



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
502 8TH STREET
HUNTINGTON, WV 25701-2018

April 24, 2026

Regulatory Division
North Branch
LRH-2023-00395-OHR

NATIONWIDE PERMIT NO. 3 REVERIFICATION

John Slone
Pike County Engineer
502 South Pike Street
Waverly, Ohio 45690

Dear John Slone:

I refer to the pre-construction notification (PCN) prepared on your behalf by CTL Engineering, Incorporated, and received in this office on June 2, 2023, and the reverification request received on April 22, 2026, concerning the PIK-CR72-00.54, California Pike Bridge Replacement project. The project area is located within the McDowell Creek-Little Scioto River watershed, 12-digit Hydrologic Unit Code 050901030504. The project site is located in Beaver, Pike County, Ohio at 38.960405 latitude, -82.844233 longitude. Specifically, the project is located at one (1) span bridge over an unnamed tributary (UNT) to Glade Run, an indirect tributary to the Ohio River, a traditional navigable water of the United States. We have assigned the following file number to your PCN: LRH-2023-00395-OHR. Please reference this file number on all future correspondence related to this subject proposal.

The United States Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) authority to regulate waters of the United States is based on the definitions and limits of jurisdiction contained in 33 CFR Part 328 and 33 CFR Part 329. Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (Section 404) requires a DA permit be obtained prior to discharging dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands. Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (Section 10) requires a DA permit be obtained for any work in, on, over or under a navigable water.

The proposed project, as described in the submitted information, has been reviewed in accordance with Section 404 and Section 10. Based on your description of the proposed work, and other information available to us, it has been determined that this project will not involve activities subject to the requirements of Section 10. However, this project will include the discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States subject to the requirements of Section 404.

In the submitted PCN materials received in this office on May 9, 2023, and in the reverification request received on April 22, 2026, you have requested a DA authorization to permanently discharge 174 cubic yards of dredged and/or fill material into 94 linear feet (0.02 acre) of one (1) stream (UNT to Glade Run) in association with the replacement of an existing bridge. The project entailed the replacement of an existing single span steel beam bridge with a 34-foot long, 10-foot (clear span) by eight (8) foot precast concrete box culvert and the installation of rock channel protection to the upstream and downstream ends of the culvert to provide bank stabilization. The project will be completed as proposed in the PCN materials received on May 9, 2024 and the reverification requested received on April 22, 2026.

Based on the provided information, it has been determined the proposed discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States in conjunction with the construction of the PIK-CR72-00.54, California Pike Bridge Replacement project meets the criteria for Nationwide Permit (NWP) No. 3, Maintenance (enclosed), under the January 8, 2026 Federal Register (FR), Reissuance and Issuance of NWPs (91 FR 768) provided you comply with all terms and conditions of the enclosed material, including the general Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification granted by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and the enclosed special conditions. Please be aware this NWP verification does not obviate the requirement to obtain any state or local assent required by law for the activities.

This verification is valid until the expiration date of the NWPs, unless the NWP authorization is modified, suspended, or revoked. The verification will remain valid if the NWP authorization is reissued without modification or the activity complies with any subsequent modification of the NWP authorization. All of the existing NWPs are scheduled to be modified, reissued, or revoked on March 15, 2031. Prior to this date, it is not necessary to contact this office for re-verification of your project unless the plans for the proposed activity are modified. Furthermore, if you commence or under contract to commence this activity before March 15, 2031, you will have twelve (12) months from the date of the modification or revocation of the NWP to complete the activity under the present terms and conditions of this NWP.

A copy of the NWP and this verification letter must be kept at the site during construction. Upon completion of the activities authorized by this NWP verification, the enclosed certification must be signed and returned to this office. A copy of this letter will be provided to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Zack Abbott of the North Branch at 304-399-5210, by mail at the above address, or by email at jonathan.z.abbott@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,



Teresa D. Spagna
Chief, North Branch

Enclosures

cc (via email):

Anna Kamnyev and Rachel Secrest, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

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1. All work will be conducted in accordance with the submitted pre-construction notification for the PIK-CR72-00.54, California Pike Bridge Replacement Project received in this office on May 9, 2023, and a reverification requested received in this office on April 22, 2026.
2. Enclosed is a copy of Nationwide Permit 3, which will be kept at the site during construction. A copy of the nationwide permit verification, special conditions, and the submitted construction plans must be kept at the site during construction. The permittee will supply a copy of these documents to their project engineer responsible for construction activities.
3. The downstream and upstream segments of the unnamed tributary to Glade Run, outside of the bridge replacement and associated rock channel protection activities, which are to be avoided, must be clearly indicated on site drawings, demarcated in the field and protected with suitable materials prior to site disturbance to protect this resource from inadvertent impacts beyond those which are authorized. These materials must remain in place and be maintained throughout the maintenance dredging activities. Appropriate site-specific best management practices for sediment and erosion control will be fully implemented during maintenance dredging activities at the site. Construction activities will be performed during low flow conditions to the greatest extent practicable.
4. Upon completion of the activity authorized by this Nationwide Permit 3 verification, the enclosed certification must be signed and returned to this office along with as-built drawings showing the location and configuration, as well as all pertinent dimensions and elevations of the activity authorized under this Nationwide Permit 3 verification.
5. No area for which grading has been completed will be unseeded or unmulched for longer than 14 days. All disturbed areas will be seeded and/or revegetated with native species and approved seed mixes (where practicable) after completion of construction activities for stabilization and to help preclude the establishment of non-native invasive species.

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6. Should new information regarding the scope and/or impacts of the project become available that was not submitted to this office during our review of the proposal, the permittee will submit written information concerning proposed modification(s) to this office for review and evaluation, as soon as practicable.
 7. In the event any previously unknown historic or archaeological sites or human remains are uncovered while accomplishing the activity authorized by this nationwide permit authorization, the permittee must cease all work in waters of the United States immediately and contact local, state and county law enforcement offices (only contact law enforcement on findings of human remains), the Corps at 304-399-5210 and Ohio State Historic Preservation Office at 614-298-2000. The Corps will initiate the Federal, state, and tribal coordination required to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act and applicable state and local laws and regulations. Federally recognized tribes are afforded a government-to-government status as sovereign nations and consultation is required under Executive Order 13175 and 36 CFR Part 800.
 8. The project site lies within the range of the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*). Several factors have contributed to the decline of the species, including habitat loss, fragmentation of habitat and the disease White Nose Syndrome. During winter, the bat species hibernates in caves and abandoned mines. Suitable summer habitat for the Indiana bats consists of a wide variety of forested/wooded habitats where they roost, forage, and travel and may also include some adjacent and interspersed non-forested habitats such as emergent wetlands and adjacent edges of agricultural fields, old fields and pastures. This includes forests and woodlots containing potential roosts (i.e., live trees and/or snags \geq three [3] inches diameter at breast height (dbh) that have any exfoliating bark, cracks, crevices, hollows and/or cavities), as well as linear features such as fencerows, riparian forests, and other wooded corridors. These wooded areas may be dense or loose aggregates of trees with variable amounts of canopy closure. Individual trees may be considered suitable habitat when they exhibit the characteristics of a potential roost tree and are located within 1,000 feet (305 meters) of other forested/wooded habitat. The permittee will preserve wooded/forested habitats exhibiting any of the characteristics listed above wherever possible. Should suitable habitat be present that cannot be saved during construction activities, any trees \geq three (3) inches dbh will only be cut between October 1 - March 31.
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