

## 2025-2030 Regional General Permit 401 Certification Quick Reference

The 401 Notification is “for the record only” unless the project meets one of the following thresholds.

An Individual Water Quality Certification will be required if any of these conditions are met.

### Classification (Streams & Buffers)

Any permanent impacts to streams or open waters designated as:  
ORW (including SAV), HQW (including PNA), SA, WS-I, WS-II, Trout, NC or National Wild & Scenic River.

Any impacts to subject water bodies and/or state regulated riparian buffers in the:  
Neuse, Tar-Pamlico, or Catawba River Basins or in the  
Randleman Lake, Jordan Lake or Goose Creek Watersheds, unless:  
i. The activities are listed as “EXEMPT” or “DEEMED ALLOWABLE” or  
ii. A Buffer Authorization Certificate is issued by the NC Division of Coastal Management.

### Stream Impacts

**Total permanent impacts** to intermittent and/or perennial streams greater than 300 lf per stream.

**Excavation or Dredging:** Any impacts to streams from excavation or dredging other than excavation that is conducted as preparation for installing permanent fill or structures.

**Restoration or Relocation:** Any stream restoration or relocation (other than stream relocations that are conducted for the purpose of proper culvert installation, alignment, protection, repair or maintenance where the relocation length is equal to or less than 150 feet in length and the relocated stream is designed and installed based on current natural channel techniques).

### Wetland Impacts

**Total permanent** impacts to wetlands equal to or greater than 0.1 acre.

**Total temporary** impacts to wetlands equal to or greater than 0.5 acre.

**Any permanent** impacts to coastal wetlands equal to or greater than 750 square feet.

Any impacts to Unique Wetlands.