



US Army Corps of Engineers®

Rock Island District

WHEN PERMITS ARE NEEDED FOR FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIRS IN IOWA (Rock Island District)

As the floodwaters recede in Iowa, we become aware of the damages resulting from high water. Many of the damages are on high ground and will not require permits under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' authorizations. However, some repairs must be permitted by the Corps.

Repair of Structures. If repairs involve replacement of a previously authorized, currently serviceable, structure or fill to its pre-disaster condition, the work is authorized by Nationwide Permit 3 (NWP 3). Written verification from the Corps is not required.

Removal of Flood-Deposited Sediment and Debris. If the removal involves flood deposited sediment and debris from the Des Moines, Mississippi, or Missouri Rivers, you are required to file an application and receive a response from the Corps of Engineers. This type of work is limited to an area within 200 feet of an existing structure. All excavated material must be deposited and retained in an upland, non-wetland location. Permits will not be needed from the Corps if work does not involve the above rivers or flood-deposited sediment and debris is not returned or placed in any water of the United States, including wetlands.

Restoration of Altered Streams. If stream channels have completely changed course due to current year's flooding, or if a secondary channel has scoured out on the flood plain, the area may be restored to the pre-flood conditions under NWP 27. Restored stream banks should be protected with riprap or water-tolerant vegetation. Written verification from the Corps is required.

Restoration of Upland Areas. If discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States are necessary to restore upland areas lost because of the flooding, the work is authorized under NWP 45. Property lost through gradual erosion may not be reconstructed under this nationwide permit. Written verification from the Corps is required.

Work on Federal Lands. Individuals proposing any work on federal land should contact the Rock Island District Real Estate office at (309) 794-5208 to determine what permissions are needed before commencing work. If the federal land is located along the Missouri River, please contact the Omaha District Real Estate office at (402) 995-2838.

Nationwide Permit Terms and Conditions. All terms and conditions for the above Nationwide Permits are included in the Fact Sheets available at <http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory>. Select the Nationwide Permit section for Iowa. Application forms and instructions are also available at this website. To be authorized by the current set of nationwide permits, any work must commence, or be under contract to commence, prior to March 14, 2026 and must be completed by March 14, 2027.

Other. For projects that need authorization but cannot be authorized under a NWP, authorization may be granted under other expedited permitting procedures. These might include Regional Permit 27 (Iowa) or other emergency procedures. All terms and conditions for the above Regional Permit are available at <http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory>.

Questions. Should you have any questions about Corps permits please contact us via one of the following ways:

Phone: 309-794-5057

Email: iowaregulatory@usace.army.mil

Address: Rock Island District, ATTN: Regulatory Branch, P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, Illinois 61204.

*If your project involves work in the **Missouri River**, please contact the Omaha District at (402) 896-0896.