



Florida's State Programmatic General Permit (SPGP)

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What is SPGP?

- **Programmatic general permit issued by the Corps to the state**
- **Allows state to verify applicant's qualification for federal authorization along with issuance of the state authorization**
- **Permit contains limitations, exclusions, and project design criteria based on equivalent state authorizations, Corps requirements, and the Jacksonville District's Programmatic Biological Opinion (NMFS)**



SPGP Considerations

- **Reduces duplication between federal and state/tribal agencies**
- **Often faster than applying to Corps**
- **Good customer service**
- **Limited to minor activities**
- **Permit review considerations**



Project Categories

- **Current (SPGP V-R1)**
 - **Shoreline stabilization**
 - **Boat ramps**
 - **Docks, piers, associated facilities, and other minor piling-supported structures**
 - **Derelict vessel removal**
 - **Scientific devices**
- **Past**
 - **Maintenance dredging**
 - **Upland to upland directional drilling**
- **Previously Considered**
 - **Limited wetland fill (on hold for 404 effort)**
 - **Idea modeled on Programmatic General Permit SAJ-111**



SPGP vs. Assumption

Consideration	SPGP	Assumption
Permitting Authority	Corps	State/Tribe
Federal Laws	Section 404 CWA, Section 10 RHA	Section 404 CWA
Enforcement Responsibility	Corps	State/Tribe
Scope	General Permit type activities (activities substantially similar in nature and cause only minimal individual and cumulative impacts)	All dredge and fill activities within assumed waters
Expiration	Must be re-issued every 5 years	Program does not expire
Area covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If state/tribe does not have assumption, can be in any WOTUS, subject to conditions/exclusions If state/tribe has assumption, can only be within retained waters 	Only within assumed waters



Resources

- **Jacksonville District Regulatory Division Sourcebook**
- **<https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/SPGP/>**
- **<https://floridadep.gov/water/submerged-lands-environmental-resources-coordination/content/federal-permits-and-coordination>**



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