



**US Army Corps
of Engineers** ®
Fort Worth District

Public Notice

From: US Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District

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The purpose of this public notice is to inform you of an addition to our Regulatory webpage (www.swf.usace.army.mil/regulatory). Under Site Navigation we have a new topic for Enforcement which provides general information along with a link to our Violation Report Form. This form may be used to report alleged violation activities of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the River and Harbors Act. We request that you fill out the form as fully as possible and mail it to our office along with location maps and any other attachments, such as photos, which can assist in our investigation. Along with our field personnel, we rely on members of the public and other Federal, State and Local agencies to obtain information regarding possible unauthorized activities. We hope that you will continue to participate in this process.

Regulatory Program

Since its early history, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has played an important role in the development of the nation's water resources. Originally, this involved construction of harbor fortifications and coastal defenses. Later duties included the improvement of waterways to provide avenues of commerce. An important part of our mission today is the protection of the nation's waterways through the administration of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program.

Section 10

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is directed by Congress under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403) to regulate *all work or structures in or affecting the course, condition or capacity of navigable waters of the United States*. The intent of this law is to protect the navigable capacity of waters important to interstate commerce.

Section 404

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is directed by Congress under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344) to regulate the *discharge of dredged and fill material into all waters of the United States, including wetlands*. The intent of the law is to protect the nation's waters from the indiscriminate discharge of material capable of causing pollution and to restore and maintain their chemical, physical and biological integrity.

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ENFORCEMENT

Performing work in waters of the United States and/or their adjacent wetlands without prior authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) can have serious consequences. Work can include placing fill in waters of the U.S. and/or work (such as dredging) or construction of a structure in navigable waters. Enforcement actions can also be initiated due to failure to comply with the terms and conditions of a valid USACE permit.

Enforcement is an important part of the regulatory program. USACE surveillance activities are often aided by State and Federal agencies, groups, and individuals. Once a violation is determined, we can prescribe corrective action, impose fines, and/or prescribe removal of the offending fill, work or structure. When deemed appropriate certain cases may be referred to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the U.S. Attorney for criminal or civil action.

If you suspect a violation please print out and complete our [Alleged Violation Report Form](#). Please provide ALL available information which we can use to initiate an investigation. For best results we ask that you also furnish maps, photographs, and any other information pertinent to the alleged violation. If you wish to remain anonymous, please state this in your communication. Mail this information to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District
Regulatory Branch, Room 3A37
P.O. Box 17300
Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300



US Army Corps of Engineers Fort Worth District, Regulatory Branch ALLEGED VIOLATION REPORT FORM

Please complete this form as accurately and completely as possible. Date of Report: _____
You may attach extra pages as needed.

Alleged Violator Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Description of Work: (Circle) *Filling Dredging Road Construction Stream Diversion* Other: (Describe)

(attach pictures, _____
if available) _____

Purpose of Work (if known): _____

Equipment used: (e.g., backhoe, bulldozer, dump truck, etc) _____

Material Discharged: (Circle) *Dirt Gravel Rocks Concrete Trees* Other: _____

Location Information: _____

(attach map and _____
mark site location) _____

Latitude/Longitude: _____ Waterway Name: _____

Date work began, if known: _____ Is work ongoing? _____

Any additional information which may be helpful: (including other Federal, State or local agencies contacted)

Do you wish to remain anonymous? YES / NO Are you available for additional questions? YES / NO
You do not have to fill out this portion if you wish to remain anonymous and do not wish to be contacted.

Your Name & Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Mail to: **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, Regulatory Branch, Room 3A37
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