

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES  
ONE NATURAL RESOURCES WAY  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62702-1271

STATEWIDE PERMIT NO. 7

AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF OUTFALLS

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Statewide Permit is to authorize the construction of outfall structures and drainage ditch outlets which have insignificant impact on those factors under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources. It is no longer necessary to submit applications to, or obtain individual permits from, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources for activities meeting the specified terms and conditions of this permit. If a project would not meet all of the terms and conditions of this permit, a formal permit application must be submitted.

**APPLICABILITY**

This permit applies to all outfall structures and drainage ditch outlets on all Illinois rivers, lakes and streams under the Department's jurisdiction except Lake Michigan and those in Lake, McHenry, Cook, DuPage, Kane and Will Counties for which regulatory floodways have been designated pursuant to 17 Illinois Administrative Code 3708. This permit does not apply to projects which conflict with a federal, state or local project or improvement, or with any other rule of the Department.

**COORDINATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES**

This permit does not supersede nor relieve any permittee's responsibility to obtain other federal, state or local permits. The local (county or municipal) regulatory official and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' regulatory functions office should be contacted to obtain any required permits.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

In order to be authorized by this permit, an outfall structure or drainage ditch outlet must meet the following special conditions.

1. An outfall structure, including any headwall or end-section, shall not extend riverward or lakeward of the existing adjacent natural bank slope or adjacent bank protection.

2. The velocity of the discharge shall not exceed the scour velocity of the channel soil, unless channel erosion would be prevented by the use of riprap or other design measures.
3. Outlets from drainage ditches shall not be opened to a stream until the ditch is vegetated or otherwise stabilized to minimize stream sedimentation.
4. Disturbance of streamside vegetation shall be kept to a minimum during construction to prevent erosion and sedimentation. All disturbed floodway areas, including the stream banks, shall be restored to their original contours and seeded or otherwise stabilized upon completion of construction.

### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

1. This permit is granted in accordance with the Rivers, Lakes and Streams Act, 615 ILCS 5 (1996 State Bar Edition).
2. This permit does not convey title to any permittee or recognize title of any permittee to any submerged or other lands, and furthermore, does not convey, lease or provide any right or rights of occupancy or use of the public or private property on which the project or any part thereof will be located, or otherwise grant to any permittee any right or interest in or to the property whether the property is owned or possessed by the State of Illinois or by any private or public party or parties.
3. This permit does not release the permittee from liability for damage to persons or property resulting from any activity covered by this permit and does not authorize any injury to private property or invasion of private rights.
4. This permit does not relieve the permittee of the responsibility to obtain other federal, state or local authorizations required for the construction of the permitted activity; and if the permittee is required by law to obtain approval from any federal or other state agency to do the work, authorization granted by this permit is not effective until the federal and state approvals are obtained.
5. The permittee shall, at his own expense, remove all temporary piling, cofferdams, false work, and material incidental to the construction of the project from the floodway in which the work is done. If the permittee fails to remove such structures or materials, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources may have removal made at the expense of the permittee. If the activity is on a public body of water and if future need for public navigation or public interests, by the state or federal government, necessitates changes in any part of the structure or structures, such changes shall be made by and at the expense of the permittee or permittee's successors as required by the Department of Natural Resources or other properly constituted agency, within sixty (60) days from receipt of written notice of the necessity from the Department or other agency, unless a longer period of time is specifically authorized.

6. If any activity authorized by this permit is located in or along a meandered lake, the permittee and the permittee's successors shall make no claim whatsoever to any interest in any accretions caused by the project.
7. In issuing this permit, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources does not approve the adequacy of the design or structural strength or improvement authorized by this permit.
8. This Statewide Permit shall remain in effect until such time as it is modified, suspended, or revoked by the Department of Natural Resources.

This Statewide Permit was issued on August 1, 1986 and last modified or corrected June 15, 1998.

APPROVED:

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