GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION FORM C
Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401

Clear Form

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Associated Federal Agency License or Permit:

☐ Army Corps of Engineers
☐ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
☐ Other: _____

Federal Permit or License No. _____

Reviewed by: _____
Title: _____
Date Request for Certification Received: _____
RPOT: _____

CERTIFICATION ACTION:

☐ Certification ☐ Certification with Conditions
☐ Denial ☐ Expressly Waived

DISCHARGE OF DREDGED MATERIAL OR FILL IN WETLANDS AND OTHER INLAND SURFACE WATERS CATEGORIZED AS WATERS OF THE U.S. (WOTUS)

Instructions:

1. Activities covered by this certification request form include wetland dredging, filling, construction of bridges, walkways, culverts and other structures in wetlands streams or rivers, mitigation/creation projects, restoration activities, utility trenching and pole placements, and other similar activities in wetlands.

2 When addressing the following items, be sure to answer all questions. If the item is not applicable or the response is none, indicate as much and provide a brief explanation why. If there are incomplete items the certification request form will be returned.

3. When references are made to supporting documents, studies, previous permit actions or other information, they must be identified by document name and date. All pertinent references used to support this certification request must be provided.

4. The applicant should use this form; however, a similar format may be used and must include each question (item) found in this form.

Applicant Information

1a. Applicant and Address: _____
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1b. Agent/Representative and address: _____
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2. Project Name and Location: _____
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3. Provide a copy of the Guam Wetland Development Permit for this project or a statement from the Department of Land Management as to the reasons why a permit was otherwise not required.

4. If this project is mitigation (restoration, enhancement or creation), explain how existing wetland functions/uses will be improved or maintained. What benefits will result from this project with regard to existing wetland functions (especially water quality)?
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5. Are there any special environmental protection requirements identified at this time?
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Project Description

6. Describe the structure(s) and/or activity, and proposed dredging, discharge or fill required in wetlands, streams or rivers. Include an accurate description of the physical, biological, chemical and any other characteristics of the dredging, discharge, or fill and the location(s) where such activities will occur in Guam Waters or wetlands.

a. description of the structure(s) or activity (provide a facility or project site plan):
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b. description of construction actions, methodology, and operation of the project:

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c. description of physical, biological, chemical, quantity and other characteristics of dredge material, discharge or fill:_____
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d. location(s) at which such activities will occur in Guam Waters (Note: Provide in site plan): _____
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7. Describe any alternative(s) considered for the project and the reasons for not selecting those alternatives. Would any of the alternatives pose fewer or less intense environmental impact(s) or consequences?

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Water Quality Maintenance and Treatment

8. Provide a description of the function(s) and operation of all equipment, facilities, or activities employed to contain or treat material being removed or placed in wetlands. Specify the degree of or level of treatment or control expected to be attained.

a. describe the function(s) of equipment, protection measures or facility employed to control or treat dredge or fill material:_____
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b. specify the degree or level of control, protection or treatment expected:

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9. Provide the date(s) on which the activity will begin and end (estimate if necessary), and the dates on which discharge or fill will take place. (Note: A project or construction schedule would be useful)

a. date(s) on which the activity will begin and end: _____
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b. date(s) on which discharges will take place: _____
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Water Quality Monitoring

10. Provide a description and location(s) (plan) of the methods being used or proposed to monitor water quality and characteristics of the discharge and the operation of equipment or facilities employed in the treatment, protection or/and control of wastes, erosion sedimentation or effluent.

a. describe the methods to be used to monitor water quality: _____
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b. description of methods used to monitor characteristics of the discharge or fill:

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c. describe the operation of equipment used: _____
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11. Identify the individual(s) responsible for monitoring plan development, implementation and monitoring:

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Water Classification, Assurances and Beneficial Uses

12. Describe the classification of the Guam's Waters and the associated recreational uses, if any, at the location(s) of discharge or fill and state whether the basic water quality criteria and the applicable water quality standards will be met.

a. describe the classification and recreational uses of Guam's Water at the discharge:

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b. state whether the basic water quality criteria and applicable water quality standards will or are expected to be met (if criteria and standards will be met complete item c. below):

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c. provide a signed assurance statement by the applicant that, "There is reasonable assurance that the activity will be conducted in such a manner which will not violate applicable water quality standards.":

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Supporting Documentation

13. Check and submit all applicable supporting plans and documents as identified below (as attachments). **The Agency may require additional documentation prior to Section 401 Water Quality Certification or as a condition of certification which may include any of the following:**

a. ___ Construction Drawing/Plans
b. ___ Wetland Delineation Map with site of project components included
c. ___ Specifications
d. ___ Environmental Baseline Survey (marine, freshwater aquatic, or adjacent upland)
e. ___ Environmental Protection Plan (EPP)
f. ___ Water Quality Monitoring Plan (WQMP)
g. ___ Environmental Impact Assessment/Statement (EIA/EIS)
h. ___ Mitigation/restoration plans

Comments on the status of above documents:

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14. Explain any irregularities, recent disturbances (natural or man caused), unique features and/or expected cumulative affects that may influence water quality conditions or wetland characteristics adjacent to or within the project site:

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If you require assistance in completing this certification form, you may call Guam EPA Environmental Monitoring and Analytical Services (EMAS) Division at (671) 588-4751.