible for ensuring the activity meets the terms of the applicable GP, any applicable GCs, and applicable State Water Quality Certification (WQC) and Coastal Zone Management Act consistency conditions found on Corps website at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>). Activities that do not meet criteria of these GPs will require an Individual Permit (IP). Refer to “*Local Procedures For Submission of an Application*” for guidance on the permitting process, which can be found on the Corps webpage (i.e. <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>).

### **SECTION III. MAINE GENERAL PERMITS**

Applicants shall review all Sections of the GPs prior to utilizing them or submitting a pre-construction notification to the Corps to confirm that the activity, as proposed, complies with all terms and conditions of the 2025 ME GPs.

#### **Regional General Permits**

1. Aids to Navigation
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13. Bank Stabilization
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17. Hydropower Projects
18. Minor Discharges
19. Minor Dredging
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27. Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration, Enhancement, and Establishment Activities
29. Residential Developments
33. Temporary Construction, Access, and Dewatering
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  - C. Structures in Navigable Waters of The U.S.

**GP 1. Aids to Navigation (Authority: Section 10):**

The placement of aids to navigation and regulatory markers that are approved by and installed in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard (see 33 CFR, chapter I, subchapter C, part 66).

### **GP 3. MAINTENANCE (Authorities: Sections 10 and 404):**

(a) The repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of any previously authorized, currently serviceable structure or fill, or of any currently serviceable structure or fill authorized by 33 CFR 330.3, provided that the structure or fill is not to be put to uses differing from those uses specified or contemplated for it in the original permit or the most recently authorized modification. Minor deviations in the structure's configuration or filled area, including those due to changes in materials, construction techniques, requirements of other regulatory agencies, or current construction codes or safety standards that are necessary to make the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement are authorized. This GP also authorizes the removal of previously authorized structures or fills. Any stream channel modification is limited to the minimum necessary for the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of the structure or fill; such modifications, including the removal of material from the stream channel, must be immediately adjacent to the project. This GP also authorizes the removal of accumulated sediment and debris within, and in the immediate vicinity of, the structure or fill. This GP also authorizes the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of those structures or fills destroyed or damaged by storms, floods, fire or other discrete events, provided the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement is commenced, or is under contract to commence, within two years of the date of their destruction or damage. In cases of catastrophic events, such as hurricanes or tornadoes, this two-year limit may be waived by the district engineer, provided the permittee can demonstrate funding, contract, or other similar delays.

(b) This GP also authorizes the removal of accumulated sediments and debris outside the immediate vicinity of existing structures (e.g., bridges, culverted road crossings, water intake structures, etc.). The removal of sediment is limited to the minimum necessary to restore the waterway in the vicinity of the structure to the approximate dimensions that existed when the structure was built, but cannot extend farther than 200 feet in any direction from the structure. This 200 foot limit does not apply to maintenance dredging to remove accumulated sediments blocking or restricting outfall and intake structures or to maintenance dredging to remove accumulated sediments from canals associated with outfall and intake structures. All dredged or excavated materials must be deposited and retained in an area that has no waters of the United States unless otherwise specifically approved by the district engineer under separate authorization.

(c) This GP also authorizes temporary structures, fills, and work, including the use of temporary mats, necessary to conduct the maintenance activity. Appropriate measures must be taken to maintain normal downstream flows and minimize flooding to the maximum extent practicable, when temporary structures, work, and discharges of dredged or fill material, including cofferdams, are necessary for construction activities, access fills, or dewatering of construction sites. Temporary fills must consist of materials, and be placed in a manner, that will not be eroded by expected high flows. After conducting the maintenance activity, temporary fills must be removed in their entirety and the affected areas returned to pre-construction elevations. The areas affected by temporary fills must be revegetated, as appropriate.

(d) This GP does not authorize maintenance dredging for the primary purpose of navigation. This GP does not authorize beach restoration. This GP does not authorize new stream channelization or stream relocation projects.

**Pre-construction notification required if:**

Activities authorized by paragraph (b) of this GP, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity (see general condition 32). The pre-construction notification must include information regarding the original design capacities and configurations of the outfalls, intakes, small impoundments, and canals.

Note 1: This GP authorizes the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of any previously authorized structure or fill that does not qualify for the Clean Water Act Section 404(f) exemption for maintenance.

Note 2: Maintenance activities conducted under this GP involving the replacement of stream crossings must comply with the “Stream Crossing Best Management Practices (BMPs)” unless waived by the District Engineer. These BMPs can be found on the Corps webpage at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>. If BMPs cannot be fully met, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity.

**GP 4. Fish and Wildlife Harvesting, Enhancement, and Attraction Devices and Activities (Authorities: Sections 10 and 404):**

Fish and wildlife harvesting devices and activities such as pound nets, crab traps, crab dredging, eel pots, lobster traps, duck blinds, and clam and oyster digging, fish aggregating devices, and small fish attraction devices such as open water fish concentrators (sea kites, etc.). This GP does not authorize artificial reefs or impoundments and semi-impoundments of waters of the United States for the culture or holding of motile species such as lobster, or the use of covered oyster trays or clam racks.

**GP 5. Scientific Measurement Devices (Authorities: Sections 10 and 404):**

Devices, whose purpose is to measure and record scientific data, such as staff gages, tide and current gages, meteorological stations, water recording and biological observation devices, water quality testing and improvement devices, and similar structures. Small weirs and flumes constructed primarily to record water quantity and velocity are also authorized provided the discharge of dredged or fill material is limited to 25 cubic yards. Upon completion of the use of the device to measure and record scientific data, the measuring device and any other structures or fills associated with that device (e.g., foundations, anchors, buoys, lines, etc.) must be removed to the maximum extent practicable and the site restored to pre-construction elevations.

**GP 6. Survey Activities (Authorities: Sections 10 and 404):**

Survey activities, such as core sampling, seismic exploratory operations, plugging of seismic shot holes and other exploratory-type bore holes, exploratory trenching, soil surveys, sampling, sample plots or transects for wetland delineations, and historic resources surveys. For the purposes of this GP, the term “exploratory trenching” means mechanical land clearing of the upper soil profile to expose bedrock or substrate, for the purpose of mapping or sampling the exposed material. The area in which the exploratory trench is dug must be restored to its pre-construction elevation upon completion of the work and must not drain a water of the United States. In wetlands, the top 6 to 12 inches of the trench should normally be backfilled with topsoil from the trench. This GP authorizes the construction of temporary pads, provided the discharge of dredged or fill material does not exceed 1/10-acre in waters of the U.S. Discharges of dredged or fill material and structures associated with the recovery of historic resources are not authorized by this GP. Drilling and the discharge of excavated material from test wells for oil and gas exploration are not authorized by this GP; the plugging of such wells is authorized. Fill placed for roads and other similar activities is not authorized by this GP. The GP does not authorize any permanent structures. The discharge of drilling mud and cuttings may require a permit under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act.

**GP 7. Outfall Structures and Associated Intake Structures (Authorities: Sections 10 and 404):**

Activities related to the construction or modification of outfall structures and associated intake structures, where the effluent from the outfall is authorized, conditionally authorized, or specifically exempted by, or otherwise in compliance with regulations issued under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program (Section 402 of the Clean Water Act). The construction of intake structures is not authorized by this GP unless they are directly associated with an authorized outfall structure.

**Pre-construction notification required.**

The permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity. (See general condition 32.)

Note: The permittee shall provide a copy of their Section 402 Clean Water Act authorization or exemption as applicable.

**GP 11. Temporary Recreational Structures (Authority: Section 10):**

Temporary buoys, markers, small floating docks, and similar structures placed for recreational use during specific events such as water skiing competitions and boat races or seasonal use, provided that such structures are removed within 30 days after use has been discontinued. At Corps of Engineers reservoirs, the reservoir managers must approve each buoy or marker individually.

**GP 12. Oil or Natural Gas Pipeline Activities (Authorities: Sections 10 and 404):**

Activities required for the construction, maintenance, repair, and removal of oil and natural gas pipelines and associated facilities in waters of the United States, provided the activity does not result in the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of waters of the United States for each single and complete project.

*Oil or natural gas pipelines:* This GP authorizes discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States and structures or work in navigable waters for crossings of those waters associated with the construction, maintenance, or repair of oil and natural gas pipelines. There must be no change in pre-construction contours of waters of the United States. An “oil or natural gas pipeline” is defined as any pipe or pipeline for the transportation of any form of oil or natural gas, including products derived from oil or natural gas, such as gasoline, jet fuel, diesel fuel, heating oil, petrochemical feedstocks, waxes, lubricating oils, and asphalt.

Material resulting from trench excavation may be temporarily sidecast into waters of the United States for no more than three months, provided the material is not placed in such a manner that it is dispersed by currents or other forces. The district engineer may extend the period of temporary side casting for no more than a total of 180 days, where appropriate. In wetlands, the top 6 to 12 inches of the trench should normally be backfilled with topsoil from the trench. The trench cannot be constructed or backfilled in such a manner as to drain waters of the United States (e.g., backfilling with extensive gravel layers, creating a french drain effect). Any exposed slopes and stream banks must be stabilized immediately upon completion of the utility line crossing of each waterbody.

*Oil or natural gas pipeline substations:* This GP authorizes the construction, maintenance, or expansion of substation facilities (e.g., oil or natural gas or gaseous fuel custody transfer stations, boosting stations, compression stations, metering stations, pressure regulating stations) associated with an oil or natural gas pipeline in non-tidal waters of the United States, provided the activity, in combination with all other activities included in one single and complete project, does not result in the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of waters of the United States. This GP does not authorize discharges of dredged or fill material into non-tidal wetlands adjacent to tidal waters of the United States to construct, maintain, or expand substation facilities.

*Foundations for above-ground oil or natural gas pipelines:* This GP authorizes the construction or maintenance of foundations for above-ground oil or natural gas pipelines in all waters of the United States, provided the foundations are the minimum size necessary.

*Access roads:* This GP authorizes the construction of access roads for the construction and maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines, in non-tidal waters of the United States, provided the activity, in combination with all other activities included in one single and complete project, does not cause the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of non-tidal waters of the United States.

This GP does not authorize discharges of dredged or fill material into non-tidal wetlands adjacent to tidal waters for access roads. Access roads must be the minimum width necessary (see Note 2, below). Access roads must be constructed so that the length of the road minimizes any adverse effects on waters of the United States and must be as near as possible to pre-construction contours and elevations (e.g., at grade corduroy roads or geotextile/gravel roads). Access roads constructed above pre-construction contours and elevations in waters of the United States must be properly bridged or culverted to maintain surface flows.

This GP may authorize oil or natural gas pipelines in or affecting navigable waters of the United States even if there is no associated discharge of dredged or fill material (see 33 CFR part 322). Oil or natural gas pipelines routed in, over, or under section 10 waters without a discharge of dredged or fill material may require a section 10 permit.

This GP authorizes, to the extent that Department of the Army authorization is required, temporary structures, fills, and work necessary for the remediation of inadvertent returns of drilling fluids to waters of the United States through sub-soil fissures or fractures that might occur during horizontal directional drilling activities conducted for the purpose of installing or replacing oil or natural gas pipelines. These remediation activities must be done as soon as practicable, to restore the affected waterbody. District engineers may add special conditions to this GP to require a remediation plan for addressing inadvertent returns of drilling fluids to waters of the United States during horizontal directional drilling activities conducted for the purpose of installing or replacing oil or natural gas pipelines.

This GP also authorizes temporary structures, fills, and work, including the use of temporary mats, necessary to conduct the oil or natural gas pipeline activity. Appropriate measures must be taken to maintain normal downstream flows and minimize flooding to the maximum extent practicable, when temporary structures, work, and discharges of dredged or fill material, including cofferdams, are necessary for construction activities, access fills, or dewatering of construction sites. Temporary fills must consist of materials, and be placed in a manner, that will not be eroded by expected high flows. After construction, temporary fills must be removed in their entirety and the affected areas returned to pre-construction elevations. The areas affected by temporary fills must be revegetated, as appropriate.

**Pre-construction notification required if:**

(1) A section 10 permit is required;

(2) The discharge will result in the loss of greater than 1/10-acre of waters of the United States; or

(3) The proposed oil or natural gas pipeline activity is associated with an overall project that is greater than 250 miles in length and the project purpose is to install new pipeline (vs. conduct repair or maintenance activities) along the majority of the distance of the overall project length. If the proposed oil or gas pipeline is greater than 250 miles in length, the pre-

construction notification must include the locations and proposed impacts (in acres or other appropriate unit of measure) for all crossings of waters of the United States that require DA authorization, including those crossings authorized by an GP would not otherwise require pre-construction notification (See general condition 32.).

Note 1: Where structures or work are authorized in navigable waters of the United States (i.e., section 10 waters) within the coastal United States, the Great Lakes, and United States territories, the permittee should provide a copy of the 'as-built drawings' and the geographic coordinate system used in the 'as-built drawings' to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service (NOS), to inform updates to nautical charts and Coast Pilot corrections. The information should be transmitted via email to [ocs.ndb@noaa.gov](mailto:ocs.ndb@noaa.gov).

Note 2: For oil or natural gas pipeline activities crossing a single waterbody more than one time at separate and distant locations, or multiple waterbodies at separate and distant locations, each crossing is considered a single and complete project for purposes of GP authorization. Oil or natural gas pipeline activities must comply with 33 CFR 330.6(d).

Note 3: Access roads used for both construction and maintenance may be authorized, provided they meet the terms and conditions of this GP. Access roads used solely for construction of the oil or natural gas pipeline must be removed upon completion of the work, in accordance with the requirements for temporary fills.

Note 4: Pipes or pipelines used to transport gaseous, liquid, liquescent, or slurry substances over navigable waters of the United States are considered to be bridges, and may require a permit from the U.S. Coast Guard pursuant to the General Bridge Act of 1946. However, any discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States associated with such oil or natural gas pipelines will require a section 404 permit (see GP 15).

Note 5: This GP authorizes oil or natural gas pipeline maintenance and repair activities that do not qualify for the Clean Water Act section 404(f) exemption for maintenance of currently serviceable fills or fill structures.

Note 6: For GP 12 activities that require pre-construction notification (PCN), the PCN must include any other GP(s) or individual permit(s) used or intended to be used to authorize any part of the proposed project or any related activity, including other separate and distant crossings that require Department of the Army authorization but do not require pre-construction notification (see paragraph (b)(4) of general condition 32). The district engineer will evaluate the PCN in accordance with Section D, "District Engineer's Decision." The district engineer may require mitigation to ensure that the authorized activity results in no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects (see general condition 23).

Note 7: Where structures or work are proposed in navigable waters of the United States, project proponents should provide the location and dimensions of the proposed structures to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) prior to submittal of a PCN, or prior to beginning construction. The USCG may assess potential navigation-related concerns associated with the location of proposed structures or work, and may inform project proponents of marking and lighting requirements necessary to comply with General Condition 1 (Navigation). For assistance identifying the appropriate USCG District or Sector Waterways Management Staff responsible for the area of the proposed work, contact USCG at [CGWWM@uscg.mil](mailto:CGWWM@uscg.mil).

Note 8: To ensure avoidance and minimization, any buried utility line crossings shall be installed perpendicular to the stream course to the maximum extent practicable. The installation of trench plugs or other similar BMPs shall be utilized to prevent draining of waters of the U.S. from trenching activities.

Note 9: Activities conducted under this GP involving the replacement or installation of new stream crossings must comply with the “*Stream Crossing Best Management Practices (BMPs)*” unless waived by the District Engineer. These BMPs can be found on the Corps webpage at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>. If BMPs cannot be fully met, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity.

**GP 13. Bank Stabilization (Authorities: Sections 10 and 404):**

Bank stabilization activities necessary for erosion control or prevention, such as vegetative stabilization, bioengineering, sills, rip rap, revetment, gabion baskets, stream barbs, and bulkheads, or combinations of bank stabilization techniques, provided the activity meets all of the following criteria:

- (a) No material is placed in excess of the minimum needed for erosion protection;
- (b) The activity is no more than 500 feet in length along the bank, unless the district engineer waives this criterion by making a written determination concluding that the discharge of dredged or fill material will result in no more than minimal adverse environmental effects (an exception is for bulkheads – the district engineer cannot issue a waiver for a bulkhead that is greater than 1,000 feet in length along the bank);
- (c) The activity will not exceed an average of one cubic yard per running foot, as measured along the length of the treated bank, below the plane of the ordinary high water mark or the high tide line, unless the district engineer waives this criterion by making a written determination concluding that the discharge of dredged or fill material will result in no more than minimal adverse environmental effects;
- (d) The activity does not involve discharges of dredged or fill material into special aquatic sites, unless the district engineer waives this criterion by making a written determination concluding that the discharge of dredged or fill material will result in no more than minimal adverse environmental effects;
- (e) No material is of a type, or is placed in any location, or in any manner, that will impair surface water flow into or out of any waters of the United States;
- (f) No material is placed in a manner that will be eroded by normal or expected high flows (properly anchored native trees and treetops may be used in low energy areas);
- (g) Native plants appropriate for current site conditions, including salinity, must be used for bioengineering or vegetative bank stabilization;
- (h) The activity is not a stream channelization activity; and
- (i) The activity must be properly maintained, which may require repairing it after severe storms or erosion events.

This GP authorizes discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States and structures and work in navigable waters of the United States to incorporate nature-based solutions into new and existing bank stabilization activities to provide habitat and other ecosystem functions and services and to reduce adverse effects of bank stabilization activities on the aquatic environment. Examples of nature-based solutions for bank stabilization activities include the use of construction materials for seawalls and bulkheads

that have textured surfaces, crevices, shelves, benches, and pits that support attachment and growth of benthic organisms; the construction of rock pools next to the bank stabilization activity; the construction of small pocket beaches next to the bank stabilization activity; the use of various sizes of rock for revetments to provide different sizes of spaces between rocks for habitat for various species of organisms; the placement of rock clusters next to a seawall or bulkhead; the placement of large wood next to seawalls, bulkheads, and revetments; and the placement of bags of mollusks or the placement of small reef structures to provide habitat for mollusks and other sessile aquatic organisms next to a seawall, bulkhead, or revetment.

This GP authorizes those maintenance and repair activities if they require authorization. This GP also authorizes temporary structures, fills, and work, including the use of temporary mats, necessary to construct the bank stabilization activity. Appropriate measures must be taken to maintain normal downstream flows and minimize flooding to the maximum extent practicable, when temporary structures, work, and discharges of dredged or fill material, including cofferdams, are necessary for construction activities, access fills, or dewatering of construction sites. Temporary fills must consist of materials, and be placed in a manner, that will not be eroded by expected high flows. After construction, temporary fills must be removed in their entirety and the affected areas returned to pre-construction elevations. The areas affected by temporary fills must be revegetated, as appropriate.

**Pre-construction notification required if:**

- (1) Involves discharges of dredged or fill material into special aquatic sites;
- (2) Is in excess of 500 feet in length; or
- (3) Will involve the discharge of dredged or fill material of greater than an average of one cubic yard per running foot as measured along the length of the treated bank, below the plane of the ordinary high water mark or the high tide line (See general condition 32.).

Note 1: In coastal waters and the Great Lakes, living shorelines may be an appropriate option for bank stabilization, and may be authorized by GP 54.

Note 2: Under 33 CFR 320.4(g)(2), a landowner has the general right to protect his or her property from erosion, and the district engineer can provide general guidance to the landowner regarding possible alternative methods of protecting his or her property. Permittees are encouraged to use soft bank stabilization approaches (e.g., bioengineering, vegetative stabilization) at sites where those methods are likely to be effective in managing erosion, such as sites where shorelines and banks are subject to moderate to low erosive forces. However, hard bank stabilization activities (e.g., seawalls, bulkheads, revetments, riprap) may be necessary at sites where shorelines and banks are subject to strong erosive forces. An appropriate and effective approach to managing shoreline or bank erosion at a specific site requires consideration of a variety of factors, including but not limited to: bank

height; bank condition; the energy of tides, waves, currents, or other water flows that the bank is exposed to; fetch; nearshore water depths; the potential for storm surges; sediment or substrate type; tidal range in waters subject to the ebb and flow of tides; shoreline configuration and orientation; the width of the waterway; and whether there is infrastructure in the vicinity of the proposed bank stabilization activity that needs to be protected and the degree of protection needed.

Note 3: Bank stabilization shall be no steeper than a 2:1 width to height ratio where applicable.

Note 4: The least environmentally damaging practicable bank stabilization design and methods shall be utilized. The permittee should submit photographs documenting the erosion that has occurred with their pre-construction notification.

**GP 14. Linear Transportation Projects (Authority: Sections 10 and 404):**

Activities required for crossings of waters of the United States associated with the construction, expansion, modification, or improvement of linear transportation projects (e.g., roads, highways, railways, trails, driveways, airport runways, and taxiways) in waters of the United States. For linear transportation projects in non-tidal waters, the discharge of dredged or fill material cannot cause the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of waters of the United States. For linear transportation projects in tidal waters, the discharge of dredged or fill material cannot cause the loss of greater than 1/3-acre of waters of the United States. Any stream channel modification, including bank stabilization, is limited to the minimum necessary to construct or protect the linear transportation project; such modifications must be in the immediate vicinity of the project.

This GP also authorizes temporary structures, fills, and work, including the use of temporary mats, necessary to construct the linear transportation project. Appropriate measures must be taken to maintain normal downstream flows and minimize flooding to the maximum extent practicable, when temporary structures, work, and discharges of dredged or fill material, including cofferdams, are necessary for construction activities, access fills, or dewatering of construction sites. Temporary fills must consist of materials, and be placed in a manner, that will not be eroded by expected high flows. Temporary fills must be removed in their entirety and the affected areas returned to preconstruction elevations. The areas affected by temporary fills must be revegetated, as appropriate.

This GP cannot be used to authorize non-linear features commonly associated with transportation projects, such as vehicle maintenance or storage buildings, parking lots, train stations, or aircraft hangars.

**Pre-construction notification required if:**

- (1) The loss of waters of the United States exceeds 1/10-acre; or
- (2) There is a discharge of dredged or fill material in a special aquatic site, including wetlands.

Note 1: For linear transportation projects crossing a single waterbody more than one time at separate and distant locations, or multiple waterbodies at separate and distant locations, each crossing is considered a single and complete project for purposes of GP authorization. Linear transportation projects must comply with 33 CFR 330.6(d).

Note 2: Some discharges of dredged or fill material for the construction of farm roads or forest roads, or temporary roads for moving mining equipment, may qualify for an exemption under Section 404(f) of the Clean Water Act (see 33 CFR 323.4).

Note 3: For GP 14 activities that require pre-construction notification, the PCN must include any other GP(s), regional general permit(s), or individual permit(s) used or intended to be

used to authorize any part of the proposed project or any related activity, including other separate and distant crossings that require Department of the Army authorization but do not require pre-construction notification (see paragraph (b)(4) of general condition 32). The district engineer will evaluate the PCN in accordance with Section D, "District Engineer's Decision." The district engineer may require mitigation to ensure that the authorized activity results in no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects (see general condition 23).

Note 4: A joint pre-application consultation with the Corps and State Resource Agencies is strongly advised for all activities that involve new or replacement tidal crossings.

Note 5: Activities conducted under this GP involving the replacement or installation of new stream crossings must comply with the "*Stream Crossing Best Management Practices (BMPs)*" unless waived by the District Engineer. These BMPs can be found on the Corps webpage at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>. If BMPs cannot be fully met, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity.

**GP 15. U.S. Coast Guard Approved Bridges (Authority: Section 404):**

Discharges of dredged or fill material incidental to the construction of a bridge across navigable waters of the United States, including cofferdams, abutments, foundation seals, piers, and temporary construction and access fills, provided the construction of the bridge structure has been authorized by the U.S. Coast Guard under the General Bridge Act of 1946, Section 9 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, or other applicable laws. Causeways and approach fills are not included in this GP and will require a separate Clean Water Act Section 404 permit.

**GP 17. Hydropower Projects (Authority: Section 404):**

Discharges of dredged or fill material associated with hydropower projects having: (a) Less than 10,000 kW of total generating capacity at existing reservoirs, where the project, including the fill, is licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) under the Federal Power Act of 1920, as amended; or (b) a licensing exemption granted by the FERC pursuant to Section 408 of the Energy Security Act of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 2705 and 2708) and Section 30 of the Federal Power Act, as amended.

**Pre-construction notification required.**

The permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity. (See general condition 32.)

Note: Activities conducted under this GP involving the replacement or installation of new stream crossings must comply with the “*Stream Crossing Best Management Practices (BMPs)*” unless waived by the District Engineer. These BMPs can be found on the Corps webpage at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>. If BMPs cannot be fully met, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity.

**GP 18. Minor Discharges (Authority: Sections 10 and 404):**

Minor discharges of dredged or fill material into all waters of the United States, provided the activity meets all of the following criteria:

- (a) The quantity of discharged dredged or fill material and the volume of area excavated do not exceed 25 cubic yards below the plane of the ordinary high water mark or the high tide line;
- (b) The discharge of dredged or fill material will not cause the loss of more than 1/10-acre of waters of the United States; and
- (c) The discharge of dredged or fill material is not placed for the purpose of a stream diversion.

**Pre-construction notification required if:**

- (1) The discharge of dredged or fill material or the volume of area excavated exceeds 10 cubic yards below the plane of the ordinary high water mark or the high tide line; or
- (2) The discharge of dredged or fill material is in a special aquatic site, including wetlands. (See general condition 32).

**GP 19. Minor Dredging. (Authority: Sections 10 and 404):**

Dredging of no more than 25 cubic yards below the plane of the ordinary high water mark or the mean high water mark from navigable waters of the United States (i.e., section 10 waters). This GP does not authorize the dredging or degradation through siltation of coral reefs, sites that support submerged aquatic vegetation (including sites where submerged aquatic vegetation is documented to exist but may not be present in a given year), anadromous fish spawning areas, or wetlands, or the connection of canals or other artificial waterways to navigable waters of the United States (see 33 CFR 322.5(g)). All dredged material must be deposited and retained in an area that has no waters of the United States unless otherwise specifically approved by the district engineer under separate authorization.

**GP 20. Response Operations for Oil or Hazardous Substances (Authority: Sections 10 and 404):**

Activities conducted in response to a discharge or release of oil or hazardous substances that are subject to the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (40 CFR part 300) including containment, cleanup, and mitigation efforts, provided that the activities are done under either:

(1) the Spill Control and Countermeasure Plan required by 40 CFR 112.3;

(2) the direction or oversight of the federal on-scene coordinator designated by 40 CFR part 300; or

(3) any approved existing state, regional or local contingency plan provided that the Regional Response Team (if one exists in the area) concurs with the proposed response efforts. This GP also authorizes activities required for the cleanup of oil releases in waters of the United States from electrical equipment that are governed by EPA's polychlorinated biphenyl spill response regulations at 40 CFR part 761. This GP also authorizes the use of temporary structures and fills in waters of the U.S. for spill response training exercises.

**GP 27 Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration, Enhancement, and Establishment Activities**  
**(Authority: Sections 10 and 404):**

Activities in waters of the United States associated with the restoration, enhancement, and establishment of tidal and non-tidal wetlands and riparian areas, the restoration and enhancement of non-tidal rivers and streams and their riparian areas, the restoration and enhancement of other non-tidal open waters, and the restoration and enhancement of tidal streams, tidal wetlands, and tidal open waters, provided those activities result in net increases in aquatic ecosystem functions and services.

To be authorized by this GP, the aquatic ecosystem restoration, enhancement, or establishment activity must be planned, designed, and implemented so that it results in an aquatic ecosystem that resembles an ecological reference (i.e., a natural ecosystem). An ecological reference may be based on the characteristics of aquatic ecosystems or riparian areas that currently exist in the region, or the characteristics of aquatic ecosystems or riparian area that existed in the region in the past. Ecological references include cultural ecosystems, which are ecosystems that have developed under the joint influence of natural processes and human management activities (e.g., fire stewardship for vegetation management). An ecological reference may also be based on regional ecological knowledge, including indigenous and local ecological knowledge, of the target aquatic ecosystem type

This GP authorizes the relocation of non-tidal waters, including non-tidal wetlands and streams, on the project site provided there are net increases in aquatic ecosystem functions and services.

This GP does not authorize: (1) dam removal activities; (2) stream channelization activities; and (3) the conversion of tidal wetlands to open water impoundments and other aquatic uses.

Only native plant species should be planted at the site.

Compensatory mitigation is not required for activities authorized by this GP because these activities must result in net increases in aquatic ecosystem functions and services.

*Reversion.* For aquatic ecosystem restoration, enhancement, and establishment activities conducted: (1) In accordance with the terms and conditions of a binding stream or wetland enhancement or restoration agreement, or a wetland establishment agreement, between the landowner and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Farm Service Agency (FSA), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the National Ocean Service (NOS), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), or their designated state cooperating agencies; (2) as voluntary wetland restoration, enhancement, and establishment actions documented by the NRCS or USDA Technical Service Provider pursuant to NRCS Field Office Technical Guide standards; or (3) on reclaimed surface coal mine lands, in accordance with a Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act permit issued by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and

Enforcement (OSMRE) or the applicable state agency, this GP also authorizes any future discharge of dredged or fill material associated with the reversion of the area to its documented prior condition and use (i.e., prior to the restoration, enhancement, or establishment activities). The reversion must occur within five years after expiration of a limited term wetland restoration or establishment agreement or permit, and is authorized in these circumstances even if the discharge of dredged or fill material occurs after this GP expires. The five-year reversion limit does not apply to agreements without time limits reached between the landowner and the FWS, NRCS, FSA, NMFS, NOS, USFS, BLM, or an appropriate state cooperating agency. This GP also authorizes discharges of dredged or fill material in waters of the United States for the reversion of wetlands that were restored, enhanced, or established on prior-converted cropland or on uplands, in accordance with a binding agreement between the landowner and NRCS, FSA, FWS, or their designated state cooperating agencies (even though the restoration, enhancement, or establishment activity did not require a section 404 permit). The prior condition will be documented in the original agreement or permit, and the determination of return to prior conditions will be made by the federal agency or appropriate state agency executing the agreement or permit. Before conducting any reversion activity, the permittee or the appropriate federal or state agency must notify the district engineer and include the documentation of the prior condition. Once an area has reverted to its prior physical condition, it will be subject to whatever the Corps Regulatory Program requirements are applicable to that type of land at the time. The requirement that the activity results in a net increase in aquatic ecosystem functions and services does not apply to reversion activities meeting the above conditions. Except for the activities described above, this GP does not authorize any future discharge of dredged or fill material associated with the reversion of the area to its prior condition. In such cases a separate permit would be required for any reversion.

**Reporting:**

The permittee must submit a report containing information on the proposed aquatic ecosystem restoration, enhancement, and establishment activity to the district engineer at least 30 days prior to commencing activities in waters of the United States authorized by this GP. The report must include the following information:

- (1) Name, address, and telephone numbers of the prospective permittee;
- (2) Location of the proposed activity;
- (3) Information on baseline ecological conditions at the project site, including a general description and map of aquatic and terrestrial habitat types on that site. The map of existing aquatic and terrestrial habitat types and their approximate boundaries on the project site should be based on recent aerial imagery or similar information, and verified with photo points or other field-based data points for each mapped habitat type;

(4) A sketch of the proposed project elements of the GP 27 activity drawn over a copy of the map of existing aquatic and terrestrial habitat types on the project site;

(5) A description of the techniques or mechanisms that are proposed to be used to increase aquatic ecosystem functions and services on the project site, and if applicable;

(6) A copy of: (a) the binding stream enhancement or restoration agreement or wetland enhancement, restoration, or establishment agreement with the FWS, NRCS, FSA, NMFS, NOS, USFS, BLM, or their designated state cooperating agencies; (b) the NRCS or USDA Technical Service Provider documentation for the voluntary stream enhancement or restoration action or wetland restoration, enhancement, or establishment action; or (c) the SMCRA permit issued by OSMRE or the applicable state agency.

Note 1: This GP can be used to authorize compensatory mitigation projects, including mitigation banks and in-lieu fee projects. However, this GP does not authorize the reversion of an area used for a compensatory mitigation project to its prior condition, since compensatory mitigation is generally intended to be permanent.

Note 2: If an activity authorized by this GP requires a pre-construction notification because of a GP general condition (e.g., GP general condition 18, endangered species) or a regional condition imposed by a division engineer, the information required by paragraph (3) of the Reporting requirement substitutes for the delineation of waters, wetlands, and other special aquatic sites required by paragraph (b)(5) of general condition 32.

Note 3: In certain cases involving higher risk or larger scale activities, the Corps may require post-construction monitoring for success and/or the development of an adaptive management plan. In these cases, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity. Permittees are strongly encouraged to coordinate early with the Corps and/or request a pre-application meeting with Corps, State of Maine, and EPA to determine if an adaptive management plan and/or monitoring will be required to ensure there is a net benefit to the aquatic environment.

Note 4: The Corps will determine if a pre-construction notification is required and notify the permittee within 30 days of receiving their report including items 1-6 as required above, unless otherwise determined through the early coordination and/or pre-application consultation described in Note 3 above.

Note 5: Except for the relocation of non-tidal waters to historic conditions on the project site, this GP does not authorize the conversion of a natural stream or natural wetlands to another aquatic habitat type (e.g., the conversion of a stream to wetland or vice versa) or uplands, unless waived by the District Engineer.

**GP 29. Residential Developments (Authority: Sections 10 and 404):**

Discharges of dredged or fill material into non-tidal waters of the United States for the construction or expansion of a single residence, a multiple unit residential development, or a residential subdivision. This GP authorizes the construction of building foundations and building pads and attendant features that are necessary for the use of the residence or residential development. Attendant features may include but are not limited to roads, parking lots, garages, yards, utility lines, storm water management facilities, septic fields, and recreation facilities such as playgrounds, playing fields, and golf courses (provided the golf course is an integral part of the residential development).

The discharge must not cause the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of non-tidal waters of the United States. This GP does not authorize discharges of dredged or fill material into non-tidal wetlands adjacent to tidal waters.

*Subdivisions:* For residential subdivisions, the aggregate total loss of waters of United States authorized by this GP cannot exceed 1/2-acre. This includes any loss of waters of the United States associated with development of individual subdivision lots.

**Pre-construction notification required.**

The permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity. (See general condition 32.)

Note 1: To ensure avoidance and minimization, any buried utility line crossings shall be installed perpendicular to the stream course to the maximum extent practicable.

Note 2: Refer to “*Best Practices for Large Scale Developments & Residential Subdivisions*” for guidance on the permitting process for this GP activity, which can be found on the Corps webpage (i.e. <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>).

Note 3: Activities conducted under this GP involving the replacement or installation of new stream crossings must comply with the “*Stream Crossing Best Management Practices (BMPs)*” unless waived by the District Engineer. These BMPs can be found on the Corps webpage at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>. If BMPs cannot be fully met, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity.

Note 4: Refer to the “*Best Practices for Jurisdictional Determinations and Wetland Delineations*”, which can be found on the Corps webpage at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>).

**GP 33. Temporary Construction, Access, and Dewatering (Authority: Sections 10 and 404):**

Temporary structures, work, and discharges of dredged or fill material, including cofferdams, necessary for construction activities or access fills or dewatering of construction sites, provided that the associated primary activity is authorized by the Corps of Engineers or the U.S. Coast Guard. This GP also authorizes temporary structures, work, and discharges of dredged or fill material, including cofferdams, necessary for construction activities not otherwise subject to the Corps or U.S. Coast Guard permit requirements. Appropriate measures must be taken to maintain near normal downstream flows and to minimize flooding. Fill must consist of materials, and be placed in a manner, that will not be eroded by expected high flows. The use of dredged material may be allowed if the district engineer determines that it will not cause more than minimal adverse environmental effects. Following completion of construction, temporary fill must be entirely removed to an area that has no waters of the United States, dredged material must be returned to its original location, and the affected areas must be restored to pre-construction elevations. The affected areas must also be revegetated, as appropriate. This permit does not authorize the use of cofferdams to dewater wetlands or other aquatic areas to change their use. Structures left in place after construction is completed require a separate section 10 permit if located in navigable waters of the United States. (See 33 CFR part 322.)

**Pre-construction notification required if:**

The permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity if the activity is conducted in navigable waters of the United States (i.e., section 10 waters) (see general condition 32). The pre-construction notification must include a restoration plan showing how all temporary fills and structures will be removed and the area restored to pre-project conditions.

Note: Construction mats or temporary fills that are left in place longer than one growing season may require mitigation to offset temporal loss of aquatic functions and will require a pre-construction notification (See general conditions 23 and 33(d)).

**GP 38. Cleanup of Hazardous and Toxic Waste (Authority: Section 10 and 404):**

Specific activities required to effect the containment, stabilization, or removal of hazardous or toxic waste materials that are performed, ordered, or sponsored by a government agency with established legal or regulatory authority. Court ordered remedial action plans or related settlements are also authorized by this GP. This GP does not authorize the establishment of new disposal sites or the expansion of existing sites used for the disposal of hazardous or toxic waste.

**Pre-construction notification required:**

The permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity. (See general condition 32.)

Note: Activities undertaken entirely on a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) site by authority of CERCLA as approved or required by EPA, are not required to obtain permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act.

**GP 39. Commercial and Institutional Developments (Authority: Section 10 and 404):**

Discharges of dredged or fill material into non-tidal waters of the United States for the construction or expansion of commercial and institutional building foundations and building pads and attendant features that are necessary for the use and maintenance of the structures. Attendant features may include, but are not limited to, roads, parking lots, garages, yards, utility lines, storm water management facilities, wastewater treatment facilities, and recreation facilities such as playgrounds and playing fields. Examples of commercial developments include retail stores, industrial facilities, restaurants, business parks, and shopping centers. Examples of institutional developments include schools, fire stations, government office buildings, judicial buildings, public works buildings, libraries, hospitals, and places of worship. The construction of new golf courses and new ski areas is not authorized by this GP.

The discharge must not cause the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of non-tidal waters of the United States. This GP does not authorize discharges of dredged or fill material into non-tidal wetlands adjacent to tidal waters.

**Pre-construction notification required:**

The permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity. (See general condition 32.)

Note 1: For any activity that involves the construction of a wind energy generating structure, solar tower, or overhead transmission line, a copy of the pre-construction notification and GP verification will be provided by the Corps to the Department of Defense Siting Clearinghouse, which will evaluate potential effects on military activities.

Note 2: To ensure avoidance and minimization, any buried utility line crossings shall be installed perpendicular to the stream course to the maximum extent practicable.

Note 3: Refer to “*Best Practices for Large Scale Developments & Residential Subdivisions*” for guidance on the permitting process for this GP activity, which can be found on the Corps webpage (i.e. <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>).

Note 4: Activities conducted under this GP involving the replacement or installation of new stream crossings must comply with the “*Stream Crossing Best Management Practices (BMPs)*” unless waived by the District Engineer. These BMPs can be found on the Corps webpage at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>. If BMPs cannot be fully met, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity.

Note 5: Refer to the “*Best Practices for Jurisdictional Determinations and Wetland Delineations*”, which can be found on the Corps webpage (i.e. <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>).

**GP 41. Reshaping Existing Drainage and Irrigation Ditches. (Authority: Section 404):**

Discharges of dredged or fill material into non-tidal waters of the United States, excluding non-tidal wetlands adjacent to tidal waters, to modify the cross-sectional configuration of currently serviceable drainage and irrigation ditches constructed in waters of the United States, for the purpose of improving water quality by regrading the drainage or irrigation ditch with gentler slopes, which can reduce erosion, increase growth of vegetation, and increase uptake of nutrients and other substances by vegetation. The reshaping of the drainage ditch cannot increase drainage capacity beyond the original as-built capacity nor can it expand the area drained by the drainage ditch as originally constructed (i.e., the capacity of the drainage ditch must be the same as originally constructed and it cannot drain additional wetlands or other waters of the United States). Compensatory mitigation is not required because the work is designed to improve water quality.

This GP does not authorize the relocation of drainage or irrigation ditches constructed in waters of the United States; the location of the centerline of the reshaped drainage or irrigation ditch must be approximately the same as the location of the centerline of the original drainage or irrigation ditch. This GP does not authorize stream channelization or stream relocation projects.

**GP 42. Recreational Facilities (Authority: Section 404):**

Discharges of dredged or fill material into non-tidal waters of the United States for the construction or expansion of recreational facilities. Examples of recreational facilities that may be authorized by this GP include playing fields (e.g., football fields, baseball fields), basketball courts, tennis courts, hiking trails, bike paths, golf courses, ski areas, horse paths, nature centers, and campgrounds (excluding recreational vehicle parks). This GP also authorizes the construction or expansion of small support facilities, such as maintenance and storage buildings and stables that are directly related to the recreational activity, but it does not authorize the construction of hotels, restaurants, racetracks, stadiums, arenas, or similar facilities.

The discharge must not cause the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of non-tidal waters of the United States. This GP does not authorize discharges of dredged or fill material into non-tidal wetlands adjacent to tidal waters.

**Pre-construction notification required:**

The permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity. (See general condition 32.)

Note: Activities conducted under this GP involving the replacement or installation of new stream crossings must comply with the “*Stream Crossing Best Management Practices (BMPs)*” unless waived by the District Engineer. These BMPs can be found on the Corps webpage at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>. If BMPs cannot be fully met, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity.

**GP 43. Stormwater Management Facilities (Authority: Section 404):**

Discharges of dredged or fill material into non-tidal waters of the United States for the construction of stormwater management facilities, including stormwater detention basins and retention basins and other stormwater management facilities; the construction of water control structures, outfall structures and emergency spillways; the construction of nature-based solutions for managing stormwater and reducing inputs of sediments, nutrients, and other pollutants into waters. Examples of such nature-based solutions include, but are not limited to, stream biofilters, bioretention ponds or swales, rain gardens, vegetated filter strips, vegetated swales (bioswales), constructed wetlands, infiltration trenches, and regenerative stormwater conveyances, as well as other nature-based solutions and other features that are conducted to meet reduction targets established under Total Maximum Daily Loads set under the Clean Water Act.

This GP authorizes, to the extent that a section 404 permit is required, discharges of dredged or fill material into non-tidal waters of the United States for the maintenance of stormwater management facilities, and nature-based solutions for managing stormwater and reducing inputs of sediments, nutrients, and other pollutants into waters. The maintenance of stormwater management facilities and nature-based solutions that do not contain waters of the United States does not require a section 404 permit.

The discharge must not cause the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of non-tidal waters of the United States. This GP does not authorize discharges of dredged or fill material into non-tidal wetlands adjacent to tidal waters. This GP does not authorize discharges of dredged or fill material for the construction of new stormwater management facilities in perennial streams.

**Pre-construction notification required if:**

For discharges of dredged or fill material into non-tidal waters of the United States for the construction of new stormwater management facilities or nature-based solutions, or the expansion of existing stormwater management facilities or nature-based solutions, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity. (See general condition 32.) Maintenance activities do not require pre-construction notification if they are limited to restoring the original design capacities of the stormwater management facility or nature-based solution.

Note: Activities conducted under this GP involving the replacement or installation of new stream crossings must comply with the “*Stream Crossing Best Management Practices (BMPs)*” unless waived by the District Engineer. These BMPs can be found on the Corps webpage at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>. If BMPs cannot be fully met, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity.

**GP 45. Repair of Uplands Damaged by Discrete Events (Authority: Sections 10 and 404):**

This GP authorizes discharges of dredged or fill material, including dredging or excavation, into all waters of the United States for activities associated with the restoration of upland areas damaged by storms, floods, or other discrete events. This GP authorizes bank stabilization to protect the restored uplands. The restoration of the damaged areas, including any bank stabilization, must not exceed the contours, or ordinary high water mark, that existed before the damage occurred. The district engineer retains the right to determine the extent of the pre-existing conditions and the extent of any restoration work authorized by this GP. The work must commence, or be under contract to commence, within two years of the date of damage, unless this condition is waived in writing by the district engineer. This GP cannot be used to reclaim lands lost to normal erosion processes over an extended period.

This GP does not authorize beach restoration or nourishment.

Minor dredging is limited to the amount necessary to restore the damaged upland area and should not significantly alter the pre-existing bottom contours of the waterbody.

**Pre-construction notification required:**

The permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer (see general condition 32) within 12 months of the date of the damage; for major storms, floods, or other discrete events, the district engineer may waive the 12-month limit for submitting a pre-construction notification if the permittee can demonstrate funding, contract, or other similar delays. The pre-construction notification must include documentation, such as a recent topographic survey or photographs, to justify the extent of the proposed restoration.

Note: The uplands themselves that are lost as a result of a storm, flood, or other discrete event can be replaced without a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit, if the uplands are restored to the ordinary high water mark (in non-tidal waters) or high tide line (in tidal waters). (See also 33 CFR 328.5.) This GP authorizes discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States associated with the restoration of uplands.

**GP 46. Discharges in Ditches (Authority: Section 404):**

Discharges of dredged or fill material into non-tidal ditches that are (1) constructed in uplands, (2) receive water from an area determined to be a water of the United States prior to the construction of the ditch, (3) divert water to an area determined to be a water of the United States prior to the construction of the ditch, and (4) determined to be waters of the United States. The discharge of dredged or fill material must not cause the loss of greater than one acre of waters of the United States.

This GP does not authorize discharges of dredged or fill material into ditches constructed in streams or other waters of the United States, or in streams that have been relocated in uplands. This GP does not authorize discharges of dredged or fill material that increase the capacity of the ditch and drain those areas determined to be waters of the United States prior to construction of the ditch.

**Pre-construction notification required:**

The permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity. (See general condition 32.)

**GP 48. Commercial Shellfish Mariculture Activities (Sections 10 and 404):**

Structures or work in navigable waters of the United States and discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States necessary for new and continuing commercial shellfish mariculture operations (i.e., the cultivation of bivalve mollusks such as oysters, mussels, clams, and scallops) in authorized project areas. For the purposes of this GP, the project area is the area in which the operator is authorized to conduct commercial shellfish mariculture activities, as identified through a lease or permit issued by an appropriate state or local government agency, a treaty, or any easement, lease, deed, contract, or other legally binding agreement that establishes an enforceable property interest for the operator. This GP does not authorize structures or work in navigable waters of the United States or discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States within Washington State.

This GP authorizes the installation of buoys, floats, racks, trays, nets, lines, tubes, containers, and other structures into navigable waters of the United States. This GP also authorizes discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States necessary for shellfish seeding, rearing, cultivating, transplanting, and harvesting activities. Rafts and other floating structures must be securely anchored and clearly marked.

This GP does not authorize:

- (a) The cultivation of a nonindigenous species unless that species has been previously cultivated in the waterbody;
- (b) The cultivation of an aquatic nuisance species as defined in the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990; or
- (c) Attendant features such as docks, piers, boat ramps, stockpiles, or staging areas, or the deposition of shell material back into waters of the United States as waste.

**Pre-construction notification required if:**

The permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer if the activity directly affects more than 1/2-acre of submerged aquatic vegetation. If the operator will be conducting commercial shellfish mariculture activities in multiple contiguous project areas, he or she can either submit one pre-construction notification for those contiguous project areas or submit a separate pre-construction notification for each project area. (See general condition 32.)

Note 1: Where structures or work are proposed in navigable waters of the United States, project proponents should provide the location and dimensions of the proposed structures to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) prior to submittal of a Pre-Construction Notification, or prior to beginning construction. The USCG may assess potential navigation-related concerns associated with the location of proposed structures or work, and may inform project proponents of marking and lighting requirements necessary to comply with General Condition 1 (Navigation). For assistance identifying the appropriate USCG District or Sector Waterways Management Staff responsible for the area of the proposed work, contact USCG at [CGWWM@uscg.mil](mailto:CGWWM@uscg.mil).

Note 2: To prevent introduction of aquatic nuisance species, no material that has been taken from a different waterbody may be reused in the current project area, unless it has been treated in accordance with the applicable regional aquatic nuisance species management plan.

Note 3: The Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 defines “aquatic nuisance species” as “a nonindigenous species that threatens the diversity or abundance of native species or the ecological stability of infested waters, or commercial, agricultural, aquacultural, or recreational activities dependent on such waters.”

Note 4: Where structures or work are authorized in navigable waters of the United States (i.e., section 10 waters) within the coastal United States, the Great Lakes, and United States territories, the permittee should provide a copy of the ‘as-built drawings’ and the geographic coordinate system used in the ‘as-built drawings’ to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service (NOS), to inform updates to nautical charts and Coast Pilot corrections. The information should be transmitted via email to [ocs.ndb@noaa.gov](mailto:ocs.ndb@noaa.gov).

Note 5: Projects less than or equal to 5 acres in size, refer to Corps’ Maine Aquaculture Programmatic General Permit<sup>1</sup> (NAE-2025-00426), which can be found on the Corps webpage at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>.

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<sup>1</sup> The Corps’ Marine Aquaculture Programmatic General Permit is proposed and has not been issued for use at this time.

**GP 51. Land-Based Renewable Energy Generation Facilities (Authority: Sections 10 and 404):**

Discharges of dredged or fill material into non-tidal waters of the United States for the construction, expansion, or modification of land-based renewable energy production facilities, including attendant features. Such facilities include infrastructure to collect solar (concentrating solar power and photovoltaic), wind, biomass, or geothermal energy. Attendant features may include, but are not limited to roads, parking lots, and stormwater management facilities within the land-based renewable energy generation facility.

The discharge must not cause the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of non-tidal waters of the United States. This GP does not authorize discharges of dredged or fill material into non-tidal wetlands adjacent to tidal waters.

**Pre-construction notification required if:**

The permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity if the discharge results in the loss of greater than 1/10-acre of waters of the United States (See general condition 32.)

Note 1: Electric utility lines constructed to transfer the energy from the land-based renewable energy generation facility to a distribution system, regional grid, or other facility are generally considered to be linear projects and each separate and distant crossing of a waterbody is eligible for treatment as a separate single and complete linear project. Those electric utility lines may be authorized by GP 57 or another Department of the Army authorization.

Note 2: If the only activities associated with the construction, expansion, or modification of a land-based renewable energy generation facility that require Department of the Army authorization are discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States to construct, maintain, repair, and/or remove electric utility lines and/or road crossings, then GP 57 and/or GP 14 shall be used if those activities meet the terms and conditions of GPs 57 and 14, including any applicable regional conditions and any case-specific conditions imposed by the district engineer.

Note 3: For any activity that involves the construction of a wind energy generating structure, solar tower, or overhead transmission line, a copy of the pre-construction notification and GP verification will be provided by the Corps to the Department of Defense Siting Clearinghouse, which will evaluate potential effects on military activities.

Note 4: To ensure avoidance and minimization, any buried utility line crossings shall be installed perpendicular to the stream course to the maximum extent practicable.

Note 5: Refer to "*Best Practices for Large Scale Developments & Residential Subdivisions*" for guidance on the permitting process for this GP activity, which can be found on the Corps

webpage (i.e. <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>).

Note 6: Activities conducted under this GP involving the replacement or installation of new stream crossings must comply with the “*Stream Crossing Best Management Practices (BMPs)*” unless waived by the District Engineer. These BMPs can be found on the Corps webpage at <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>. If BMPs cannot be fully met, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity.

Note 7: Refer to the “*Best Practices for Jurisdictional Determinations and Wetland Delineations*”, which can be found on the Corps webpage at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>).

**GP 52. Water-Based Renewable Energy Generation Pilot Projects (Authority: Sections 10 and 404):**

Structures and work in navigable waters of the United States and discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States for the construction, expansion, modification, or removal of water-based wind, water-based solar, wave energy, or hydrokinetic renewable energy generation pilot projects and their attendant features. Attendant features may include, but are not limited to, land-based collection and distribution facilities, control facilities, roads, parking lots, and stormwater management facilities.

For the purposes of this GP, the term “pilot project” means an experimental project where the water-based renewable energy generation units will be monitored to collect information on their performance and environmental effects at the project site.

The placement of a transmission line on the bed of a navigable water of the United States from the renewable energy generation unit(s) to a land-based collection and distribution facility is considered a structure under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (see 33 CFR 322.2(b)), and the placement of the transmission line on the bed of a navigable water of the United States is not a loss of waters of the United States for the purposes of applying the 1/2-acre limit.

For each single and complete project, no more than 10 generation units (e.g., wind turbines, wave energy devices, or hydrokinetic devices) are authorized. For floating solar panels in navigable waters of the United States, each single and complete project cannot exceed 1/2-acre in water surface area covered by the floating solar panels.

This GP does not authorize activities in coral reefs. Structures in an anchorage area established by the U.S. Coast Guard must comply with the requirements in 33 CFR 322.5(l)(2). Structures may not be placed in established danger zones or restricted areas designated in 33 CFR part 334, Federal navigation channels, shipping safety fairways or traffic separation schemes established by the U.S. Coast Guard (see 33 CFR 322.5(l)(1)), or EPA or Corps designated open water dredged material disposal areas.

Upon completion of the pilot project, the generation units, transmission lines, and other structures or fills associated with the pilot project must be removed to the maximum extent practicable unless they are authorized by a separate Department of the Army authorization, such as another GP, an individual permit, or a regional general permit. Completion of the pilot project will be identified as the date of expiration of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license, or the expiration date of the GP authorization if no FERC license is required.

**Pre-construction notification required:**

The permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity. (See general condition 32.)

Note 1: Electric utility lines constructed to transfer the energy from the land-based collection facility to a distribution system, regional grid, or other facility are generally considered to be linear projects and each separate and distant crossing of a waterbody is eligible for treatment as a separate single and complete linear project. Those electric utility lines may be authorized by GP 57 or another Department of the Army authorization.

Note 2: An activity that is located on an existing locally or federally maintained U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project requires separate review and/or approval from the Corps under 33 U.S.C. 408.

Note 3: Where structures or work are authorized in navigable waters of the United States (i.e., section 10 waters) within the coastal United States, the Great Lakes, and United States territories, the permittee should provide a copy of the 'as-built drawings' and the geographic coordinate system used in the 'as-built drawings' to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service (NOS), to inform updates to nautical charts and Coast Pilot corrections. The information should be transmitted via email to [ocs.ndb@noaa.gov](mailto:ocs.ndb@noaa.gov).

Note 4: Hydrokinetic renewable energy generation projects that require authorization by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under the Federal Power Act of 1920 do not require separate authorization from the Corps under section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

Note 5: For any activity that involves the construction of a wind energy generating structure, solar tower, or overhead transmission line, a copy of the pre-construction notification and GP verification will be provided by the Corps to the Department of Defense Siting Clearinghouse, which will evaluate potential effects on military activities.

Note 6: Where structures or work are proposed in navigable waters of the United States, project proponents should provide the location and dimensions of the proposed structures to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) prior to submittal of a Pre-construction notification, or prior to beginning construction. The USCG may assess potential navigation-related concerns associated with the location of proposed structures or work, and may inform project proponents of marking and lighting requirements necessary to comply with General Condition 1 (Navigation). For assistance identifying the appropriate USCG District or Sector Waterways Management Staff responsible for the area of the proposed work, contact USCG at [CGWWM@uscg.mil](mailto:CGWWM@uscg.mil).

Note 7: To ensure avoidance and minimization, any buried utility line crossings shall be installed perpendicular to the stream course to the maximum extent practicable.

Note 8: Activities conducted under this GP involving the replacement or installation of new stream crossings must comply with the "*Stream Crossing Best Management Practices (BMPs)*" unless waived by the District Engineer. These BMPs can be found on the Corps

webpage at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>. If BMPs cannot be fully met, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity.

**GP 53. Removal of Low-Head Dams (Authority: Sections 10 and 404):**

Structures and work in navigable waters of the United States and discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States associated with the removal of low-head dams.

For the purposes of this GP, the term “low-head dam” is generally defined as a dam or weir built across a stream to pass flows from upstream over all, or nearly all, of the width of the dam crest and does not have a separate spillway or spillway gates, but it may have an uncontrolled spillway. The dam crest is the top of the dam from left abutment to right abutment. A low-head dam may have been built for a range of purposes (e.g., check dam, mill dam, irrigation, water supply, recreation, hydroelectric, or cooling pond), but in all cases, it provides little or no storage function.

The removed low-head dam structure must be deposited and retained in an area that has no waters of the United States unless otherwise specifically approved by the district engineer under separate authorization.

Because the removal of the low-head dam will result in a net increase in ecological functions and services provided by the stream, as a general rule compensatory mitigation is not required for activities authorized by this GP. However, the district engineer may determine for a particular low-head dam removal activity that compensatory mitigation is necessary to ensure that the authorized activity results in no more than minimal adverse environmental effects.

**Pre-construction notification required:**

The permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity. (See general condition 32.)

Note: This GP does not authorize discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States or structures or work in navigable waters to restore the stream in the vicinity of the low-head dam, including the former impoundment area. Nationwide permit 27 or other Department of the Army permits may authorize such activities. This GP does not authorize discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States or structures or work in navigable waters to stabilize stream banks. Bank stabilization activities may be authorized by GP 13 or other Department of the Army permits.

**GP 54. Living Shorelines (Authority: Sections 10 and 404):**

Structures and work in navigable waters of the United States and discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States for the construction and maintenance of living shorelines to stabilize banks and shores in coastal waters, which includes the Great Lakes, along shores with small fetch and gentle slopes that are subject to low- to mid-energy waves. A living shoreline has a footprint that is made up mostly of native material. It incorporates vegetation or other living, natural “soft” elements alone or in combination with some type of harder shoreline structure (e.g., oyster or mussel reefs or rock sills) for added protection and stability. Living shorelines should maintain the natural continuity of the land water interface, and retain or enhance shoreline ecological processes. Living shorelines must have a substantial biological component, either tidal or lacustrine fringe wetlands or oyster or mussel reef structures , but a portion of a living shoreline may consist of an unvegetated cobble, gravel, and/or sand beach, (i.e., a pocket beach).

The following conditions must be met:

- (a) The structures and fill area, including cobble, gravel, and/or sand fills, sills, breakwaters, or reefs, cannot extend into the waterbody more than 30 feet from the mean low water line in tidal waters or the ordinary high water mark in the Great Lakes, unless the district engineer waives this criterion by making a written determination concluding that the activity will result in no more than minimal adverse environmental effects;
- (b) The activity is no more than 500 feet in length along the bank, unless the district engineer waives this criterion by making a written determination concluding that the activity will result in no more than minimal adverse environmental effects;
- (c) Coir logs, coir mats, stone, native oyster shell, native wood debris, and other structural materials must be adequately anchored, of sufficient weight, or installed in a manner that prevents relocation in most wave action or water flow conditions, except for extremely severe storms;
- (d) For living shorelines consisting of tidal or lacustrine fringe wetlands, native plants appropriate for current site conditions, including salinity and elevation, must be used if the site is planted by the permittee;
- (e) Discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, and oyster or mussel reef structures in navigable waters, must be the minimum necessary for the establishment and maintenance of the living shoreline;
- (f) If sills, breakwaters, or other structures must be constructed to protect fringe wetlands for the living shoreline, those structures must be the minimum size necessary to protect those fringe wetlands;
- (g) The activity must be designed, constructed, and maintained so that it has no more than minimal adverse effects on water movement between the waterbody and the shore and the

movement of aquatic organisms between the waterbody and the shore; and

(h) The living shoreline must be properly maintained, which may require periodic repair of sills, breakwaters, or reefs, or replacing cobble, gravel, and/or sand fills after severe storms or erosion events. Vegetation may be replanted to maintain the living shoreline. This GP authorizes those maintenance and repair activities, including any minor deviations necessary to address changing environmental conditions. This GP does not authorize beach nourishment or land reclamation activities.

**Pre-construction notification required:**

The permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the construction of the living shoreline. (See general condition 32.) The pre-construction notification must include a delineation of special aquatic sites (see paragraph (b)(4) of general condition 32). Pre-construction notification is not required for maintenance and repair activities for living shorelines unless required by applicable GP general conditions or regional conditions.

Note 1: In waters outside of coastal waters, nature-based bank stabilization techniques, such as bioengineering and vegetative stabilization, may be authorized by GP 13.

Note 2: In certain cases involving higher risk or larger scale activities, the Corps may require post-construction monitoring for success and/or the development of an adaptive management plan. In these cases, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity. Permittees are strongly encouraged to coordinate early with the Corps and/or request a pre-application meeting with Corps, State of Maine, and EPA to determine if an adaptive management plan and/or monitoring will be required to ensure there no more than minimal adverse environmental effects.

**GP 55. Seaweed Mariculture Activities (Sections 10 and 404):**

Structures in marine and estuarine waters, including structures anchored to the seabed in waters overlying the outer continental shelf, for seaweed mariculture activities. This GP also authorizes structures for bivalve shellfish mariculture if shellfish production is a component of an integrated multitrophic mariculture system (e.g., the production of seaweed and bivalve shellfish on the same structure or a nearby mariculture structure that is part of the single and complete project) that does not include an enclosure or impoundment.

This GP authorizes the installation of buoys, long-lines, floats, anchors, rafts, racks, and other similar structures into navigable waters of the United States. Rafts, racks and other floating structures must be securely anchored and clearly marked. To the maximum extent practicable, the permittee must remove these structures from navigable waters of the United States if they will no longer be used for seaweed mariculture activities or multi-trophic mariculture activities.

Structures in an anchorage area established by the U.S. Coast Guard must comply with the requirements in 33 CFR 322.5(l)(2). Structures may not be placed in established danger zones or restricted areas designated in 33 CFR part 334, Federal navigation channels, shipping safety fairways or traffic separation schemes established by the U.S. Coast Guard (see 33 CFR 322.5(l)(1)), or EPA or Corps designated open water dredged material disposal areas.

This GP does not authorize:

- (a) The cultivation of an aquatic nuisance species as defined in the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 or the cultivation of a nonindigenous species unless that species has been previously cultivated in the waterbody; or (b) Attendant features such as docks, piers, boat ramps, stockpiles, or staging areas.

**Pre-construction notification required if:**

The permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer. (See general condition 32.) In addition to the information required by paragraph (b) of general condition 32, the preconstruction notification must also include the following information:

- (1) a map showing the locations and dimensions of the structure(s);
- (2) the name(s) of the species that will be cultivated during the period this GP is in effect; and
- (3) general water depths in the project area(s) (a detailed survey is not required). No more than one preconstruction notification per structure or group of structures should be submitted for the seaweed mariculture operation during the effective period of this GP. The pre-construction notification should describe all species and culture activities the operator expects to undertake during the effective period of this GP.

Note 1: Where structures or work are proposed in navigable waters of the United States, project proponents should provide the location and dimensions of the proposed structures to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) prior to submittal of a Pre-Construction Notification, or prior to beginning construction. The USCG may assess potential navigation-related concerns associated with the

location of proposed structures or work, and may inform project proponents of marking and lighting requirements necessary to comply with General Condition 1 (Navigation). For

assistance identifying the appropriate USCG District or Sector Waterways Management Staff responsible for the area of the proposed work, contact USCG at [CGWWM@uscg.mil](mailto:CGWWM@uscg.mil).

Note 2: To prevent introduction of aquatic nuisance species, no material that has been taken from a different waterbody may be reused in the current project area, unless it has been treated in accordance with the applicable regional aquatic nuisance species management plan.

Note 3: The Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 defines “aquatic nuisance species” as “a nonindigenous species that threatens the diversity or abundance of native species or the ecological stability of infested waters, or commercial, agricultural, aquacultural, or recreational activities dependent on such waters.”

Note 4: Where structures or work are authorized in navigable waters of the United States (i.e., section 10 waters) within the coastal United States, the Great Lakes, and United States territories, the permittee should provide a copy of the ‘as-built drawings’ and the geographic coordinate system used in the ‘as-built drawings’ to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service (NOS), to inform updates to nautical charts and Coast Pilot corrections. The information should be transmitted via email to [ocs.ndb@noaa.gov](mailto:ocs.ndb@noaa.gov).

Note 4: Projects less than or equal to 5 acres in size, refer to Corps’ Aquaculture Maine Programmatic Agreement<sup>2</sup> (NAE-2025-00426), which can be found on the Corps webpage at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>

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<sup>2</sup> The Corps’ Marine Aquaculture Programmatic General Permit is proposed and has not been issued for use at this time.

**GP 57. Electric Utility Line and Telecommunications Activities. (Authority: Sections 10 and 404):**

Activities required for the construction, maintenance, repair, and removal of electric utility lines, telecommunication lines, and associated facilities in waters of the United States, provided the activity does not result in the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of waters of the United States for each single and complete project.

*Electric utility lines and telecommunication lines:* This GP authorizes discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States and structures or work in navigable waters for crossings of those waters associated with the construction, maintenance, or repair of electric utility lines and telecommunication lines. There must be no change in pre-construction contours of waters of the United States. An “electric utility line and telecommunication line” is defined as any cable, line, fiber optic line, or wire for the transmission for any purpose of electrical energy, telephone, and telegraph messages, and internet, radio, and television communication.

Material resulting from trench excavation may be temporarily sidecast into waters of the United States for no more than three months, provided the material is not placed in such a manner that it is dispersed by currents or other forces. The district engineer may extend the period of temporary side casting for no more than a total of 180 days, where appropriate. In wetlands, the top 6 to 12 inches of the trench should normally be backfilled with topsoil from the trench. The trench cannot be constructed or backfilled in such a manner as to drain waters of the United States (e.g., backfilling with extensive gravel layers, creating a french drain effect). Any exposed slopes and stream banks must be stabilized immediately upon completion of the electric utility line or telecommunication line crossing of each waterbody.

*Electric utility line and telecommunications substations:* This GP authorizes the construction, maintenance, or expansion of substation facilities associated with an electric utility line or telecommunication line in non-tidal waters of the United States, provided the activity, in combination with all other activities included in one single and complete project, does not result in the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of waters of the United States. This GP does not authorize discharges of dredged or fill material into non-tidal wetlands adjacent to tidal waters of the United States to construct, maintain, or expand substation facilities.

*Foundations for overhead electric utility line or telecommunication line towers, poles, and anchors:* This GP authorizes the construction or maintenance of foundations for overhead electric utility line or telecommunication line towers, poles, and anchors in all waters of the United States, provided the foundations are the minimum size necessary and separate footings for each tower leg (rather than a larger single pad) are used where feasible.

*Access roads:* This GP authorizes the construction of access roads for the construction and maintenance of electric utility lines or telecommunication lines, including overhead lines and substations, in non-tidal waters of the United States, provided the activity, in combination with all other activities included in one single and complete project, does not cause the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of non-tidal waters of the United States. This GP does not authorize

discharges of dredged or fill material into non-tidal wetlands adjacent to tidal waters for access roads. Access roads must be the minimum width necessary (see Note 2, below). Access roads must be constructed so that the length of the road minimizes any adverse effects on waters of the United States and must be as near as possible to pre-construction contours and elevations (e.g., at grade corduroy roads or geotextile/gravel roads). Access roads constructed above pre-construction contours and elevations in waters of the United States must be properly bridged or culverted to maintain surface flows.

This GP may authorize electric utility lines or telecommunication lines in or affecting navigable waters of the United States even if there is no associated discharge of dredged or fill material (see 33 CFR part 322). Electric utility lines or telecommunication lines constructed over section 10 waters and electric utility lines or telecommunication lines that are routed in or under section 10 waters without a discharge of dredged or fill material require a section 10 permit.

This GP authorizes, to the extent that Department of the Army authorization is required, temporary structures, fills, and work necessary for the remediation of inadvertent returns of drilling fluids to waters of the United States through sub-soil fissures or fractures that might occur during horizontal directional drilling activities conducted for the purpose of installing or replacing electric utility lines or telecommunication lines. These remediation activities must be done as soon as practicable, to restore the affected waterbody. District engineers may add special conditions to this GP to require a remediation plan for addressing inadvertent returns of drilling fluids to waters of the United States during horizontal directional drilling activities conducted for the purpose of installing or replacing electric utility lines or telecommunication lines.

This GP also authorizes temporary structures, fills, and work, including the use of temporary mats, necessary to conduct the electric utility line activity. Appropriate measures must be taken to maintain normal downstream flows and minimize flooding to the maximum extent practicable, when temporary structures, work, and discharges of dredged or fill material, including cofferdams, are necessary for construction activities, access fills, or dewatering of construction sites. Temporary fills must consist of materials, and be placed in a manner, that will not be eroded by expected high flows. After construction, temporary fills must be removed in their entirety and the affected areas returned to pre-construction elevations. The areas affected by temporary fills must be revegetated, as appropriate.

**Pre-construction notification required if:**

- (1) A section 10 permit is required; or
- (2) The discharge will result in the loss of greater than 1/10-acre of waters of the United States (See general condition 32.).

Note 1: Where structures or work are authorized in navigable waters of the United States (i.e., section 10 waters) within the coastal United States, the Great Lakes, and United States territories, the permittee should provide a copy of the 'as-built drawings' and the geographic

coordinate system used in the 'as-built drawings' to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service (NOS), to inform updates to nautical charts and Coast Pilot corrections. The information should be transmitted via email to [ocs.ndb@noaa.gov](mailto:ocs.ndb@noaa.gov).

Note 2: For electric utility line or telecommunications activities crossing a single waterbody more than one time at separate and distant locations, or multiple waterbodies at separate and distant locations, each crossing is considered a single and complete project for purposes of GP authorization. Electric utility line and telecommunications activities must comply with 33 CFR 330.6(d).

Note 3: Electric utility lines or telecommunication lines consisting of aerial electric power transmission lines crossing navigable waters of the United States (which are defined at 33 CFR part 329) must comply with the applicable minimum clearances specified in 33 CFR 322.5(i).

Note 4: Access roads used for both construction and maintenance may be authorized, provided they meet the terms and conditions of this GP. Access roads used solely for construction of the electric utility line or telecommunication line must be removed upon completion of the work, in accordance with the requirements for temporary fills.

Note 5: This GP authorizes electric utility line and telecommunication line maintenance and repair activities that do not qualify for the Clean Water Act section 404(f) exemption for maintenance of currently serviceable fills or fill structures.

Note 6: For overhead electric utility lines and telecommunication lines authorized by this GP, a copy of the pre-construction notification and GP verification will be provided by the Corps to the Department of Defense Siting Clearinghouse, which will evaluate potential effects on military activities.

Note 7: For activities that require pre-construction notification, the pre-construction notification must include any other GP(s), regional general permit(s), or individual permit(s) used or intended to be used to authorize any part of the proposed project or any related activity, including other separate and distant crossings that require Department of the Army authorization but do not require pre-construction notification (see paragraph (b)(4) of general condition 32). The district engineer will evaluate the pre-construction notification in accordance with Section D, "District Engineer's Decision." The district engineer may require mitigation to ensure that the authorized activity results in no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects (see general condition 23).

Note 8: To ensure avoidance and minimization, any buried utility line crossings shall be installed perpendicular to the stream course to the maximum extent practicable.

Note 9: Activities conducted under this GP involving the replacement or installation of new stream crossings must comply with the "*Stream Crossing Best Management Practices*

(BMPs)” unless waived by the District Engineer. These BMPs can be found on the Corps webpage at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>. If BMPs cannot be fully met, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity.

**GP 58. Utility Line Activities for Water and Other Substances (Authority: Sections 10 and 404):**

Activities required for the construction, maintenance, repair, and removal of utility lines for water and other substances, excluding oil, natural gas, products derived from oil or natural gas, and electricity. Oil or natural gas pipeline activities or electric utility line and telecommunications activities may be authorized by GPs 12 or 57, respectively. This GP also authorizes associated utility line facilities in waters of the United States, provided the activity does not result in the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of waters of the United States for each single and complete project.

*Utility lines:* This GP authorizes discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States and structures or work in navigable waters for crossings of those waters associated with the construction, maintenance, or repair of utility lines for water and other substances, including outfall and intake structures. There must be no change in pre-construction contours of waters of the United States. A “utility line” is defined as any pipe or pipeline for the transportation of any gaseous, liquid, liquescent, or slurry substance, for any purpose that is not oil, natural gas, or petrochemicals. Examples of activities authorized by this GP include utility lines that convey water, sewage, stormwater, wastewater, brine, irrigation water, and industrial products that are not petrochemicals. The term “utility line” does not include activities that drain a water of the United States, such as drainage tile or french drains, but it does apply to pipes conveying drainage from another area.

Material resulting from trench excavation may be temporarily sidecast into waters of the United States for no more than three months, provided the material is not placed in such a manner that it is dispersed by currents or other forces. The district engineer may extend the period of temporary side casting for no more than a total of 180 days, where appropriate. In wetlands, the top 6 to 12 inches of the trench should normally be backfilled with topsoil from the trench. The trench cannot be constructed or backfilled in such a manner as to drain waters of the United States (e.g., backfilling with extensive gravel layers, creating a french drain effect). Any exposed slopes and stream banks must be stabilized immediately upon completion of the utility line crossing of each waterbody.

*Utility line substations:* This GP authorizes the construction, maintenance, or expansion of substation facilities associated with a utility line in non-tidal waters of the United States, provided the activity, in combination with all other activities included in one single and complete project, does not result in the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of waters of the United States. This GP does not authorize discharges of dredged or fill material into non-tidal wetlands adjacent to tidal waters of the United States to construct, maintain, or expand substation facilities.

*Foundations for above-ground utility lines:* This GP authorizes the construction or maintenance of foundations for above-ground utility lines in all waters of the United States, provided the foundations are the minimum size necessary.

*Access roads:* This GP authorizes the construction of access roads for the construction and

maintenance of utility lines, including utility line substations, in nontidal waters of the United States, provided the activity, in combination with all other activities included in one single and complete project, does not cause the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of non-tidal waters of the United States. This GP does not authorize discharges of dredged or fill material into nontidal wetlands adjacent to tidal waters for access roads. Access roads must be the minimum width necessary (see Note 2, below). Access roads must be constructed so that the length of the road minimizes any adverse effects on waters of the United States and must be as near as possible to pre-construction contours and elevations (e.g., at grade corduroy roads or geotextile/gravel roads). Access roads constructed above preconstruction contours and elevations in waters of the United States must be properly bridged or culverted to maintain surface flows.

This GP may authorize utility lines in or affecting navigable waters of the United States even if there is no associated discharge of dredged or fill material (see 33 CFR part 322). Overhead utility lines constructed over section 10 waters and utility lines that are routed in or under section 10 waters without a discharge of dredged or fill material require a section 10 permit.

This GP authorizes, to the extent that Department of the Army authorization is required, temporary structures, fills, and work necessary for the remediation of inadvertent returns of drilling fluids to waters of the United States through sub-soil fissures or fractures that might occur during horizontal directional drilling activities conducted for the purpose of installing or replacing utility lines. These remediation activities must be done as soon as practicable, to restore the affected waterbody. District engineers may add special conditions to this GP to require a remediation plan for addressing inadvertent returns of drilling fluids to waters of the United States during horizontal directional drilling activities conducted for the purpose of installing or replacing utility lines.

This GP also authorizes temporary structures, fills, and work, including the use of temporary mats, necessary to conduct the utility line activity. Appropriate measures must be taken to maintain normal downstream flows and minimize flooding to the maximum extent practicable, when temporary structures, work, and discharges of dredged or fill material, including cofferdams, are necessary for construction activities, access fills, or dewatering of construction sites. Temporary fills must consist of materials, and be placed in a manner, that will not be eroded by expected high flows. After construction, temporary fills must be removed in their entirety and the affected areas returned to pre-construction elevations. The areas affected by temporary fills must be revegetated, as appropriate.

**Pre-construction notification required if:**

- (1) A section 10 permit is required; or
- (2) The discharge will result in the loss of greater than 1/10-acre of waters of the United States (See general condition 32.)

Note 1: Where structures or work are authorized in navigable waters of the United States (i.e., section 10 waters) within the coastal United States, the Great Lakes, and United States territories, the permittee should provide a copy of the 'as-built drawings' and the geographic coordinate system used in the 'as-built drawings' to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service (NOS), to inform updates to nautical charts and Coast Pilot corrections. The information should be transmitted via email to [ocs.ndb@noaa.gov](mailto:ocs.ndb@noaa.gov).

Note 2: For utility line activities crossing a single waterbody more than one time at separate and distant locations, or multiple waterbodies at separate and distant locations, each crossing is considered a single and complete project for purposes of GP authorization. Utility line activities must comply with 33 CFR 330.6(d).

Note 3: Access roads used for both construction and maintenance may be authorized, provided they meet the terms and conditions of this GP. Access roads used solely for construction of the utility line must be removed upon completion of the work, in accordance with the requirements for temporary fills.

Note 4: Pipes or pipelines used to transport gaseous, liquid, liquescent, or slurry substances over navigable waters of the United States are considered to be bridges, not utility lines, and may require a permit from the U.S. Coast Guard pursuant to the General Bridge Act of 1946. However, any discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States associated with such pipelines will require a section 404 permit (see GP 15).

Note 5: This GP authorizes utility line maintenance and repair activities that do not qualify for the Clean Water Act section 404(f) exemption for maintenance of currently serviceable fills or fill structures.

Note 6: For activities that require pre-construction notification, the pre-construction notification must include any other GP(s), regional general permit(s), or individual permit(s) used or intended to be used to authorize any part of the proposed project or any related activity, including other separate and distant crossings that require Department of the Army authorization but do not require pre-construction notification (see paragraph (b)(4) of general condition 32). The district engineer will evaluate the pre-construction notification in accordance with Section D, "District Engineer's Decision." The district engineer may require mitigation to ensure that the authorized activity results in no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects (see general condition 23).

Note 7: To ensure avoidance and minimization, any buried utility line crossings shall be installed perpendicular to the stream course to the maximum extent practicable.

Note 8: Activities conducted under this GP involving the replacement or installation of new stream crossings must comply with the "*Stream Crossing Best Management Practices (BMPs)*" unless waived by the District Engineer. These BMPs can be found on the Corps

webpage at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>. If BMPs cannot be fully met, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity.

**GP 60. Activities to Improve Passage of Fish and Other Aquatic Organisms**  
**(Authority: Sections 10 and 404):**

Discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States and structures and work in navigable waters of the United States for activities that restore or enhance the ability of fish and other aquatic organisms to move through aquatic ecosystems. Examples of activities that may be authorized by this GP include, but are not limited to: the construction, maintenance, or expansion of conventional and nature-like fishways; the construction or expansion of fish bypass channels around existing in-stream structures; the replacement of existing culverts or low-water crossings with culverts planned, designed, and constructed to restore or enhance passage of fish and other aquatic organisms; the installation of fish screens to prevent fish and other aquatic organisms from being trapped or stranded in irrigation ditches and other features; the modification of existing in-stream structures, such as dams or weirs, to improve the ability of fish and other aquatic organisms to move past those structures.

The activity must not cause the loss of greater than one acre of waters of the United States.

This GP does not authorize dam removal activities.

**Pre-construction notification required:**

For activities resulting in the loss of greater than 1/10-acre of waters of the United States, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity. (See general condition 32.)

Note: Activities conducted under this GP involving the replacement or installation of new stream crossings must comply with the “*Stream Crossing Best Management Practices (BMPs)*” unless waived by the District Engineer. These BMPs can be found on the Corps webpage at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>. If BMPs cannot be fully met, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity.

**GP A. Boat Ramps (Authorities: Sections 10 and 404):**

Activities required for the construction, repair, or replacement of boat ramps, provided the activity meets all of the following criteria:

- (a) The discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States does not exceed 50 cubic yards of concrete, rock, crushed stone or gravel into forms, or in the form of pre-cast concrete planks or slabs, unless the district engineer waives the 50 cubic yard limit by making a written determination concluding that the discharge of dredged or fill material will result in no more than minimal adverse environmental effects;
- (b) The boat ramp does not exceed 20 feet in width, unless the district engineer waives this criterion by making a written determination concluding that the discharge of dredged or fill material will result in no more than minimal adverse environmental effects;
- (c) The base material is crushed stone, gravel or other suitable material;
- (d) The excavation is limited to the area necessary for site preparation and all excavated material is removed to an area that has no waters of the United States; and
- (e) 0.045 acre (2,000 square feet) of special aquatic sites.

The use of unsuitable material that is structurally unstable is not authorized. If dredging in navigable waters of the United States is necessary to provide access to the boat ramp, the dredging must be authorized by another a regional general permit or an individual permit.

**Pre-construction notification required if:**

- (1) The discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States exceeds 50 cubic yards;
- (2) The boat ramp exceeds 20 feet in width; or
- (3) The project includes a discharge of fill material into a special aquatic site.

**GP B. Dredging, Disposal of Dredged Material, Beach Nourishment, Rock Relocation, Rock & Debris Removal, and Recreational Beach Grading & Raking (Authorities: Section 10 and Section 404):**

(a) New dredging up to 1/2 acre, unless the district engineer waives this area limit by making a written determination concluding the work will result in no more than minimal adverse environmental effects; (b) Maintenance and/or Improvement dredging within previously authorized areas; (c) In-water disposal of dredged material within previously authorized disposal sites & confined aquatic disposal (CAD) cells, for beach nourishment, or unconfined open water disposal (excluding offshore or ocean disposal and the transport thereof pursuant to 33 CFR Part 324); (d) beach nourishment not associated with dredging; (e) rock relocation; (f) rock and debris (i.e., pieces of concrete, wood, derelict structures, abandoned or sunken vessels, artificial materials, refuse, and similar materials) removal; (g) and recreational beach grading and raking.

**Pre-construction notification required if:**

- 1) The activities are conducted under categories (a), (c), and (d) above; or
- 2) The dredging is conducted under category (b) above and exceeds 1/10-acre footprint; or
- 3) Disposal of the dredged material in its entirety does not occur solely in uplands; or
- 4) Rock relocation or removal exceeds 25 cubic yards.

New Dredging: For the purposes of this GP, new dredging means the specific area (i.e. footprint) has not been dredged previously, or dredging has not been previously authorized by the Corps, or dredging has not occurred for an extended period of time such that it is no longer currently serviceable. In these cases, sufficient time has elapsed to allow for the recolonization of native biota, such as macroinvertebrates, SAV, shellfish, etc. See definition of currently serviceable.

Improvement Dredging: For the purposes of this GP, improvement dredging means dredging in a previously authorized currently serviceable area where dredging has occurred in the recent past. The proposed dredging will occur within the same footprint, but will be to depths greater than previously authorized by the Corps. The Corps may consider an improvement activity as new dredging if dredging has not occurred for an extended period of time such that it is no longer currently serviceable. In these cases, sufficient time has elapsed to allow for the recolonization of native biota, such as macroinvertebrates, SAV, shellfish, etc. See definition of currently serviceable.

Maintenance Dredging: For the purposes of this GP, maintenance dredging means dredging in a previously authorized currently serviceable area where dredging has occurred. The proposed dredging will occur within the same footprint and to depths not exceeding that which has been previously authorized by the Corps. The Corps may consider an improvement activity as new dredging if dredging has not occurred for an extended period of time such that it is no longer currently serviceable. In these cases, sufficient time has elapsed to allow for the recolonization of native biota, such as macroinvertebrates, SAV, shellfish, etc. See definition of currently serviceable.

Note 1: The Corps will require documentation of prior authorization and previous dredging that occurred as necessary. Dredging typically refers to removal of accumulated sediment for navigational purposes to establish or maintain design depths of navigation channels, harbors, marinas, boat launches, port facilities, and similar features. Maintenance dredging is conducted for navigational purposes and does not include any expansion of the previously dredged area. The Corps may consider a maintenance activity as new dredging if sufficient time has elapsed to allow for the recolonization of native biota, such as macroinvertebrates, SAV, shellfish, etc. See definition of currently serviceable.

Note 2: Activities including the transport & disposal of dredged material offshore within ocean waters will require Section 103 MPRSA authorization and are not authorized under this General Permit. These activities shall follow special procedures outlined in 33 CFR 324.4. Evaluation shall follow the criteria established by the Administrator of EPA pursuant to Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (40 CFR parts 220-229).

Note 3: A pre-application consultation is strongly advised for all activities that involve in water disposal of dredged material to determine requirements for sampling and analysis plans (SAPs) and obtaining the suitability determination (SD).

Note 4: Refer to New England District Dredge Procedures for guidance on the permitting process for this GP activity, which can be found on the Corps webpage (i.e. <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Dredged-Material-Program/>).

**GP C. Structures and Moorings in Navigable Waters of The U.S. (Authority: Section 10 and Section 404):**

New, expansions, replacement, removal, reconfigurations, or modifications of structures within navigable waters of the U.S., including but not limited to temporary/seasonal or permanent pile- and crib-supported piers, gangway ramps, floats, stairs, dolphins, shore haul outs, moorings, boat & float lifts. Discharges of fill material that are associated with the construction of such structures (e.g., poured concrete footings, etc.) that do not exceed 1/10 in waters of the U.S. This RGP does not authorize artificial reefs and new marinas, unless the district engineer waives this limitation by making a written determination concluding the work will result in no more than minimal adverse environmental effects.

**Pre-construction notification required if:**

- (1) There are multiple new commercial or rental moorings;
- (2) The piles cannot be installed “in the dry” (i.e. below the mean low water and/or during periods of high tide that leave the site submerged);
- (3) New piers, ramps, and floats exceed a total of 1,000 square feet; or
- (4) Structure(s) extend greater than 25 percent of the waterway width, as measured from mean low water.

Note 1: Structures with no discharges of dredged or fill material are not regulated by the Corps in non-navigable waters.

Note 2: Seasonal storage of structures in navigable waters, e.g., in a protected cove, requires prior Corps approval.

Note 3: Minor relocation of previously authorized moorings requires no additional authorization so long as all general conditions of the general permit are met.

Note 4: Low impact mooring systems, including conservation moorings, are encouraged to minimize impacts of chain scouring from conventional moorings during the tidal cycle. Existing, authorized moorings that are converted from traditional moorings to low impact mooring technology and/or helical anchors do not need further authorization.

#### **SECTION IV: General Conditions**

To qualify for RGP authorization, the prospective permittee must comply with the following general conditions (GCs), as applicable. Prospective permittees should also contact the appropriate Corps district office to determine the status of Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification and/or Coastal Zone Management Act consistency for an RGP.

1. Navigation
2. Aquatic Life Movements
3. Spawning Areas
4. Migratory Bird Breeding Areas
5. Shellfish Beds
6. Suitable Material
7. Water Supply Intakes
8. Adverse Effects From Impoundments
9. Management of Water Flows
10. Fills Within 100-Year Floodplains.
11. Equipment.
12. Soil Erosion and Sediment Controls.
13. Removal of Temporary Structures and Fills.
14. Proper Maintenance
15. Single and Complete Project
16. Wild and Scenic Rivers
17. Tribal Rights.
18. Federal Threatened and Endangered Species
19. Migratory Birds and Bald and Golden Eagles
20. Historic Properties
21. Discovery of Previously Unknown Remains and Artifacts
22. Designated Critical Resource Waters
23. Mitigation
24. Safety of Impoundment Structures.
25. Water Quality
26. Coastal Zone Management
27. Regional and Case-By-Case Conditions
28. Use of Multiple Regional General Permits
29. Transfer of General Permit Verifications
30. Compliance Certification
31. Activities Affecting Structures or Works Built by the United States
32. Pre-Construction Notification
33. Additional Pre-Construction Notification Requirements
34. Essential Fish Habitat
35. Invasive Species
36. Emergency Procedures
37. General Permit Documentation On-Site
38. Abandonment
39. Expiration of Regional General Permits

## 1. Navigation.

(a) No activity may cause more than a minimal adverse effect on navigation.

(b) Any safety lights and signals prescribed by the U.S. Coast Guard, through regulations or otherwise, must be installed and maintained at the permittee's expense on authorized facilities in navigable waters of the United States.

(c) The permittee understands and agrees that, if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration, of the structure or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his or her authorized representative, said structure or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the permittee will be required, upon due notice from the Corps of Engineers, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States. No claim shall be made against the United States on account of any such removal or alteration.

(d) U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Risk Assessment (NRA):

Applicants proposing new aquaculture operations or modifications of existing aquaculture operations are required to coordinate with the appropriate U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Sector for siting review, Navigation Risk Assessment (NRA), and navigation risk mitigation needs. The USCG can be reached for questions and review through the appropriate points of contacts listed below.

Only actual Aids to Navigation (AtoN) are permitted by USCG; floats, balls, markers, mooring balls, and "high flier flags" are not considered AtoN. Safety lights and signals required by the USCG shall be installed and maintained at the authorized facilities. The USCG can be reached through its Private AtoN application site, <http://www.usharbormaster.com> or [steven.r.pothier@uscg.mil](mailto:steven.r.pothier@uscg.mil), U.S. Coast Guard, Waterways Management Branch, First Coast Guard District (dpw), 408 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 or (617) 823-3947.

For marine safety information/charting, activities owners should use the First District's Marine Safety Information form available at the following address: [https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/Inms/LNM\\_Information\\_Form.pdf](https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/Inms/LNM_Information_Form.pdf). The form should be emailed to [D01-SMB-LNM@uscg.mil](mailto:D01-SMB-LNM@uscg.mil). The USCG can help make the determination on potential charting needs and support the applicant and state permittees to chart potential hazards with NOAA either directly or through the USCG's Local Notice to Mariners (LNM).

If a pre-construction notification is required, applicants shall include documentation of all required coordination with their pre-construction notification.

## **2. Aquatic Life Movements.**

No activity may substantially disrupt the necessary life cycle movements of those species of aquatic life indigenous to the waterbody, including those species that normally migrate through the area, unless the activity's primary purpose is to impound water. All permanent and temporary crossings of waterbodies shall be suitably culverted, bridged, or otherwise designed and constructed to maintain low flows to sustain the movement of those aquatic species. If a bottomless culvert cannot be used, then the crossing should be designed and constructed to minimize adverse effects to aquatic life movements.

Note: Activities conducted under these GPs involving the replacement or installation of new stream crossings must comply with the “*Stream Crossing Best Management Practices (BMPs)*” unless waived by the District Engineer. These BMPs can be found on the Corps webpage at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>. If BMPs cannot be fully met, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity.

## **3. Spawning Areas.**

Activities in spawning areas during spawning seasons must be avoided to the maximum extent practicable. Activities that result in the physical destruction (e.g., through excavation, fill, or downstream smothering by substantial turbidity) of an important spawning area are not authorized.

## **4. Migratory Bird Breeding Areas.**

Activities in waters of the United States that serve as breeding areas for migratory birds must be avoided to the maximum extent practicable.

## **5. Shellfish Beds.**

No activity may occur in areas of concentrated shellfish populations, unless the activity is directly related to a shellfish harvesting activity authorized by RGPs 4, 48, 55 or is a shellfish seeding or habitat restoration activity authorized by RGP 27.

Note: If a proposed activity would result in excess turbidity and located within 100 feet of Maine Department of Marine Resource shellfish areas, a pre-construction notification is required. Reference material can be found at: <https://dmr-maine.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/mainedmr-molluscan-shellfish-2010/explore?location=43.733484%2C-69.767928%2C10.43>.

## **6. Suitable Material.**

No activity may use unsuitable material (e.g., trash, debris, car bodies, asphalt, etc.). Material used for construction or discharged must be free from toxic pollutants in toxic amounts (see section 307 of the Clean Water Act).

## **7. Water Supply Intakes.**

No activity may occur in the proximity of a public water supply intake, except where the activity is for the repair or improvement of public water supply intake structures or adjacent bank stabilization.

## **8. Adverse Effects From Impoundments.**

If the activity creates an impoundment of water, adverse effects to the aquatic system due to accelerating the passage of water, and/or restricting its flow must be minimized to the maximum extent practicable.

Note: Permanent wetland crossings shall be constructed in such a manner to maintain ecological & hydrological connectivity and prevent excessive ponding or drying on either side of the authorized work.

## **9. Management of Water Flows.**

To the maximum extent practicable, the preconstruction course, condition, capacity, and location of open waters must be maintained for each activity, including stream channelization, storm water management activities, and temporary and permanent road crossings, except as provided below. The activity must be constructed to withstand expected high flows, including tidal flows. The activity must not restrict or impede the passage of normal or high flows, including tidal flows, unless the primary purpose of the activity is to impound water or manage high flows. The activity may alter the preconstruction course, condition, capacity, and location of open waters if it benefits the aquatic environment (e.g., stream restoration or relocation activities).

Note: Activities conducted under this GP involving the replacement or installation of new stream crossings must comply with the “*Stream Crossing Best Management Practices (BMPs)*” unless waived by the District Engineer. These BMPs can be found on the Corps webpage at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>. If BMPs cannot be fully met, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer prior to commencing the activity.

## **10. Fills Within 100-Year Floodplains.**

The activity must comply with applicable FEMA approved state or local floodplain management requirements.

## **11. Equipment.**

Heavy equipment working in wetlands or mudflats must be placed on mats, or other measures must be taken to minimize soil disturbance.

If mats are used to minimize soil disturbance, the affected areas must be returned to pre-construction elevations, and revegetated as appropriate. In circumstances where the use of mats has caused significant soil compaction efforts using techniques (e.g., soil reaeration techniques) to break up the compaction should be employed to return the soil to a pre-construction state prior to returning to pre-construction elevations.

Note 1: Construction mats should be managed in accordance with “*Construction Mat BMPs*”, which can be found on the Corps webpage (i.e. [www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/State-General-Permits/Maine-General-Permit](http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/State-General-Permits/Maine-General-Permit)).

Note 2: Construction mats or temporary fills that are left in place longer than one growing season may require mitigation to offset temporal loss of aquatic functions and will require a pre-construction notification (See general conditions 23 and 33(d)).

## **12. Soil Erosion and Sediment Controls.**

Appropriate soil erosion and sediment controls must be used and maintained in effective operating condition during construction, and all exposed soil and other fills, as well as any work below the ordinary high water mark or high tide line, must be permanently stabilized at the earliest practicable date. Permittees are encouraged to perform work within waters of the United States during periods of low-flow or no-flow, or during low tides.

Note: The discharge of dredged or fill material shall be completed in the dry and/ or be isolated with temporary fills to divert flows away from the project site (i.e. cofferdams, sandbags, flume pipes, etc.). A pre-construction notification and waiver will be required if the above cannot be met.

## **13. Removal of Temporary Structures and Fills.**

Temporary structures must be removed, to the maximum extent practicable, after their use has been discontinued. Temporary fills must be removed in their entirety and the affected areas returned to preconstruction elevations. The affected areas must be revegetated, as appropriate.

Note: Construction mats or temporary fills that are left in place longer than one growing season may require mitigation to offset temporal loss of aquatic functions and will require a pre-construction notification (See general conditions 23 and 33(d)).

## **14. Proper Maintenance.**

Any authorized structure or fill shall be properly maintained, including maintenance to ensure public safety and compliance with applicable RGP general conditions, as well as any activity-specific conditions added by the district engineer to an RGP authorization.

## **15. Single and Complete Project.**

The activity must be a single and complete project. The same RGP cannot be used more than once for the same single and complete project.

## **16. Wild and Scenic Rivers.**

(a) No RGP activity may occur in a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System, or in a river officially designated by Congress as a “study river” for possible inclusion in the system while the river is in an official study status, unless the appropriate Federal agency with direct management responsibility for such river has determined in writing that the proposed activity will not adversely affect the Wild and Scenic River designation or study status.

(b) If a proposed RGP activity will occur in a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System, or in a river officially designated by Congress as a “study river” for possible inclusion in the system while the river is in an official study status, the permittee must submit a pre-construction notification (see general condition 32). The district engineer will coordinate the pre-construction notification with the Federal agency with direct management responsibility for that river. Permittees shall not begin the RGP activity until notified by the district engineer that the Federal agency with direct management responsibility for that river has determined in writing that the proposed RGP activity will not adversely affect the Wild and Scenic River designation or study status.

(c) Information on Wild and Scenic Rivers may be obtained from the appropriate Federal land management agency responsible for the designated Wild and Scenic River or study river (e.g., National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service). Information on these rivers is also available at: <http://www.rivers.gov/>.

## **17. Tribal Rights.**

No activity or its operation may impair reserved tribal rights, including, but not limited to, reserved water rights and treaty fishing and hunting rights.

Note: To comply with the above GC, refer to the “*Local Procedures for Historic Properties & Tribal Rights*”, which can be found on the Corps webpage (i.e. <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>)

## **18. Federal Threatened and Endangered Species.**

(a) No activity is authorized under any RGP which is likely to directly or indirectly jeopardize the continued existence of a threatened or endangered species or a species proposed for such designation, as identified under the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA), or which will directly or indirectly destroy or adversely modify designated critical

habitat or critical habitat proposed for such designation. No activity is authorized under any RGP which “may affect” a listed species or critical habitat, unless ESA section 7 consultation addressing the consequences of the proposed activity on listed species or critical habitat has been completed. See 50 CFR 402.02 for the definition of “effects of the action” for the purposes of ESA section 7 consultation.

(b) Federal agencies should follow their own procedures for complying with the requirements of the ESA (see 33 CFR 330.4(f)(1)). If pre-construction notification is required for the proposed activity, the Federal permittee must provide the district engineer with the appropriate documentation to demonstrate compliance with those requirements. The district engineer will verify that the appropriate documentation has been submitted. If the appropriate documentation has not been submitted, additional ESA section 7 consultation may be necessary for the activity and the respective federal agency would be responsible for fulfilling its obligation under section 7 of the ESA.

Note: Federal agencies should refer to “*Multiple Federal Agency & Lead Federal Agency Best Practices*” when a Corps permit is required, which can be found on the Corps webpage (i.e. [www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/State-General-Permits/Maine-General-Permit](http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/State-General-Permits/Maine-General-Permit)).

(c) Non-federal permittees must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer if any listed species (or species proposed for listing) or designated critical habitat (or critical habitat proposed such designation) might be affected or is in the vicinity of the activity, or if the activity is located in designated critical habitat or critical habitat proposed for such designation, and shall not begin work on the activity until notified by the district engineer that the requirements of the ESA have been satisfied and that the activity is authorized. For activities that might affect Federally-listed endangered or threatened species (or species proposed for listing) or designated critical habitat (or critical habitat proposed for such designation), the pre-construction notification must include the name(s) of the endangered or threatened species (or species proposed for listing) that might be affected by the proposed activity or that utilize the designated critical habitat (or critical habitat proposed for such designation) that might be affected by the proposed activity. The district engineer will determine whether the proposed activity “may affect” or will have “no effect” to listed species and designated critical habitat and will notify the non-Federal applicant of the Corps’ determination within 45 days of receipt of a complete pre-construction notification. For activities where the non-Federal applicant has identified listed species (or species proposed for listing) or designated critical habitat (or critical habitat proposed for such designation) that might be affected or is in the vicinity of the activity, and has so notified the Corps, the applicant shall not begin work until the Corps has provided notification that the proposed activity will have “no effect” on listed species (or species proposed for listing or designated critical habitat (or critical habitat proposed for such designation), or until ESA section 7 consultation or conference has been completed. If the non-Federal applicant has not heard back from the Corps within 45 days, the applicant must still wait for notification from the Corps.

(d) As a result of formal or informal consultation or conference with the FWS or NMFS the district engineer may add species-specific permit conditions to the RGPs.

(e) Authorization of an activity by an RGP does not authorize the “take” of a threatened or endangered species as defined under the ESA. In the absence of separate authorization (e.g., an ESA Section 10 Permit, a Biological Opinion with “incidental take” provisions, etc.) from the FWS or the NMFS, the Endangered Species Act prohibits any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to take a listed species, where “take” means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. The word “harm” in the definition of “take” means an act which actually kills or injures wildlife. Such an act may include significant habitat modification or degradation where it actually kills or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding or sheltering.

(f) If the non-federal permittee has a valid ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental take permit with an approved Habitat Conservation Plan for a project or a group of projects that includes the proposed RGP activity, the non-federal permittee should provide a copy of that ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit with the pre-construction notification required by paragraph (c) of this general condition. The district engineer will coordinate with the agency that issued the ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit to determine whether the proposed RGP activity and the associated incidental take were considered in the internal ESA section 7 consultation conducted for the ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit. If that coordination results in concurrence from the agency that the proposed RGP activity and the associated incidental take were considered in the internal ESA section 7 consultation for the ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit, the district engineer does not need to conduct a separate ESA section 7 consultation for the proposed RGP activity. The district engineer will notify the non-federal applicant within 45 days of receipt of a complete preconstruction notification whether the ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit covers the proposed RGP activity or whether additional ESA section 7 consultation is required. (g) Information on the location of threatened and endangered species and their critical habitat can be obtained directly from the offices of the FWS and NMFS or their world wide web pages at <http://www.fws.gov/> or <http://www.fws.gov/ipac> and <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/esa/> respectively.

(g) Information on the location of threatened and endangered species and their critical habitat can be obtained directly from the offices of the FWS and NMFS or their web pages at <http://www.fws.gov/> or <http://www.fws.gov/ipac> and <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/esa/> respectively.

Note: To comply with the above GC, refer to the “*Local Procedures for Federal Threatened and Endangered Species*”, which can be found on the Corps webpage (i.e. <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>).

## **19. Migratory Birds and Bald and Golden Eagles.**

The permittee is responsible for ensuring that an action authorized by an RGP complies with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. The permittee is responsible for contacting the appropriate local office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to determine what measures, if any, are necessary or appropriate to reduce adverse effects to migratory birds or eagles, including whether "incidental take" permits are necessary and available under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act or Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act for a particular activity.

## **20. Historic Properties.**

(a) No activity is authorized under any RGP which may have the potential to cause effects on properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places until the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) have been satisfied.

(b) Federal permittees should follow their own procedures for complying with the requirements of section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (see 33 CFR 330.4(g)(1)). If pre-construction notification is required for the proposed RGP activity, the Federal permittee must provide the district engineer with the appropriate documentation to demonstrate compliance with those requirements. The district engineer will verify that the appropriate documentation has been submitted. If the appropriate documentation is not submitted, then additional consultation under section 106 may be necessary. The respective federal agency is responsible for fulfilling its obligation to comply with section 106.

Note: Federal agencies should refer to “*Multiple Federal Agency & Lead Federal Agency Best Practices*” when a Corps permit is required, which can be found on the Corps webpage (i.e. [www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/State-General-Permits/Maine-General-Permit](http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/State-General-Permits/Maine-General-Permit)).

(c) Non-federal permittees must submit a pre-construction notification to the district engineer if the RGP activity might have the potential to cause effects on any historic properties listed on, determined to be eligible for listing on, or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, including previously unidentified properties. For such activities, the pre-construction notification must state which historic properties might have the potential to be affected by the proposed RGP activity or include a vicinity map indicating the location of the historic properties or the potential for the presence of historic properties. Assistance regarding information on the location of, or potential for, the presence of historic properties can be sought from the State Historic Preservation Officer, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, or designated tribal representative, as appropriate, and the National Register of Historic Places (see 33 CFR 330.4(g)). When reviewing pre-construction notifications, district engineers will comply with the current procedures for addressing the requirements of section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The district engineer shall make a reasonable and good faith effort to

carry out appropriate identification efforts commensurate with potential impacts, which may include background research, consultation, oral history interviews, sample field investigation, and/or field survey. Based on the information submitted in the pre-construction notification and these identification efforts, the district engineer shall determine whether the proposed RGP activity has the potential to cause effects on historic properties. Section 106 consultation is not required when the district engineer determines that the activity does not have the potential to cause effects on historic properties (see 36 CFR 800.3(a)). Section 106 consultation is required when the district engineer determines that the activity has the potential to cause effects on historic properties. The district engineer will conduct consultation with consulting parties identified under 36 CFR 800.2(c) when he or she makes any of the following effect determinations for the purposes of section 106 of the NHPA: no historic properties affected, no adverse effect, or adverse effect.

(d) Where the non-Federal applicant has identified historic properties on which the proposed RGP activity might have the potential to cause effects and has so notified the Corps, the non-Federal applicant shall not begin the activity until notified by the district engineer either that the activity has no potential to cause effects on historic properties or that NHPA section 106 consultation has been completed. For non-federal permittees, the district engineer will notify the prospective permittee within 45 days of receipt of a complete pre-construction notification whether NHPA section 106 consultation is required. If NHPA section 106 consultation is required, the district engineer will notify the non-Federal applicant that he or she cannot begin the activity until section 106 consultation is completed. If the non-Federal applicant has not heard back from the Corps within 45 days, the applicant must still wait for notification from the Corps.

(e) Prospective permittees should be aware that section 110k of the NHPA (54 U.S.C. 306113) prevents the Corps from granting a permit or other assistance to an applicant who, with intent to avoid the requirements of section 106 of the NHPA, has intentionally significantly adversely affected a historic property to which the permit would relate, or having legal power to prevent it, allowed such significant adverse effect to occur, unless the Corps, after consultation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), determines that circumstances justify granting such assistance despite the adverse effect created or permitted by the applicant. If circumstances justify granting the assistance, the Corps is required to notify the ACHP and provide documentation specifying the circumstances, the degree of damage to the integrity of any historic properties affected, and proposed mitigation. This documentation must include any views obtained from the applicant, SHPO/THPO, appropriate Indian tribes if the undertaking occurs on or affects historic properties on tribal lands or affects properties of interest to those tribes, and other parties known to have a legitimate interest in the impacts to the permitted activity on historic properties.

Note: To comply with the above GC, refer to the “*Local Procedures for Historic Properties & Tribal Rights*”, which can be found on the Corps webpage (i.e.

<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>

## **21. Discovery of Previously Unknown Remains and Artifacts.**

Permittees that discover any previously unknown historic, cultural or archeological remains and artifacts while accomplishing the activity authorized by an RGP, they must immediately notify the district engineer of what they have found, and to the maximum extent practicable, avoid construction activities that may affect the remains and artifacts until the required coordination has been completed. The district engineer will initiate the Federal, Tribal, and state coordination required to determine if the items or remains warrant a recovery effort or if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

## **22. Designated Critical Resource Waters.**

Critical resource waters include, NOAA managed marine sanctuaries and marine monuments, and National Estuarine Research Reserves. The district engineer may designate, after notice and opportunity for public comment, additional waters officially designated by a state as having particular environmental or ecological significance, such as outstanding national resource waters or state natural heritage sites. The district engineer may also designate additional critical resource waters after notice and opportunity for public comment.

(a) Discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States are not authorized by RGPs 7, 12, 17, 29, 39, 42, 43, 51, 52, 57 and 58 for any activity within, or directly affecting, critical resource waters, including wetlands adjacent to such waters.

(b) For RGPs 3, 13, 15, 18, 19, 27, 33, 38, and 54, notification is required in accordance with general condition 32, for any activity proposed by permittees in the designated critical resource waters including wetlands adjacent to those waters. The district engineer may authorize activities under these RGPs only after she or he determines that the impacts to the critical resource waters will be no more than minimal.

## **23. Mitigation.**

The district engineer will consider the following factors when determining appropriate and practicable mitigation necessary to ensure that the individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects are no more than minimal:

(a) The activity must be designed and constructed to avoid and minimize adverse effects, both temporary and permanent, to waters of the United States to the maximum extent practicable at the project site (i.e., on site).

(b) Mitigation in all its forms (avoiding, minimizing, rectifying, reducing, or compensating for resource losses) will be required to the extent necessary to ensure that the individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects are no more than minimal.

(c) Compensatory mitigation at a minimum one-for-one ratio will be required for all unless the district engineer determines in writing that either some other form of mitigation would be more environmentally appropriate or the adverse environmental effects of the proposed activity are no more than minimal, and provides an activity-specific waiver of this requirement. For wetland losses of 1/10-acre or less that require pre-construction notification, the district engineer may determine on a case-by-case basis that compensatory mitigation is required to ensure that the activity results in only minimal adverse environmental effects.

(d) Compensatory mitigation at a minimum one-for-one ratio will be required for all losses of stream bed that exceed 3/100-acre and require pre-construction notification, unless the district engineer determines in writing that either some other form of mitigation would be more environmentally appropriate or the adverse environmental effects of the proposed activity are no more than minimal, and provides an activity specific waiver of this requirement. This compensatory mitigation requirement may be satisfied through the restoration or enhancement of riparian areas next to streams in accordance with paragraph (e) of this general condition. For losses of stream bed of 3/100-acre or less that require pre-construction notification, the district engineer may determine on a case-by-case basis that compensatory mitigation is required to ensure that the activity results in only minimal adverse environmental effects. Compensatory mitigation for losses of streams should be provided, if practicable, through stream rehabilitation, enhancement, or preservation, because streams are difficult-to-replace resources (see 33 CFR 332.3(e)(3)).

(e) Compensatory mitigation plans for RGP activities in or near streams or other open waters will normally include a requirement for the restoration or enhancement, maintenance, and legal protection (e.g., conservation easements) of riparian areas next to open waters. In some cases, the restoration or maintenance/protection of riparian areas may be the only compensatory mitigation required. If restoring riparian areas involves planting vegetation, only native species should be planted. The width of the required riparian area will address documented water quality or aquatic habitat loss concerns. Normally, the riparian area will be 25 to 50 feet wide on each side of the stream, but the district engineer may require slightly wider riparian areas to address documented water quality or habitat loss concerns. If it is not possible to restore or maintain/protect a riparian area on both sides of a stream, or if the waterbody is a lake or coastal waters, then restoring or maintaining/protecting a riparian area along a single bank or shoreline may be sufficient. Where both wetlands and open waters exist on the project site, the district engineer will determine the appropriate compensatory mitigation (e.g., riparian areas and/or wetlands compensation) based on what is best for the aquatic environment on a watershed basis. In cases where riparian areas are determined to be the most appropriate form of minimization or compensatory mitigation, the district engineer may waive or reduce the requirement to provide wetland compensatory mitigation for wetland losses.

(f) Compensatory mitigation projects provided to offset losses of aquatic resources must comply with the applicable provisions of 33 CFR part 332.

(1) The prospective permittee is responsible for proposing an appropriate compensatory mitigation option if compensatory mitigation is necessary to ensure that the activity results in no more than minimal adverse environmental effects. For the RGPs, the preferred mechanism for providing compensatory mitigation is mitigation bank credits or in-lieu fee program credits (see 33 CFR 332.3(b)(2) and (3)). However, if an appropriate number and type of mitigation bank or in-lieu credits are not available at the time the pre-construction notification is submitted to the district engineer, the district engineer may approve the use of permittee-responsible mitigation.

(2) The amount of compensatory mitigation required by the district engineer must be sufficient to ensure that the authorized activity results in no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects (see 33 CFR 330.1(e)(3)). (See also 33 CFR 332.3(f).)

(3) Since the likelihood of success is greater and the impacts to potentially valuable uplands are reduced, aquatic resource restoration should be the first compensatory mitigation option considered for permittee-responsible mitigation.

(4) If permittee-responsible mitigation is the proposed option, the prospective permittee is responsible for submitting a mitigation plan. A conceptual or detailed mitigation plan may be used by the district engineer to make the decision on the RGP verification request, but a final mitigation plan that addresses the applicable requirements of 33 CFR 332.4(c)(2) through (14) must be approved by the district engineer before the permittee begins work in waters of the United States, unless the district engineer determines that prior approval of the final mitigation plan is not practicable or not necessary to ensure timely completion of the required compensatory mitigation (see 33 CFR 332.3(k)(3)). If permittee-responsible mitigation is the proposed option, and the proposed compensatory mitigation site is located on land in which another federal agency holds an easement, the district engineer will coordinate with that federal agency to determine if proposed compensatory mitigation project is compatible with the terms of the easement.

(5) If in-lieu fee program credits are the proposed option, the mitigation plan needs to address only the baseline conditions at the impact site and the number of credits to be provided (see 33 CFR 332.4(c)(1)(ii)).

(6) Compensatory mitigation requirements (e.g., resource type and amount to be provided as compensatory mitigation, site protection, ecological performance standards, monitoring requirements) may be addressed through conditions added to the RGP authorization, instead of components of a compensatory mitigation plan (see 33 CFR 332.4(c)(1)(ii)).

(g) Compensatory mitigation will not be used to increase the acreage losses allowed by the acreage limits of the RGPs. For example, if an RGP has an acreage limit of  $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre, it cannot be used to authorize any RGP activity resulting in the loss of greater than  $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre of waters of the United States, even if compensatory mitigation is provided that replaces

or restores some of the lost waters. However, compensatory mitigation can and should be used, as necessary, to ensure that an RGP activity already meeting the established acreage limits also satisfies the no more than minimal impact requirement for the RGPs.

(h) Permittees may propose the use of mitigation banks, in-lieu fee programs, or permittee-responsible mitigation. When developing a compensatory mitigation proposal, the permittee must consider appropriate and practicable options consistent with the framework at 33 CFR 332.3(b). For activities resulting in the loss of marine or estuarine resources, permittee-responsible mitigation may be environmentally preferable if there are no mitigation banks or in-lieu fee programs in the area that have marine or estuarine credits available for sale or transfer to the permittee. For permittee-responsible mitigation, the special conditions of the RGP verification must clearly indicate the party or parties responsible for the implementation and performance of the compensatory mitigation project, and, if required, its long-term management.

(i) Where certain functions and services of waters of the United States are permanently adversely affected by a regulated activity, such as discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States that will convert a forested or scrub-shrub wetland to a herbaceous wetland in a permanently maintained utility line right-of-way, mitigation may be required to reduce the adverse environmental effects of the activity to the no more than minimal level.

(j) Compensatory Mitigation for unavoidable impacts to waters of the U.S. will be required in accordance with the “*New England District Compensatory Mitigation Standard Operating Procedures*” (April 26, 2024) and any superseding versions thereof, which can be found on the Corps webpage at:  
<https://www.nae.Corps.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Mitigation/>.

## **24. Safety of Impoundment Structures.**

To ensure that all impoundment structures are safely designed, the district engineer may require non-Federal applicants to demonstrate that the structures comply with established state or federal, dam safety criteria or have been designed by qualified persons. The district engineer may also require documentation that the design has been independently reviewed by similarly qualified persons, and appropriate modifications made to ensure safety.

## **25. Water Quality.**

(a) Where the certifying authority (state, authorized tribe, or EPA, as appropriate) has not previously certified compliance of an RGP with CWA section 401, a CWA section 401 water quality certification for the proposed activity which may result in any discharge from a point source into waters of the United States must be obtained or waived (see 33 CFR 330.4(c)). If the permittee cannot comply with all of the conditions of a water quality certification previously issued by the certifying authority for the issuance of the RGP, then the permittee must obtain a water quality certification or waiver for the proposed activity

which may result in any discharge from a point source into waters of the United States in order for the activity to be authorized by an RGP.

(b) If the RGP activity requires pre-construction notification and the certifying authority has not previously certified compliance of an RGP with CWA section 401, the proposed activity which may result in any discharge from a point source into waters of the United States is not authorized by an RGP until water quality certification is obtained or waived. If the certifying authority issues a water quality certification for the proposed discharge into waters of the United States, the permittee must submit a copy of the certification to the district engineer. The discharge into waters of the United States is not authorized by an RGP until the district engineer has notified the permittee that the water quality certification requirement has been satisfied (i.e., by the issuance of a water quality certification or a waiver and completion of the Section 401(a)(2) process).

(c) The district engineer or certifying authority may require additional water quality management measures to ensure that the authorized activity does not result in more than minimal degradation of water quality.

The Maine DEP and EPA (on behalf of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Micmac Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, and Penobscot Nation) (*has*)<sup>3</sup> granted a general WQC for all activities authorized under these GPs provided those activities meet the criteria as contained in these GPs, general conditions and the water quality certification. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has determined that any project that qualifies for these GPs is consistent with the Maine DEP and does not require additional WQC Federal consistency review.

## **26. Coastal Zone Management.**

In coastal states where an RGP has not previously received a state coastal zone management consistency concurrence, an individual state coastal zone management consistency concurrence must be obtained, or a presumption of concurrence must occur (see 33 CFR 330.4(d)). If the permittee cannot comply with all of the conditions of a coastal zone management consistency concurrence previously issued by the state, then the permittee must obtain an individual coastal zone management consistency concurrence or presumption of concurrence in order for the activity to be authorized by an RGP. The district engineer or a state may require additional measures to ensure that the authorized activity is consistent with state coastal zone management requirements.

The Maine Coastal Program (*has*)<sup>4</sup> granted a general coastal zone management consistency concurrence for all activities authorized under these GPs provided those activities meet the criteria as contained in these GPs, general conditions and conditions of the consistency determination. Any project that qualifies for these GPs does not require additional CZMA Federal consistency review.

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<sup>3,4</sup> Ongoing coordination is being completed with state agencies & EPA. Concurrence has not been granted at this time.

## **27. Regional and Case-By-Case Conditions.**

The activity must comply with any case specific conditions added by the Corps or by the state, Indian Tribe, or U.S. EPA in its CWA section 401 Water Quality Certification, or by the state in its Coastal Zone Management Act consistency determination.

## **28. Use of Multiple Regional General Permits.**

The use of more than one RGP for a single and complete project is authorized, subject to the following restrictions:

(a) The total acreage loss of waters of the United States for a single and complete project cannot exceed the acreage limit of the RGP with the highest specified acreage limit when multiple RGPs are used to authorize an activity.

(b) If only one of the RGPs used to authorize the single and complete project has a specified acreage limit, the acreage loss of waters of the United States for that single and complete project cannot exceed that specified acreage limit. For example, if a road crossing over tidal waters is constructed under RGP 14 (which has an acreage limit of 1/3 acre in tidal waters), with associated bank stabilization authorized by RGP 13 (which does not have a specified acreage limit), the maximum acreage loss of waters of the United States for the total project cannot exceed 1/3-acre.

(c) If two or more of the RGPs used to authorize the single and complete project have specified acreage limits, the acreage loss of waters of the United States authorized by each of those RGPs cannot exceed the specified acreage limits of each of those RGPs. For example, if a commercial development is constructed under RGP 39 (which has a 1/2-acre limit), and the single and complete project includes the filling of a ditch authorized by RGP 46 (which has a 1-acre limit), the maximum acreage loss of waters of the United States for the construction of the commercial development under RGP 39 cannot exceed 1/2-acre, and the total acreage loss of waters of United States caused by the combination of the RGP 39 and RGP 46 activities cannot exceed 1 acre.

## **29. Transfer of General Permit Verifications.**

If the permittee sells the property associated with a regional general permit verification, the permittee may transfer the regional general permit verification to the new owner by submitting a letter to the appropriate Corps district office to validate the transfer. A copy of the regional general permit verification must be attached to the letter, and the letter must contain the following statement and signature:

“When the structures or work authorized by this nationwide permit are still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of this nationwide permit, including any special conditions, will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of the property. To validate the transfer of this regional general permit and the associated

liabilities associated with compliance with its terms and conditions, have the transferee sign and date below.”

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(Transferee)

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(Date)

### **30. Compliance Certification.**

Each permittee who receives an RGP verification letter from the Corps must provide a signed certification documenting completion of the authorized activity and implementation of any required compensatory mitigation. The successful completion of any required permittee-responsible mitigation, including the achievement of ecological performance standards, will be addressed separately by the district engineer. The Corps will provide the permittee the certification document with the RGP verification letter. The certification document will include:

- (a) A statement that the authorized activity was done in accordance with the RGP authorization, including any general, regional, or activity-specific conditions;
- (b) A statement that the implementation of any required compensatory mitigation was completed in accordance with the permit conditions. If credits from a mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program are used to satisfy the compensatory mitigation requirements, the certification must include the documentation required by 33 CFR 332.3(l)(3) to confirm that the permittee secured the appropriate number and resource type of credits; and
- (c) The signature of the permittee certifying the completion of the activity and mitigation. The completed certification document must be submitted to the district engineer within 30 days of completion of the authorized activity or the implementation of any required compensatory mitigation, whichever occurs later.

### **31. Activities Affecting Structures or Works Built by the United States.**

If an RGP activity also requires review by, or permission from, the Corps pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 408 because it will alter or temporarily or permanently occupy or use a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) federally authorized Civil Works project (a “USACE project”), the prospective permittee must submit a pre-construction notification. See paragraph (b)(10) of general condition 32. An activity that requires section 408 permission and/or review is not authorized by an RGP until the appropriate Corps office issues the section 408 permission or completes its review to alter, occupy, or use the USACE project, and the district engineer issues a written RGP verification.

Note: Refer to the “*Best Practices for 408 Procedures*”, which can be found on the Corps webpage at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>

### **32. Pre-Construction Notification.**

(a) Timing. Where required by the terms of the RGP, the prospective permittee must notify the district engineer by submitting a preconstruction notification (PCN) as early as possible. The district engineer must determine if the PCN is complete within 30 calendar days of the date of receipt and, if the PCN is determined to be incomplete, notify the prospective permittee within that 30 day period to request the additional information necessary to make the PCN complete. The request must specify the information needed to make the PCN complete. As a general rule, district engineers will request additional information necessary to make the PCN complete only once. However, if the prospective permittee does not provide all of the requested information, then the district engineer will notify the prospective permittee that the PCN is still incomplete and the PCN review process will not commence until all of the requested information has been received by the district engineer. The prospective permittee shall not begin the activity until either:

(1) He or she is notified in writing by the district engineer that the activity may proceed under the GP with any special conditions imposed by the district or division engineer; or

(2) 45 calendar days have passed from the district engineer’s receipt of the complete PCN and the prospective permittee has not received written notice from the district or division engineer. However, if the permittee was required to notify the Corps pursuant to general condition 18 that listed species (or species proposed for listing) or designated critical habitat (or critical habitat proposed for such designation) might be affected or are in the vicinity of the activity, or to notify the Corps pursuant to general condition 20 that the activity might have the potential to cause effects to historic properties, the permittee cannot begin the activity until receiving written notification from the Corps that there is “no effect” on listed species or “no potential to cause effects” on historic properties, or that any consultation required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (see 33 CFR 330.4(f)) and/or section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (see 33 CFR 330.4(g)) has been completed. If the proposed activity requires a written waiver to exceed specified limits of an GP, the permittee may not begin the activity until the district engineer issues the waiver. If the district or division engineer notifies the permittee in writing that an individual permit is required within 45 calendar days of receipt of a complete PCN, the permittee cannot begin the activity until an individual permit has been obtained. Subsequently, the permittee’s right to proceed under the GP may be modified, suspended, or revoked only in accordance with the procedure set forth in 33 CFR 330.5(d)(2).

(b) Contents of Pre-Construction Notification: The PCN must be in writing and include the following information:

(1) Name, address and telephone numbers of the prospective permittee;

(2) Location of the proposed activity;

(3) Identify the specific RGP or RGP(s) the prospective permittee wants to use to authorize the proposed activity;

(4) (i) A description of the proposed activity; the activity's purpose; direct and indirect adverse environmental effects the activity would cause, including the anticipated amount of loss of wetlands, other special aquatic sites, and other waters expected to result from the RGP activity, in acres, linear feet, or other appropriate unit of measure; a description of any proposed mitigation measures intended to reduce the adverse environmental effects caused by the proposed activity; and any other RGP(s), or individual permit(s) used or intended to be used to authorize any part of the proposed project or any related activity, including other separate and distant crossings for linear projects that require Department of the Army authorization but do not require pre-construction notification. The description of the proposed activity and any proposed mitigation measures should be sufficiently detailed to allow the district engineer to determine that the adverse environmental effects of the activity will be no more than minimal and to determine the need for compensatory mitigation or other mitigation measures.

(ii) For linear projects where one or more single and complete crossings require preconstruction notification, the PCN must include the quantity of anticipated losses of wetlands, other special aquatic sites, and other waters for each single and complete crossing of those wetlands, other special aquatic sites, and other waters (including those single and complete crossings authorized by an RGP but do not require PCNs). This information will be used by the district engineer to evaluate the cumulative adverse environmental effects of the proposed linear project, and does not change those non PCN RGP activities into RGP PCNs.

(iii) Sketches should be provided when necessary to show that the activity complies with the terms of the RGP. (Sketches usually clarify the activity and when provided results in a quicker decision. Sketches should contain sufficient detail to provide an illustrative description of the proposed activity (e.g., a conceptual plan), but do not need to be detailed engineering plans);

(5) The PCN must include a delineation of waters, wetlands, and other special aquatic sites on the project site. Wetland delineations must be prepared in accordance with the current method required by the Corps. The permittee may ask the Corps to delineate the special aquatic sites and other waters on the project site, but there may be a delay if the Corps does the delineation, especially if the project site is large or contains many wetlands, other special aquatic sites, and other waters. Furthermore, the 45-day period will not start until the delineation has been submitted to or completed by the Corps, as appropriate. For RGP 27 activities that require PCNs because of other general conditions or regional conditions imposed by division engineers, see Note 2 of that RGP;

Note: To comply with the above GC 32(5), the following methodologies should be utilized:

- (a) Wetlands shall be delineated in accordance with the Corps Wetlands Delineation Manual and the most recent Northcentral/Northeast Regional Supplement. Wetland delineation and jurisdiction information can be found at:  
[www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/jurisdiction-and-wetlands](http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/jurisdiction-and-wetlands).
  - (b) Refer to the “*Best Practices for Jurisdictional Determinations and Wetland Delineations*”, which can be found on the Corps webpage (i.e.  
<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>).
  - (c) The ordinary high water mark shall be delineated when streams are present on the project site. Ordinary high water mark survey guidance can be found at:  
<https://www.erdc.usace.army.mil/Media/Fact-Sheets/Fact-Sheet-Article-View/Article/486085/ordinary-high-water-mark-ohwm-research-development-and-training/>.
  - (d) Vegetated shallows shall be delineated when present on the project site. Vegetated shallow survey guidance and maps can be found on the Corps webpage (i.e.  
<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>).
  - (e) All Essential Fish Habitat shall be delineated when present on the project site. EFH survey guidance can be found in Appendix F of the 2025 EFH programmatic, which can be found on the Corps webpage (i.e.  
<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>).
- (6) If the proposed activity will result in the loss of greater than 1/10-acre of wetlands or 3/100-acre of stream bed and a PCN is required, the prospective permittee must submit a statement describing how the compensatory mitigation requirement will be satisfied, or explaining why the adverse environmental effects are no more than minimal and why compensatory mitigation should not be required. As an alternative, the prospective permittee may submit a conceptual or detailed mitigation plan.
- (7) For non-federal permittees, if any listed species (or species proposed for listing) or designated critical habitat (or critical habitat proposed for such designation) might be affected or is in the vicinity of the activity, or if the activity is located in designated critical habitat (or critical habitat proposed for such designation), the PCN must include the name(s) of those endangered or threatened species (or species proposed for listing) that might be affected by the proposed activity or utilize the designated critical habitat (or critical habitat proposed for such designation) that might be affected by the proposed activity. For GP activities that require pre-construction notification, Federal permittees must provide documentation demonstrating compliance with the Endangered Species Act;
- (8) For non-federal permittees, if the RGP activity might have the potential to cause effects to a historic property listed on, determined to be eligible for listing on, or

potentially eligible for listing on, the National Register of Historic Places, the PCN must state which historic property might have the potential to be affected by the proposed activity or include a vicinity map indicating the location of the historic property. For GP activities that require pre-construction notification, Federal permittees must provide documentation demonstrating compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act;

(9) For an activity that will occur in a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System, or in a river officially designated by Congress as a “study river” for possible inclusion in the system while the river is in an official study status, the PCN must identify the Wild and Scenic River or the “study river” (see general condition 16); and

(10) For an RGP activity that requires permission from, or review by, the Corps pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 408 because it will alter or temporarily or permanently occupy or use a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers federally authorized civil works project, the preconstruction notification must include a statement confirming that the project proponent has submitted a written request for section 408 permission from, or review by, the Corps office having jurisdiction over that USACE project.

Note: Refer to the “*Best Practices for 408 Procedures*”, which can be found on the Corps webpage at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>

(c) Form of Pre-Construction Notification: The regional general permit pre-construction notification form (Form ENG 4342) should be used for RGP PCNs. A letter containing the required information may also be used. All PCN forms shall be submitted to the Maine Project Office via email: [cenae-r-me@usace.army.mil](mailto:cenae-r-me@usace.army.mil).

(d) Agency Coordination:

(1) The district engineer will consider any comments from Federal and state agencies concerning the proposed activity’s compliance with the terms and conditions of the RGPs and the need for mitigation to reduce the activity’s adverse environmental effects so that they are no more than minimal.

(2) Agency coordination is required for:

(i) all RGP activities that require preconstruction notification and result in the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of waters of the United States;

(ii) RGP 13 activities in excess of 500 linear feet, fills greater than one cubic yard per running foot, or involve discharges of dredged or fill material into special aquatic sites; and

(iii) GP 54 activities in excess of 500 linear feet, or that extend into the waterbody more than 30 feet from the mean low water line in tidal waters.

(iv) All activities that require a waiver.

(v) Activities proposed within 100 feet of shellfish areas.

(3) When agency coordination is required, the district engineer will immediately provide (e.g., via e-mail) a copy of the complete PCN to the appropriate Federal or state offices (FWS, state natural resource or water quality agency, EPA, and, if appropriate, the NMFS). These agencies will have 10 calendar days from the date the material is transmitted to notify the district engineer via telephone, facsimile transmission, or e-mail that they intend to provide substantive, site-specific comments. The comments must explain why the agency believes the adverse environmental effects will be more than minimal. If so contacted by an agency, the district engineer will wait an additional 15 calendar days before making a decision on the pre-construction notification. The district engineer will fully consider agency comments received within the specified time frame concerning the proposed activity's compliance with the terms and conditions of the RGPs, including the need for mitigation to ensure that the net adverse environmental effects of the proposed activity are no more than minimal. The district engineer will provide no response to the resource agency, except as provided below. The district engineer will indicate in the administrative record associated with each pre-construction notification that the resource agencies' concerns were considered.

(4) In cases where the prospective permittee is not a Federal agency, the district engineer will provide a response to NMFS within 30 calendar days of receipt of any Essential Fish Habitat conservation recommendations, as required by section 305(b)(4)(B) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

(5) Applicants will submit necessary documents and files to the Corps electronically via email at [cenae-r-me@usace.army.mil](mailto:cenae-r-me@usace.army.mil) or using the RRS at <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs>

(6) The USACE will require additional information not listed here be provided with the PCN if necessary for compliance with other federal laws.

**33. Additional Pre-Construction Notification Requirements:**

Activities above permanent loss thresholds located within streams, freshwater/ tidal wetlands, tidal submerged aquatic vegetation, mudflats, and intertidal areas	See GC 33 - a
Activities located within and/ or the vicinity of a Federal Project	See GC 33 - b
Activities located within and/ or the vicinity of a Wild and Scenic River	See GC 33 - c
Some activities involving discharges of temporary fill material	See GC 33 - d
Activities involving blasting	See GC 33 - e
Activities involving living shoreline construction	See GC 33 - f
Activities located within the Saint John and Saint Croix River basins	See GC 33 - g
In Water Work Time of Year Windows and Restrictions	See GC 33 - h
Aquaculture (i.e. GP 48, Commercial Shellfish Mariculture Activities) activities greater than 5 acres	See GC 33 - i
Activities in vernal pools	See GC 33 - j
Additional aquatic resource protection	See GC 33 - k

(a) Additional Pre-Construction Notification Requirement (Specific Resources):

A Pre-Construction Notification is required for any proposed activities which would result in the permanent loss of waters of the U.S. exceeding the listed thresholds below for following aquatic resources:

<b>Aquatic Resource:</b>	<b>Threshold:</b>
Freshwater Wetlands	4,356 square feet (0.1 acre)
Tidal and Non-Tidal Stream:	200 linear feet or 0.03 acre (whichever is less)
Tidal Wetland	500 square feet (0.01 acre)
Tidal Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV)	25 square feet (0.0006 acre)
Mudflat	1,000 square feet (0.02 acre)
Intertidal	1,000 square feet (0.02 acre)

(b) Additional Pre-Construction Notification Requirement (Federal Projects):

A Pre-Construction Notification is required for any proposed activities which would involve the temporary or permanent occupation of, or alteration of, a federal project (including, but not limited to, a levee, dike, floodwall, channel, anchorage, breakwater, seawall, bulkhead, jetty, wharf, pier, or other work built or maintained but not necessarily owned by the United States). This includes all structures and work in, over, or under a Corps' federal navigation project (FNP) or in the FNP's buffer zone. The buffer zone is an area that extends from the horizontal limits of the FNP to a distance three times the FNP's authorized depth. The activity may also require review and approval by the Corps pursuant to 33 USC 408 (Section 408 Permission). The applicant may reach out to the points of contact listed here:

<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Section-408/> and consult the National Channel Framework mapper:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/b413139f18c046009ebcf62abea941dd/page/Map/>. For activities which require a Section 408 permission, verification under a GP will not be issued prior to the decision the Section 408 permission requires. Any structure or work constructed in an FNP, or its buffer zone shall be subject to removal at the owner's expense prior to any future Corps dredging or hydrographic surveys.

Applicants should contact the Corps Real Estate Division (i.e. <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Real-Estate-Division/>) at (978) 318-8585 for work that would occur on or would potentially affect a Corps property (or properties) and/or Corps-controlled easements. Work may not commence on Corps properties and/or Corps-controlled easements until they have received any required Corps real estate documents demonstrating site-specific permission to perform work.

A Pre-Construction Notification is not required if an applicant has previously obtained a Section 408 permission for their activities, and the activities qualify for a non-notifying GP.

(c) Additional Pre-Construction Notification Requirement (Wild and Scenic Rivers):

A Pre-Construction Notification is required under GC 16, Wild and Scenic Rivers, and for: 1) any proposed activities which would be located in and 0.25 mile up or downstream of a Wild and Scenic River (WSR) segment, or in tributaries within 0.25 mile of a WSR segment; 2) any proposed activities which would be located in wetlands within 0.25 mile of a WSR segment; and 3) any proposed activities that have the potential to alter free-flowing characteristics in a WSR segment. Applicants should utilize <http://www.rivers.gov/> for the most up-to-date WSR designations.

(d) Additional Pre-Construction Notification Requirement (Temporary Fills):

A Pre-Construction Notification is required for any proposed activities which would involve discharges of temporary fill (33 CFR 323.2(e) and (f)) greater than 0.1 acre to be left in place in non-tidal wetlands for more than one growing season. The growing season is defined as April 1 to September 30.

(e) Additional Pre-Construction Notification Requirement (Blasting):

A Pre-Construction Notification is required for any proposed activities which would involve blasting within waters of the U.S. associated with work such as dredging, trenching, pile installation, etc.

(f) Additional Pre-Construction Notification Requirement (GP 54 Living Shorelines):

A Pre-Construction Notification is required for any proposed activities which would involve maintenance to an existing living shoreline.

(g) Additional Pre-Construction Notification Requirement (Saint John and Saint Croix River basins):

A Pre-Construction Notification is required for any proposed work within the Saint John and Saint Croix River basins that requires approval of the International Joint Commission. In addition, a PCN is required if any temporary or permanent use, obstruction, or diversion of international boundary waters could affect the natural flow or levels of waters on the Canadian side of the boundary; or if any construction or maintenance of remedial works, protective works, dams, or other obstructions in waters downstream from boundary waters could raise the natural level of water on the Canadian side of the boundary.

(h) Additional Pre-Construction Notification Requirement (In Water Work Time of Year (TOY) Windows and Restrictions):

Work shall be completed in the dry to the extent possible (see General Condition 12 above: Soil Erosion and Sediment Controls above). The term “in water work” does not include conditions where the work site is “in the dry” (i.e. intertidal areas exposed at low tide stages or work behind cofferdams that are installed in the dry).

In water work (including physical alterations) within non-tidal waters, shall be conducted during the following TOY work windows (see below table) unless approval is obtained from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW) using this form: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>). If in water work cannot be completed during the TOY work window and no approval from IFW is obtained, then the project requires a Pre-Construction Notification and waiver from the District Engineer.

In water work (including physical alterations) within tidal waters, shall be conducted during the following TOY work windows (see below table) unless approval is obtained from the Maine Department of Marine Resources (DMR) through: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>). If in water work cannot be completed during the TOY work window and no approval from DMR is obtained, then the project requires a Pre-Construction Notification and waiver from the District Engineer.

	TOY Work Restriction	TOY Work Window
Non-tidal Waters	Oct. 2 to Jul. 14	Jul. 15 to Oct 1.
Tidal Waters	Apr. 16 to Nov. 14	Nov. 15 to Apr. 15

(i) Additional Pre-Construction Notification Requirement (GP 48, Commercial Shellfish Mariculture Activities):

A Pre-Construction Notification is required for any activities proposed under GP 48 which would install gear for a commercial shellfish operation within a site greater than 5 acres in size.

(j) Additional Pre-Construction Notification Requirement (Vernal pools):

A Pre-Construction Notification is required if a discharge of dredged or fill material is proposed within a vernal pool depression located within waters of the U.S (WOTUS). Please note the State of Maine may regulate vernal pools that the Corps does not.

(k) Additional Pre-Construction Notification Requirement (within State of Maine):

A Pre-Construction Notification is required if a discharge of dredged or fill material is proposed within any of the following aquatic resources or resource types identified as specifically important or rare within the State of Maine that warrant additional protections: (PENDING)

**34. Essential Fish Habitat (EFH):**

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act requires federal action agencies to consult with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for any action, or proposed action, that they authorize, fund or undertake that may adversely affect EFH.

Applicable EFH waters include: a) tidal waters (i.e., below mean high water or the high tide line as applicable); and b) non-tidal streams or waterbodies below the ordinary high water mark that support or historically supported diadromous fish. Reference Appendix E of the 2025 EFH Programmatic and any superseding versions thereof for guidance, which can be found on the Corps website (i.e. <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>). Adverse effects to EFH may occur directly or indirectly and may include site-specific or habitat-wide effects, including the individual and cumulative consequences of the action.

- (a) For activities that do not require a PCN as outlined in each GP, the permittee shall refer to the current EFH Programmatic to ensure additional conservation recommendations (CRs) are not required for their specific project. See Corps website for programmatic (i.e. <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>).
- (b) A pre-construction notification is required for activities that exceed the habitat-based thresholds that are included in part (a) above.
- (c) Activities not requiring a PCN will result in no more than minimal adverse effects, provided the permittee complies with all terms and conditions of the GP and any CRs in part (a) above as applicable to the activity. The NMFS (*has*)<sup>5</sup> granted general concurrence (50 CFR 600.920(g)) for all activities not requiring a PCN. These activities do not require project-specific EFH consultation.

**35. Invasive Species:**

The introduction, spread, or the increased risk of invasion of invasive plant or animal species on the project site, into new or disturbed areas, or into areas adjacent to the project site caused by the site work shall be prevented. Native, non-invasive vegetation must be used for revegetation unless otherwise authorized by the Corps, and shall not contain any species listed in Appendix K (“Invasive and Other Unacceptable Plant

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<sup>5</sup> Ongoing coordination is being completed with NFMS. Concurrence has not been granted at this time.

Species”) of the *New England District Compensatory Mitigation Standard Operating Procedures* (April 26, 2024) and any superseding versions thereof (<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Mitigation/>). Information about how to avoid the spread of invasive species can be found at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Invasive-Species>.

### **36. Emergency Provision:**

This provision is for temporary emergency measures that are required immediately to stabilize and/ or reopen access, but will be removed, restored or modified at later time. This provision covers structures or work in or affecting navigable waters of the U.S. and the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S., including wetlands, necessary for temporary repairs or protection measures associated with an emergency (as defined below). Temporary measures under this provision shall be limited to the minimum necessary to alleviate the immediate emergency and stabilize the situation in safe working order. Measures to eliminate imminent future failure or loss may be permissible.

If using this provision the applicant shall:

- (a) Contact the Corps Field Office Chief at least 48 hours in advance before temporary repairs are to be made to obtain approval (enforcement discretion) for use of this provision and receive avoidance and minimization measures that shall be implemented. Interagency coordination may be required at this time.
- (b) Submit an as built plan to the Corps within 10 days after the temporary repairs are implemented.
- (c) Submit a pre-construction notification for a permanent repair within 6 months of the temporary fill being placed.

An emergency, as determined by the Corps by the use of 33 CFR 325.2(e)(4), is one which would result in an unacceptable hazard to life, a significant loss of property, or an immediate, unforeseen, and significant economic hardship if corrective action requiring a Department of the Army permit is not undertaken within a time period less than the normal time to process the request under standard processing procedures. See Corps website emergency factsheet for appropriate contacts at:

<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory/state-general-permits/maine-general-permit/>).

### **37. General Permit Documentation On-Site:**

The permittee shall ensure that a copy of their verification letter (for notifying GPs only) and applicable GP with all applicable GCs are at the worksite whenever work is being performed, and that all personnel performing work are fully aware of its terms and conditions.

### **38. Abandonment:**

If the permittee decides to abandon the activity authorized by a GP, unless such abandonment is merely the transfer of property to another party, the permittee may be required to restore the area to the satisfaction of the Corps.

### **39. Expiration of Regional General Permits:**

If an RGP is not modified or reissued within five years of its effective date, it automatically expires and becomes null and void. Activities which have commenced (i.e., are under construction) or are under contract to commence in reliance upon an RGP will remain authorized provided the activity is completed within twelve months of the date of an RGP's expiration, modification, or revocation, unless discretionary authority has been exercised on a case-by-case basis to modify, suspend, or revoke the authorization. Activities completed under the authorization of an RGP which was in effect at the time the activity was completed continue to be authorized by that RGP.

## **Section V: District Engineer's Decision**

1. In reviewing the pre-construction notification for the proposed activity, the district engineer will determine whether the activity authorized by the Maine General Permit will result in more than minimal individual or cumulative adverse environmental effects or maybe contrary to the public interest. If a project proponent requests authorization by a specific General Permit, the district engineer should issue the General Permit verification for that activity if it meets the terms and conditions of that General Permit, unless he or she determines, after considering mitigation, that the proposed activity will result in more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse effects on the aquatic environment and other aspects of the public interest and exercises discretionary authority to require an individual permit for the proposed activity. For a linear project, this determination will include an evaluation of the single and complete crossings of waters of the United States that require pre-construction notifications to determine whether they individually satisfy the terms and conditions of the GP(s), as well as the cumulative effects caused by all of the crossings of waters of the United States authorized by a GP. If an applicant requests a waiver of an applicable limit, the district engineer will only grant the waiver upon a written determination that the RGP activity will result in only minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects.
2. When making minimal adverse environmental effects determinations the district engineer will consider the direct and indirect effects caused by the GP activity. He or she will also consider the cumulative adverse environmental effects caused by activities authorized by a GP and whether those cumulative adverse environmental effects are no more than minimal. The district engineer will also consider site specific factors, such as the environmental setting in the vicinity of the GP activity, the type of resource that will be affected by the GP activity, the functions provided by the aquatic resources that will be affected by the GP activity, the degree or magnitude to which the aquatic resources perform those functions, the extent that aquatic resource functions will be lost as a result of the GP activity (e.g., partial or complete loss), the duration of the adverse effects (temporary or permanent), the importance of the aquatic resource functions to the region (e.g., watershed or ecoregion), and mitigation required by the district engineer. If an appropriate functional or condition assessment method is available and practicable to use, that assessment method may be used by the district engineer to assist in the minimal adverse environmental effects determination. The district engineer may add activity-specific conditions to the RGP authorization to address site-specific environmental concerns.
3. If the proposed RGP activity requires a loss of waters greater than the thresholds outlined in the New England Compensatory Mitigation Guidance, the prospective permittee should submit a mitigation proposal with the pre-construction notification. Applicants may also propose compensatory mitigation for RGP activities with smaller impacts, or for impacts to other types of waters. However, compensatory mitigation shall not be required for activities authorized by RGP 27 because those activities must result in net increases in aquatic resource functions and services (see the text of RGP 27). The district engineer will consider any proposed compensatory mitigation or other

mitigation measures the applicant has included in the proposal when determining whether the net adverse environmental effects of the proposed RGP activity are no more than minimal. The compensatory mitigation proposal may be either conceptual or detailed. If the district engineer determines that the proposed activity complies with the terms and conditions of the RGP and that the adverse environmental effects are no more than minimal, after considering mitigation, the district engineer will notify the permittee and include any activity-specific conditions in the RGP verification the district engineer deems necessary. Conditions for compensatory mitigation requirements must comply with the appropriate provisions at 33 CFR 332.3(k). The district engineer must approve the final mitigation plan before the permittee commences work in waters of the United States, unless the district engineer determines that prior approval of the final mitigation plan is not practicable or not necessary to ensure timely completion of the required compensatory mitigation. If the prospective permittee elects to submit a compensatory mitigation plan with the pre-construction notification, the district engineer will expeditiously review the proposed compensatory mitigation plan. The district engineer must review the proposed compensatory mitigation plan and determine whether the proposed mitigation would ensure that the RGP activity results in no more than minimal adverse environmental effects. If the net adverse environmental effects of the RGP activity (after consideration of the mitigation proposal) are determined by the district engineer to be no more than minimal, the district engineer will provide a timely written response to the applicant. The response will state that the RGP activity can proceed under the terms and conditions of the RGP, including any activity-specific conditions added to the RGP authorization by the district engineer.

4. If the district engineer determines that the adverse environmental effects of the proposed RGP activity are more than minimal, then the district engineer will notify the applicant either:
  - (a) that the activity does not qualify for authorization under the RGP and instruct the applicant on the procedures to seek authorization under an individual permit;
  - (b) that the activity is authorized under the RGP subject to the applicant's submission of a mitigation plan that would reduce the adverse environmental effects so that they are no more than minimal; or
  - (c) that the activity is authorized under the RGP with specific modifications or conditions. Where the district engineer determines that mitigation is required to ensure no more than minimal adverse environmental effects, the activity will be authorized within the 45-day pre-construction notification review period (unless additional time is required to comply with general conditions 16, 18, 20, and/or 31), with activity-specific conditions that state the mitigation requirements. The authorization will include the necessary conceptual or detailed mitigation plan or a requirement that the applicant submit a mitigation plan that would reduce the adverse environmental effects so that they are no more than minimal. When compensatory mitigation is required, no work in waters of the United States may occur until the district engineer has approved a specific mitigation plan or has determined that prior approval of a final mitigation plan is not

practicable or not necessary to ensure timely completion of the required compensatory mitigation.

**Further Information:**

1. District engineers have authority to determine if an activity complies with the terms and conditions of an RGP.
2. RGPs do not obviate the need to obtain other federal, state, or local permits, approvals, or authorizations required by law.
3. RGPs do not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges.
4. RGPs do not authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.
5. RGPs do not authorize interference with any existing or proposed Federal project (see general condition 31).

## **SECTION VI: Definitions and Acronyms**

Best management practices (BMPs): Policies, practices, procedures, or structures implemented to mitigate the adverse environmental effects on surface water quality resulting from development. BMPs are categorized as structural or non-structural.

Compensatory mitigation: The restoration (re-establishment or rehabilitation), establishment (creation), enhancement, and/or in certain circumstances preservation of aquatic resources for the purposes of offsetting unavoidable adverse impacts which remain after all appropriate and practicable avoidance and minimization has been achieved.

Currently serviceable: Useable as is or with some maintenance, but not so degraded as to essentially require reconstruction.

Direct effects: Effects that are caused by the activity and occur at the same time and place.

Discharge: The term “discharge” means any discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

Ecological reference: A model used to plan and design an aquatic ecosystem restoration, enhancement, or establishment activity under RGP 27. An ecological reference may be based on: (1) the structure, functions, and dynamics of an aquatic ecosystem type or a riparian area type that currently exists in the region; (2) the structure, functions, and dynamics of an aquatic ecosystem type or riparian area type that existed in the region in the past; and/or (3) indigenous and local ecological knowledge that apply to the aquatic ecosystem type or riparian area type (i.e., a cultural ecosystem). Cultural ecosystems are ecosystems that have developed under the joint influence of natural processes and human management activities (e.g., fire stewardship). An ecological reference takes into account the range of variation of the aquatic habitat type or riparian area type in the region.

Enhancement: The manipulation of the physical, chemical, or biological characteristics of an aquatic resource to heighten, intensify, or improve a specific aquatic resource function(s). Enhancement results in the gain of selected aquatic resource function(s), but may also lead to a decline in other aquatic resource function(s). Enhancement does not result in a gain in aquatic resource area.

Establishment (creation): The manipulation of the physical, chemical, or biological characteristics present to develop an aquatic resource that did not previously exist at an upland site. Establishment results in a gain in aquatic resource area.

High Tide Line: The line of intersection of the land with the water’s surface at the maximum height reached by a rising tide. The high tide line may be determined, in the

absence of actual data, by a line of oil or scum along shore objects, a more or less continuous deposit of fine shell or debris on the foreshore or berm, other physical markings or characteristics, vegetation lines, tidal gages, or other suitable means that delineate the general height reached by a rising tide. The line encompasses spring high tides and other high tides that occur with periodic frequency but does not include storm surges in which there is a departure from the normal or predicted reach of the tide due to the piling up of water against a coast by strong winds such as those accompanying a hurricane or other intense storm.

**Historic Property:** Any prehistoric or historic district, site (including archaeological site), building, structure, or other object included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places maintained by the Secretary of the Interior. This term includes artifacts, records, and remains that are related to and located within such properties. The term includes properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization and that meet the National Register criteria (36 CFR part 60).

**Independent utility:** A test to determine what constitutes a single and complete nonlinear project in the Corps Regulatory Program. A project is considered to have independent utility if it would be constructed absent the construction of other projects in the project area. Portions of a multi-phase project that depend upon other phases of the project do not have independent utility. Phases of a project that would be constructed even if the other phases were not built can be considered as separate single and complete projects with independent utility.

**Indirect effects:** Effects that are caused by the activity and are later in time or farther removed in distance, but are still reasonably foreseeable.

**Loss of waters of the United States:** Waters of the United States that are permanently adversely affected by filling, flooding, excavation, or drainage because of the regulated activity. The loss of stream bed includes the acres of stream bed that are permanently adversely affected by filling or excavation because of the regulated activity. Permanent adverse effects include permanent discharges of dredged or fill material that change an aquatic area to dry land, increase the bottom elevation of a waterbody, or change the use of a waterbody. The acreage of loss of waters of the United States is a threshold measurement of the impact to jurisdictional waters or wetlands for determining whether a project may qualify for an RGP; it is not a net threshold that is calculated after considering compensatory mitigation that may be used to offset losses of aquatic functions and services. Waters of the United States temporarily filled, flooded, excavated, or drained, but restored to pre-construction contours and elevations after construction, are not included in the measurement of loss of waters of the United States. Impacts resulting from activities that do not require Department of the Army authorization, such as activities eligible for exemptions under section 404(f) of the Clean Water Act, are not considered when calculating the loss of waters of the United States.

Nature-based solutions: Actions to protect, sustainably manage, and restore natural or modified ecosystems, that address societal challenges effectively and adaptively, simultaneously providing human well-being and biodiversity benefits.

Navigable waters: Waters subject to section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. These waters are defined at 33 CFR part 329. Non-tidal wetland: A non-tidal wetland is a wetland that is not subject to the ebb and flow of tidal waters.

Non-tidal wetland: A non-tidal wetland is a wetland that is not subject to the ebb and flow of tidal waters. Non-tidal wetlands contiguous to tidal waters are located landward of the high tide line (i.e., spring high tide line).

Open water: For purposes of the RGPs, an open water is any area that in a year with normal patterns of precipitation has water flowing or standing above ground to the extent that an ordinary high water mark can be determined. Aquatic vegetation within the area of flowing or standing water is either non-emergent, sparse, or absent. Vegetated shallows are considered to be open waters. Examples of “open waters” include rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds. Ordinary High Water Mark: The term ordinary high water mark means that line on the shore established by the fluctuations of water and indicated by physical characteristics such as a clear, natural line impressed on the bank, shelving, changes in the character of soil, destruction of terrestrial vegetation, the presence of litter and debris, or other appropriate means that consider the characteristics of the surrounding areas.

Perennial stream: A perennial stream has surface water flowing continuously year round during a typical year.

Practicable: Available and capable of being done after taking into consideration cost, existing technology, and logistics in light of overall project purposes.

Pre-construction notification: A request submitted by the project proponent to the Corps for confirmation that a particular activity is authorized by nationwide permit. The request may be a permit application, letter, or similar document that includes information about the proposed work and its anticipated environmental effects. Pre-construction notification may be required by the terms and conditions of a nationwide permit, or by regional conditions. A pre-construction notification may be voluntarily submitted in cases where pre-construction notification is not required and the project proponent wants confirmation that the activity is authorized by nationwide permit. Preservation: The removal of a threat to, or preventing the decline of, aquatic resources by an action in or near those aquatic resources. This term includes activities commonly associated with the protection and maintenance of aquatic resources through the implementation of appropriate legal and physical mechanisms.

Preservation does not result in a gain of aquatic resource area or functions. Re-establishment: The manipulation of the physical, chemical, or biological characteristics of a site with the goal of returning natural/historic functions to a former aquatic resource.

Re-establishment results in rebuilding a former aquatic resource and results in a gain in aquatic resource area and functions.

Rehabilitation: The manipulation of the physical, chemical, or biological characteristics of a site with the goal of repairing natural/historic functions to a degraded aquatic resource. Rehabilitation results in a gain in aquatic resource function, but does not result in a gain in aquatic resource area.

Restoration: The manipulation of the physical, chemical, or biological characteristics of a site with the goal of returning natural/historic functions to a former or degraded aquatic resource. For the purpose of tracking net gains in aquatic resource area, restoration is divided into two categories: re-establishment and rehabilitation.

Riffle and pool complex: Riffle and pool complexes are special aquatic sites under the 404(b)(1) Guidelines. Riffle and pool complexes sometimes characterize steep gradient sections of streams. Such stream sections are recognizable by their hydraulic characteristics. The rapid movement of water over a coarse substrate in riffles results in a rough flow, a turbulent surface, and high dissolved oxygen levels in the water. Pools are deeper areas associated with riffles. A slower stream velocity, a streaming flow, a smooth surface, and a finer substrate characterize pools.

Riparian areas: Riparian areas are lands next to streams, lakes, and estuarine-marine shorelines. Riparian areas are transitional between terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, through which surface and subsurface hydrology connects riverine, lacustrine, estuarine, and marine waters with their adjacent wetlands, non-wetland waters, or uplands. Riparian areas provide a variety of ecological functions and services and help improve or maintain local water quality. (See general condition 23.)

Shellfish seeding: The placement of shellfish seed and/or suitable substrate to increase shellfish production. Shellfish seed consists of immature individual shellfish or individual shellfish attached to shells or shell fragments (i.e., spat on shell). Suitable substrate may consist of shellfish shells, shell fragments, or other appropriate materials placed into waters for shellfish habitat.

Single and complete linear project: A linear project is a project constructed for the purpose of getting people, goods, or services from a point of origin to a terminal point, which often involves multiple crossings of one or more waterbodies at separate and distant locations. The term "single and complete project" is defined as that portion of the total linear project proposed or accomplished by one owner/developer or partnership or other association of owners/developers that includes all crossings of a single water of the United States (i.e., a single waterbody) at a specific location. For linear projects crossing a single or multiple waterbodies several times at separate and distant locations, each crossing is considered a single and complete project for purposes of RGP authorization. However, individual channels in a braided stream or river, or

individual arms of a large, irregularly shaped wetland or lake, etc., are not separate waterbodies, and crossings of such features cannot be considered separately.

**Single and complete non-linear project:** For non-linear projects, the term “single and complete project” is defined at 33 CFR 330.2(i) as the total project proposed or accomplished by one owner/developer or partnership or other association of owners/developers. A single and complete non-linear project must have independent utility (see definition of “independent utility”). Single and complete non-linear projects may not be “piecemealed” to avoid the limits in an RGP authorization.

**Special Aquatic Sites (SAS):** means wetlands, mudflats, vegetated shallows, coral reefs, riffle and pool complexes, sanctuaries, and refuges as defined at 40 CFR 230.40 through 230.45 and 33 CFR 330.2.

**Stormwater management:** Stormwater management is the mechanism for controlling stormwater runoff for the purposes of reducing downstream erosion, water quality degradation, and flooding and mitigating the adverse effects of changes in land use on the aquatic environment. **Stormwater management facilities:** Stormwater management facilities are those facilities, including but not limited to, stormwater retention and detention ponds and best management practices, which retain water for a period of time to control runoff and/or improve the quality (i.e., by reducing the concentration of nutrients, sediments, hazardous substances and other pollutants) of stormwater runoff. **Stream bed:** The substrate of the stream channel between the ordinary high water marks. The substrate may be bedrock or inorganic particles that range in size from clay to boulders. Wetlands contiguous to the stream bed, but outside of the ordinary high water marks, are not considered part of the stream bed.

**Stream bed:** The substrate of the stream channel between the ordinary high water marks. The substrate may be bedrock, inorganic particles that range in size from clay to boulders. The substrate may also be comprised, in part, of organic matter, such as large or small wood fragments, leaves, algae, and other organic materials. Wetlands contiguous to the stream bed, but outside of the ordinary high water marks, are not considered part of the stream bed.

**Stream channelization:** The manipulation of a stream’s course, condition, capacity, or location that causes more than minimal interruption of normal stream processes. A channelized jurisdictional stream remains a water of the United States.

**Structure:** An object that is arranged in a definite pattern of organization. Examples of structures include, without limitation, any pier, boat dock, boat ramp, wharf, dolphin, weir, boom, breakwater, bulkhead, revetment, riprap, jetty, artificial island, artificial reef, permanent mooring structure, power transmission line, permanently moored floating vessel, piling, aid to navigation, or any other manmade obstacle or obstruction.

**Tidal wetland:** A tidal wetland is a jurisdictional wetland that is inundated by tidal waters. Tidal waters rise and fall in a predictable and measurable rhythm or cycle due to the

gravitational pulls of the moon and sun. Tidal waters end where the rise and fall of the water surface can no longer be practically measured in a predictable rhythm due to masking by other waters, wind, or other effects. Tidal wetlands are located channelward of the high tide line.

Tribal lands: Any lands title to which is either: 1) held in trust by the United States for the benefit of any Indian tribe or individual; or 2) held by any Indian tribe or individual subject to restrictions by the United States against alienation.

Tribal rights: Those rights legally accruing to a tribe or tribes by virtue of inherent sovereign authority, unextinguished aboriginal title, treaty, statute, judicial decisions, executive order or agreement, and that give rise to legally enforceable remedies.  
Vegetated shallows:

Vegetated shallows: Vegetated shallows are special aquatic sites under the 404(b)(1) Guidelines. They are areas that are permanently inundated and under normal circumstances have rooted aquatic vegetation, such as seagrasses in marine and estuarine systems and a variety of vascular rooted plants in freshwater systems.

Waterbody: For purposes of the RGPs, a waterbody is a “water of the United States.” If a wetland is adjacent to a waterbody determined to be a water of the United States, that waterbody and any adjacent wetlands are considered together as a single aquatic unit (see 33 CFR 328.4(c)(2)).