



# USACE Post-Helene Quick Permitting Guide



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has multiple roles and missions at home and abroad.

Staff in our **Asheville Regulatory Field Office** implements Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers & Harbors Act in a 26 County area of Western NC of which over 70% has been impacted by Tropical Storm Helene.

## No Permits Needed

There are many activities in streams, rivers and wetlands that don't even need our approval. Some examples include:

- debris/tree removal
- removing accumulated sediment
- certain bridges/spanning structures
- cutting vegetation

## Exemptions

During storm events, if previously existing structures in waters/wetlands are damaged, those can typically be replaced and are exempt from Clean Water Act permitting. More information about exemptions can be found in our Public Notices section of our website.

Our staff can confirm if your project would be exempt.

## Permits

Certain flood response activities within streams/wetlands may qualify for the following permits:

NWP 3. Maintenance

NWP 13. Bank Stabilization

NWP 14. Linear Transportation  
Projects

NWP 37. Emergency Watershed  
Protection and Rehab

NWP 45. Repair of Uplands  
Damaged by Discrete  
Events

Alternative (Emergency) permit processing procedures have been authorized and can be used for certain circumstances.

Our office determines if your project would qualify as an Emergency request.

## Questions?

Please provide the following:

- Name
- Contact Information
- Summary of Concern
- Project Location
- Pictures or Drawings (if available)

## When in Doubt...Reach Out



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