



WHY DO YOU NEED U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AUTHORIZATION?

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act – requires U.S. Army Corps of Engineers authorization for the discharge of dredge or fill material into waters of the U.S., including wetlands. (33 CFR 323)

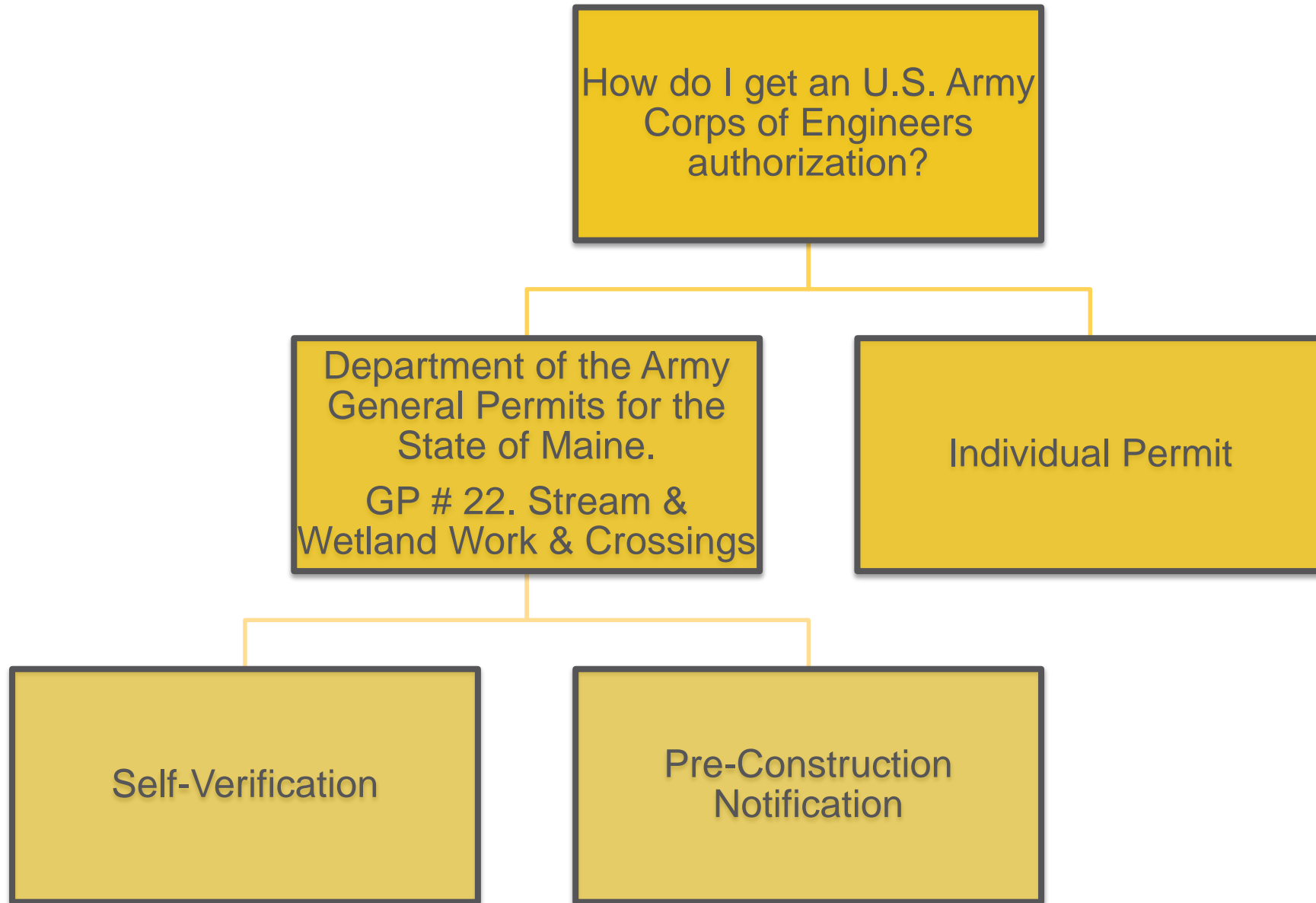
Applicant: General Public, State of Maine

Effective Date: October 14, 2020

Expiration Date: October 14, 2025

**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 23 General Permits (GPs), listed below, for activities subject to Corps jurisdiction in waters of the United States within the boundaries of the State of Maine including tribal lands, and in adjacent ocean waters to the seaward limit of the outer continental shelf. These GPs are issued in accordance with Corps regulations at 33 CFR 320 – 332 and specifically 33 CFR 325.2(e)(2). These GPs will protect the aquatic environment and the public interest while effectively authorizing activities that have no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects.





GP # 22. STREAM & WETLAND WORK & CROSSINGS

OCTOBER 14, 2020 - OCTOBER 14, 2025

Self-Verification

- Stream Smart concepts are required
- Expediate review of design

Pre-Construction Notification

- Requires written justification why Stream Smart concepts not applicable
- More intense review of design

Coordinate early with USACE staff, if you determine that the stream design cannot meet Stream Smart.



2025-2030 GENERAL PERMIT FOR STREAM CROSSINGS FUTURE EXPECTATIONS

- Stream Smart design will be expected for all crossings.
- There are discussions requiring a waiver for those crossings that don't meet Stream Smart design.
 - **Cost would not be considered as appropriate reason.**
- Mitigation may be required for crossings that don't meet Stream Smart design.

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EXEMPTIONS 33 CFR 323.4 (a)(6)

Construction or maintenance of farm roads, forest roads, or temporary roads for moving mining equipment.

- Construct and maintain according to BMPs to assure flow and circulation patterns and chemical and biological characteristics of waters of the U.S. are not impaired, that the reach is not reduced, and that any adverse effect on the aquatic environment is minimized



EXEMPTIONS (33 CFR 232)

Maintenance:

- Including emergency reconstruction of recently damaged parts, of currently serviceable structures such as riprap, bridge abutments, dams, causeways, etc.
- **Does not include modifications that change the character, scope, or size of the original fill design.**
- Must occur within a reasonable time after damage occurs



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