

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
BUREAU OF WATERWAYS ENGINEERING and WETLANDS  
DIVISION OF WETLANDS, ENCROACHMENTS AND TRAINING**

**STANDARDS FOR CHANNEL CLEANING AT BRIDGES AND CULVERTS**

1. A work schedule which includes a written description of each structure, a description of the proposed work and a map showing each project location shall be submitted concurrently to the Department of Environmental Protection, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, and the Conservation District of the county in which the project is located not less than 30 days in advance of initiating work. The work schedules shall be submitted to the appropriate Department of Environmental Protection Regional Office listed on Exhibit B and to the appropriate Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Regional Headquarters listed on Exhibit A.

Addresses for County Conservation Districts may be obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection or may be found in local telephone directories.

2. The owner shall notify the appropriate Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's Regional Headquarters (Exhibit A) and the appropriate County Conservation District 10 days in advance of starting work each time at any location identified in the proposed work schedule. Notification by postcard is suggested.
3. The work schedule shall be in the possession of the person in charge on the site whenever work is being performed. The project description and limits must be clearly indicated on the work schedule.
4. No work may be done in stocked trout streams between March 1 and June 15 except for emergencies. Emergency work must be approved by the Department of Environmental Protection in consultation with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.
5. Work in the stream channel shall be limited to 50 feet upstream and 50 feet downstream from the bridge or culvert. In addition, work should be accomplished by working from the stream banks. In those cases where this is not possible, the operation of equipment in the water is to be minimized.
6. Channels may be excavated to a width no greater than the width of the normal low flow channel immediately upstream and downstream of the bridge or culvert. The remainder of the channel width shall be maintained as an elevated flood plain and may be excavated only to six inches above water level at the time of work.
7. Material removed shall be disposed of at a location which precludes re-entry into the stream and in a manner which does not obstruct flood flows in the floodway. If material removed from the stream is needed for backfill or bank restoration, it should be faced to the ordinary high water level with riprap suitably sized according to the anticipated stream velocity. All disturbed areas above the level of the riprap must be stabilized or seeded. Excess excavated material shall not be deposited in any wetland, river, lake, water course, floodway, or other regulated waters of the Commonwealth without first applying for and receiving the written permit of the Department of Environmental Protection.
8. Tree and shrub growth on stream banks shall not be disturbed unless absolutely necessary.
9. If an access road is constructed, stormwater diversion shall be provided to assure that water will not flow along the access road directly into the stream or the work area.
10. Erosion and sediment pollution control measures must be properly implemented and closely monitored to minimize erosion and prevent sediment from entering the stream channel.

11. Where it is necessary for construction equipment to cross the stream, a temporary stream crossing shall be provided by the permittee for this purpose unless the stream flow is shallow and the stream bed consists of solid or nonerodible material. The temporary crossing must be authorized by and comply with the conditions of General Permit BDWM-GP-8, Temporary Road Crossings. Any fill material provided for temporary crossings shall be clean granular material and entire fill shall be kept to an absolute minimum elevation to avoid obstructing flood flows and creating backwater flooding condition upstream. The owner is responsible for any damages resulting from the obstruction of flood flows by this temporary stream crossing. Upon completion of the project, the temporary crossing shall be removed in its entirety and the disturbed areas restored to their original condition. Copies of, and authorization to use, BDWM-GP-8 are available from the Department offices listed on Exhibit B.
12. The Department shall have the discretion to require a separate individual permit application to be submitted for any project or portion thereof, which the Department determines to have a potential significant effect on safety or protection of life, health, property, or the environment.
13. Any repairs or maintenance involving modification of the structure from its original specifications and any repairs or reconstruction or replacement involving a substantial portion of the structure shall require the prior written permit of the Department.

## EXHIBIT A

**Regional Headquarters Address****County Responsibility****Northwest Region**

Regional Manager  
11528 Highway 98  
Meadville, PA 16335-7320  
814-337-0444

Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Lawrence,  
Mercer, Venango and Warren

**Southwest Region**

Regional Manager  
236 Lake Road  
Somerset, PA 15501-1644  
814-445-8974

Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Cambria, Fayette,  
Greene, Indiana, Somerset, Washington and  
Westmoreland

**Northcentral Region**

Regional Manager  
595 East Rolling Ridge Drive  
Bellefonte, PA 16823  
814-359-5250

Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Jefferson,  
Lycoming, McKean, Montour, Northumberland,  
Potter, Snyder, Tioga and Union

**Southcentral Region**

Regional Manager  
1704 Pine Road  
Newville, PA 17241  
717-486-7087

Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cumberland, Dauphin,  
Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lebanon,  
Mifflin, Northumberland (Mahatango Creek in  
Jordan and Lower Mahanoy Townships only),  
Perry and York

**Southeast Region**

Regional Manager  
P.O. Box 9  
Elm, PA 17521  
717-626-0228

Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster,  
Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia  
and Schuylkill

**Northeast Region**

Regional Manager  
5566 Main Road  
Sweet Valley, PA 18656  
570-477-5717

Bradford, Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne,  
Monroe, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne and  
Wyoming

**PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION continued**

**DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

595 East Rolling Ridge Drive, Bellefonte, PA 16823-9620  
814-359-5147

**DIVISION OF FISHERIES MANAGEMENT**

595 East Rolling Ridge Drive, Bellefonte, PA 16823-  
9620  
814-359-5110

**DIVISION OF FISHERIES MANAGEMENT**

595 East Rolling Ridge Drive, Bellefonte PA 16823-9620  
814-359-5147

**BUREAU OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Aids to Navigation Coordinator  
P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106717-705-7861

**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC AND MUSEUM COMMISSION**

**BUREAU FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 2nd Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0093  
717-783-8946

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**BUREAU OF FORESTRY ECOLOGICAL SERVICES SECTION**

P.O. Box 8552, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8852  
717-787-3444

**EXHIBIT B**

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS DISTRICT  
OFFICES AND  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REGIONAL OFFICES**

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS DISTRICT OFFICES**

<b>Ohio River Basin Portions of Lake Erie and Genesee River Basins Located in PA</b>	<b>Susquehanna River Basin</b>	<b>Delaware River Basin</b>
Pittsburgh District Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch Federal Building, 20 <sup>th</sup> Floor 1000 Liberty Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15222  Phone: 412-395-7155 Fax: 412-644-4211	Baltimore District Corps of Engineers Pennsylvania Field Office 1631 South Atherton Street, Suite 101 State College, PA 16801  Phone: 814-235-0570 Fax: 814-235-0576	Philadelphia District Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch Wanamaker Building 100 Penn Square East Philadelphia, PA 19107  Phone: 215-656-6725 Phone: 215-656-6729 (to report violations) Fax: 215-656-6724

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REGIONAL  
OFFICES**

***General Permit Registrations associated with oil and gas activities -***

The General Permit Registration form and other associated documents must be sent to the appropriate DEP Bureau of Oil and Gas Management, Surfaces Permitting Section, Regional Office listed below.

**Bureau of Oil and Gas Management  
Surfaces Permitting Section**

**County Responsibility**

**Northwest Regional Office**

230 Chestnut Street  
 Meadville, PA 16335  
 (814) 332-6860

Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest,  
 Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Venango  
 and Warren

**Southwest Regional Office**

400 Waterfront Drive  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4745  
 Westmoreland(412) 442-4024

Allegheny, Beaver, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Somerset,  
 Washington and

**Eastern Regional Office**

208 W. Third Street, Suite 101  
 Williamsport, PA 17701  
 (570) 974-2602

Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Bradford, Bucks, Carbon,  
 Cameron, Centre, Chester, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia,  
 Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Franklin, Fulton,  
 Huntingdon, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lancaster,  
 Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mifflin, Monroe,  
 Montgomery, Montour, Northampton,  
 Northumberland, Perry, Philadelphia, Pike, Potter,  
 Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga,  
 Union, Wayne, Wyoming and York

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REGIONAL OFFICES continued*****General Permit Registrations not associated with oil and gas activities –***

The General Permit Registration form and other associated documents must be sent to the appropriate delegated County Conservation District (see Exhibit C). This process does not apply to GP-11 or GP-15, which are sent to the DEP Regional Offices.

If the County Conservation District has not been delegated responsibility under the Chapter 105 program the General Permit Registration form and other associated documents must be sent to the appropriate DEP Permitting and Technical Service Section, Regional Office listed below.

<b>Permitting and Technical Services Section</b>	<b>County Responsibility</b>
<b>Northwest Regional Office</b>	
230 Chestnut Street Meadville, PA 16335 (814) 332-6984	Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Venango and Warren
<b>Southwest Regional Office</b>	
400 Waterfront Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4745 Westmoreland(412) 442-4315	Allegheny, Beaver, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Somerset, Washington and
<b>Northcentral Regional Office</b>	
208 W. Third Street, Suite 101 Williamsport, PA 17701 (570) 327-0529	Bradford, Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga and Union
<b>Southcentral Regional Office</b>	
909 Elmerton Avenue, Second Floor Harrisburg, PA 17110 Lebanon, (717) 705-4802	Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster,  Mifflin, Perry and York
<b>Northeast Regional Office</b>	
2 Public Square Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711-0790 (570) 826-2511	Carbon, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming
<b>Southeast Regional Office</b>	
2 East Main Street PhiladelphiaNorristown, PA 19401 (484) 250-5970	Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and