

FILING/PERMIT APPLICATION	COMMON REGULATORY THRESHOLDS
ANRAD	Required when seeking approval of BVW boundary lines prior to proposing work or designing a project.
CG Permit	<p>Required for work in commercially navigable (includes historic usage) or tidal waterways where there is a change in the hydraulic opening of the bridge.</p> <p>STURAA Approval may be granted to coastal bridge projects with federal funds allocated towards construction where the navigational opening remains unchanged and where vessels 21 feet or greater do not pass under the bridge.</p>
CH 91 License	<p>Bridge projects subject to the Footprint Bridge Exemption are exempt from CH 91.</p> <p>Maintenance projects are exempt from CH 91.</p> <p>CH 91 applies to all waterways including Great Ponds (10 or more acres in size), the Connecticut River, sections of the Westfield River, non-tidal portions of the Merrimack River and any non-tidal river or stream on which public funds have been expended for stream clearance, channel improvement, or any form of flood control or prevention work, either upstream or downstream within the river basin, except for any portion of any such river or stream which is not normally navigable during any season by any vessel including a canoe etc. and work in all filled tidelands except landlocked tidelands and all filled lands lying below the natural high water mark of Great Ponds.</p> <p>Activities requiring a license include any construction, placement, excavation, addition, improvement, replacement, reconstruction, demolition or removal of any fill or structures, not previously authorized.</p>
CH 91 Permit	<p>Activities requiring a permit include beach nourishment and dredging within jurisdictional areas.</p> <p>Lowering the water level of a Great Pond.</p>
ENF	<p>Widening 4 feet or more for a half mile or more.</p> <p>Cutting 5 or more mature living public shade trees (not trees within State Highway Layout) 14" or more in diameter @ breast height.</p> <p>Altering bank or terrain 10 ft or more from the edge of pavement for 1/4 mile or more except for the installation of structures such as sidewalks, drainage systems, etc.</p> <p>Work in an ACEC.</p> <p>Altering 5,000 sf or more of BVW.</p> <p>Eliminating 300 linear feet of stone wall.</p> <p>Provided that a permit is required in accordance w/MGL c 21D, new capacity or expansion in capacity for the storage, recycling, treatment or disposal of hazardous waste.</p> <p>Creation of 5 or more acres of impervious area.</p> <p>Direct alteration of 25 or more acres of land.</p> <p>Conversion of land in active agricultural use to nonagricultural use.</p> <p>Conversion of land held for natural resources purposes in accordance with Article 97.</p> <p>Construction of 300 or more new parking spaces at a single location.</p>
EIR	<p>Constructing a new road 2 or more miles in length.</p> <p>Widening an existing road by 1 or more travel lanes for 2 or more miles.</p> <p>New interchange on a completed limited access highway.</p> <p>Requiring a variance from the WPA.</p> <p>Altering 1 or more acres of Salt Marsh or BVW.</p> <p>Altering 10 or more acres of other wetlands.</p> <p>Altering 50 or more acres of land.</p> <p>Creating 10 or more acres of impervious area.</p>
MCZM Concurrence	Work in water within the coastal zone when at least a PGP II or a Coast Guard Permit is required. Also will require concurrence when MEPA thresholds are triggered.

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NOI	Under the WPA, required when proposing direct activity in or impact to resource areas subject to protection, including BVW, LUW, Bank, RFA, BLSF, ILSF, etc.
	The NOI is a 1 page form which the contractor must complete and file with EPA at least 48 hours prior to the start of construction.
NPDES	The National Pollution Discharge and Elimination Systems Program is administered by EPA and requires the filing of an NOI and the preparation of a SWPPP for projects involving construction projects with 1 or more acres of earth disturbance.
PGP I	Under 5,000 s.f. of cumulative impacts to Waters of the U.S.
	Instream work limited to July 1 to October 1.
	Maintenance dredging less than 1,000 c.y. not in a Special Aquatic Site.
	No impacts to Special Aquatic Sites or Essential Fish Habitat.
PGP II	Over 5,000 s.f. but under 1 acre of cumulative impacts to Waters of the U.S.
	Maintenance dredging greater than 1,000 c.y. but less than 25,000 c.y. not in a Special Aquatic Site.
	Work within the confines of a Wild and Scenic River.
	Temporary fill and excavation up to 1 acre in Special Aquatic Sites including salt marsh. Work in Essential Fish Habitat.
Individual ACOE Permit	Over 1 acre of impacts to Waters of the U.S.
	Maintenance dredge over 25,000 c.y. or any amount in a Special Aquatic Site.
	Permanent fill or excavation (any amount) in Special Aquatic Sites such as salt marsh, mudflats, pools and riffles, and vegetated shallows.
Programmatic 4(f)	Programmatic 4(f) Evaluations & Approvals for FHWA Projects that Necessitate the Use of an Historic Bridge. <i>Note: NFA NR Eligible historic bridge projects requiring a CG Permit will need an Individual 4(f) Evaluation and Approval.</i>
RDA	Required when work/activity will occur within 100 feet from the edge of BVW, LUW, Bank etc. or sometimes within Riverfront Area especially 100-200 feet from a perennial stream or river.
SWPPP	As of March 1, 2003, any construction project resulting in earth disturbance of 1 or more acres must file a NOI and a SWPPP concurrently with EPA in accordance with the NPDES requirements. The SWPPP is generally a list of best management practices to be used during construction in order to control erosion and sediment transport.
WQC	If under 5,000 s.f. of cumulative impacts, WQC is considered automatic with the issuance of an OOC.
	Over 5,000 s.f. of cumulative impacts.
	Over 100 c.y. of dredging.
	Any impacts associated with Bridge Projects that are exempt from the WPA.
	Work within an ORW. Any work requiring an Individual ACOE permit.
WQC SF	Expedited 42 day DEP review and permit issuance on Footprint Bridge projects may be sought provided certain criteria are met and provided DEP agrees to the expedited review.
Variance from the WPA	Non Limited projects with over 5,000 s.f. of impacts to BVW.
	Direct impacts to salt marsh or work within 100 feet of a salt marsh that will directly impact the salt marsh.