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# Spencer Fane Team Examines Key Changes in Army Corps' 2026 Nationwide Permits in Law360

Spencer Fane attorneys Brianna Mathias and Jessica Merrigan authored the article What's Changed In Army Corps' Reissued Nationwide Permits, recently published by *Law360*.

In the article, which was originally a firm blog post, the team examines the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' reissued nationwide permits, highlighting key changes and clarifications in the 2026 final rule. They discuss modifications to general conditions, preconstruction notice requirements, and specific permits as well as the legal implications, emphasizing continued district-level discretion, the need for careful interagency coordination, and steps project proponents should take to maintain compliance and minimize regulatory risk.

"With respect to newly added notes encouraging coordination with the Coast Guard and the National Ocean Service, commenters raised concerns that the notes shift responsibility for information sharing from the Corps to permittees," the team wrote. "In response, the Corps clarified that permittees are not required to wait for a response from these agencies before submitting a PCN, and that district engineers should not delay PCN review based on the engagement of other agencies."

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