



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DIVISION, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
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CEMVD-PD-OD

19 August 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, New Orleans District, ATTN: CEMVN-OD-SC

SUBJECT: Request for Emergency Permit Procedures

1. Reference memorandum, CEMVN-OD-SC, 19 August 2016, subject as above (encl).
2. Concur in your request as described in the above-referenced memorandum. You are authorized to implement emergency procedures.
3. My point of contact is Ms. Tonya Acuff.

Encl

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Chief, Operations Division

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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, Mississippi Valley Division, ATTN: CEMVD-PDKM/  
Ms. Tonya Acuff, P.O. Box 80, Vicksburg, MS 39181-0080

SUBJECT: Request for Emergency Permit Procedures

1. Extensive damage to public and private infrastructure and facilities occurred as a result of the recent flood event across south Louisiana. As of 16 August 2016, twenty (20) parishes in the region have received Major Disaster Declaration from the federal government (see enclosure). As immediate cleanup occurs, cities and parishes are beginning damage assessments estimates in accessible areas. Because the two states are rich in waters and wetlands, much of the repair work will likely occur in wetlands and other waters of the U.S.

The expanse of wetland resources and the extent of damage is likely to significantly increase the number of requests for permits under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and/or Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for the cleanup and temporary/permanent repair of flood damaged roads, bridges, culverts and other facilities directly related to the disaster. Much of this cleanup and necessary repairs may involve work in waters of the U.S. including wetlands within the New Orleans District. Due to the nature of the expected corrective actions, some regulated work will need to be undertaken within a time period less than the normal standard procedures process timeframes.

2. Pursuant to 33 CFR 325.2(e)(4), we are requesting approval to implement special processing procedures for emergency situations. These special procedures would be used to process emergency permits for reconstruction and repair work resulting from the event. We believe this is necessary especially to repair public transportation infrastructure to protect the safety of the public and/or unforeseen economic hardship if permits are not rapidly evaluated and processed. I emphasize that this authority is requested to address only those activities directly related to this specific storm event.

3. We propose that, to the maximum extent possible, activities will be processed pursuant to the New Orleans District Regional General Permits (RGP) and Programmatic General Permits (PGP) that are currently in effect and the Nationwide Permits (NWP) program. For those activities that cannot reasonably be processed under a RGP, PGP, or NWP, we propose the following evaluation procedures:

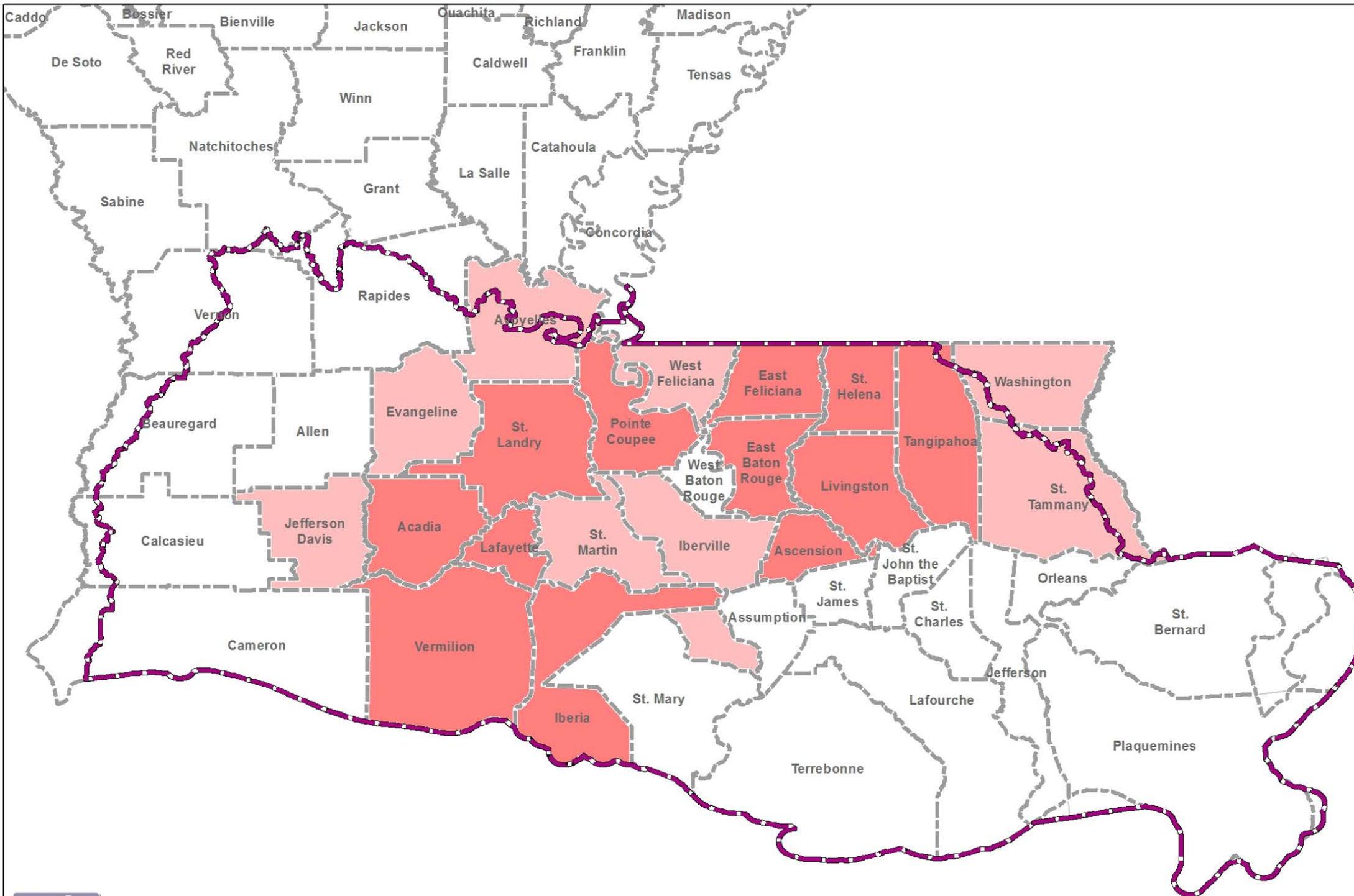
a. All emergency permit requests will be carefully screened by Regulatory Project Managers who will determine if the proposed activity is the result of an emergency situation and cannot await the time necessary for processing of an individual permit.

b. If an activity is judged to be an emergency and a RGP, PGP, or NWP does not apply, a description of the activity, project location, and the approximate amount of waters and/or wetlands to be impacted will be transmitted via telephone, fax, or email to representatives of the Federal and State permit review and certifying agencies.

- c. The Corps will coordinate all activities with Federal agencies via e-mail or telephone to assure them that their referral prerogatives detailed in agreements entered into pursuant to Section 404(q) remain in full force and effect and will be honored.
  - d. A Corps representative will discuss proposed activities with Federal and State agency representatives by telephone, if necessary. Comments will be taken by telephone if agreeable to the agency, and will be immediately documented by notes. Telephone comments will be followed by faxed or mailed written comments to the maximum possible extent.
  - e. Agency comments, including Section 401 Water Quality Certifications and Coastal Management CZMA certifications, will be requested within 12 hours of the notification and if possible, a permit decision will be made within 24-48 hours of the request.
4. We are in the process of contacting the appropriate Federal, State, local and/or tribal agencies regarding the coordination process described above.
5. We are also pursuing the possibility that the Federal and State permit review and certifying agencies establish a POC for all requests under these emergency permit procedures and also pursuing the possibility of the State issuing general 401 certifications or Coastal Management certifications or waiving these certifications in some cases.
6. Appropriate measures will be taken to notify the public of these emergency procedures if approved.
7. Implementation of the above procedures is considered essential to the effective administration of our permit program in the areas impacted by the flood event. I believe this process will be of considerable benefit to the public and will protect our valuable water and wetland resources in the New Orleans District. I am requesting authorization to implement these emergency procedures under the provisions of 33 CFR 325.2(e)(4) for a period not to exceed 180 days.
8. If there is any additional information required or if there are questions regarding this process, please contact Mr. Martin S. Mayer, Chief of the Regulatory Branch, at (504)862-2255.

MICHAEL N. CLANCY  
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Commanding

# New Orleans District Emergency Declarations Map



### Point of Contact

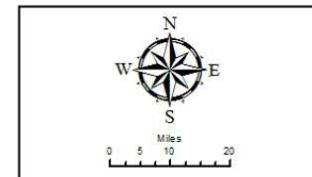
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### Legend

#### FEMA Declarations by County

##### SUMMARY ASSISTANCE TYPE

- Individual Assistance
- Individual and Public Assistance
- No Assistance
- New Orleans District
- Parish Boundary



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