

Missouri River Flood Task Force Regulatory/Permitting Work Group

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Interagency group consisting of 8 Federal Agencies, 2 State Agencies, & 2 Partners/Contributors

Goal:

To very quickly provide consistent, concise and clear guidance to flood victims that improves the efficiency and responsiveness of the regulatory/permitting processes for flood recovery activities in order to accelerate recovery from the 2011 Missouri River Flood.



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Accomplishments:

- 7-state NRCS Farm Bill Wetland Compliance Guidance
- FHA determined Categorical Exclusions covered their needs
- FWS 2011 Flood Recovery Guidance
- EPA Categorical Exclusions List by Agency for each type of recovery activity
- COE district by district Post Flood Fact Sheets for Section 404
- NPS Wild and Scenic Rivers Act Guidance
- Regulatory/Permitting Contact Sheet that provides public with federal and state contacts within each state for IA, KS, MO, SD, ND, MT, WY & NE
- Pre-Flood Disaster Preparedness Information
- All information posted on website: <http://www.nwd-mr.usace.army.mil/rcc/MRFTF/regulatory.html>



Current Status

- Work Group in 'Stand-By' mode
- Quarterly calls to ensure no action currently required by group
- All work products provided to Silver Jacket or similar group for their use



Future Challenges

- Develop more consistency in the interpretations and/or guidance, especially from state to state and from district to district
- Ensure Regional permits are in place to streamline authorization of necessary work (Federal, State, and local levels)
- Ensure response plans are updated

