

Housing work

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The Corps of Engineers is considering the issuances of general permits for construction activities in wetlands at 26 Native villages in Alaska. Roads and driveways and gravel pads for private residences and other structures could be built under terms of the permits.

Regional housing authorities serving the villages plan to construct private dwellings and utility services for local residents. The proposed permits would allow the placement of fills for such facilities. Work of similar nature and size could be done by the general public without additional authorization.

Southeastern Alaska communities affected by the proposed actions would include Port Graham, English Bay, Nikolski, Quzinski, Tatitlek, and Port Lions. Permits are being considered for the interior Alaska villages of Northway, Nulato, Kaltag, and Tanana. Other sites include Akutan, Atka, and Unalaska in the Aleutians, Noatak and Kivalina in northwestern Alaska, and Levelock, Egegik, Aleknagik, and Clark's Point in the Bristol Bay area. In the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, the communities of Aniak, Alakanuk, Atmautluak, Nightmute, Akolmut, Tuluksak, and Kipnuk would be affected.

Each general permit would expire five years from its date of issuance unless specifically revoked or extended. Only work in wetlands would be addressed, and activity in other waters of the United States would require separate permits.

The permit proposals will be evaluated in terms of their impact on the general public interest. Economic, environmental and other relevant factors will be considered. Anyone wishing to offer comments regarding the permit proposals should write to the Alaska District, Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Regulatory Functions Branch, P.O. Box 7002, Anchorage, Alaska 99510. Comments should be mailed in time to reach the District Office no later than August 11.