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NCDOT and the Regulatory Request System



What is the Regulatory Request System?

The system is designed to handle ALL requests to the USACE, including:

- Project Scoping Requests
- Delineation / Jurisdictional Determination Requests
- Permits

The presentation is focused on the Permitting aspect of the RRS.

RRS is now “Live” for NCDOT for the following actions:

- **Nationwide Permit Applications**
- **Regional General Permit Applications**
- **Nationwide Permit Reverifications**

Guidance, process, and procedure documents are currently in development for the remaining functions in RRS.

Stay tuned for additional guidance and information.

Resources: NCDOT RRS User's Guide

The screenshot displays the NCDOT RRS User's Guide interface. On the left, a navigation menu lists various steps, with 'General Project Information' highlighted. The main content area is divided into two panels. The left panel shows the 'General Project Information' form with fields for Project Name, Project Description, Project Purpose, and Nature of Activity. The right panel, titled 'Step 5 - General Project Information', provides detailed guidance for each field. A red arrow points from the 'Project Purpose' field in the left panel to the corresponding guidance in the right panel.

Project Name
You can either copy/ paste the Project Name from the "Start a New Request" section, or provide the same information in sentence format (see example on left).

Project Description
An expanded description of the project.

Project Purpose
Purpose and Need of Project:
Bridge: To replace a bridge that is in poor condition and has reached the end of its useful life.
Other project: Specific purpose and need as found in the NEPA/SEPA Document.

Nature of Activity
Details such as, a 20-foot, 2 span bridge will be replaced with a 60-foot, single span bridge.

- This step by step guidance was developed with the USACE and NC DWR to help provide standard responses or procedures for NCDOT projects for each RRS question or topic.
- It is formatted to display each step from the RRS Site on the left side of the page, and the corresponding guidance for a response on the right side of the page.
- The document is frequently updated and resides at the ECAP website.

Key Points

RRS is a Nationwide system.

NCDOT has several unique elements that requires us to make a “once size fits all” system work for our needs.

To this end:

- Don't let RRS questions/ elements be a barrier.
Answer as appropriately as possible and continue on. (Think 15 minute WAM or SAM assessment.)
Your Corps rep can make appropriate edits on their end.
As RRS continues to improve, and we will continue to refine guidance.
- You may find the need to provide supplemental information for ESA topics.
- Entering wetland and stream impact values is cumbersome. Please reference the table on page 19 of the User's Guide.
This table is a “translation” for NCDOT's most common impact activities and displays how to place these impacts in RRS.
- DWR is not yet fully integrated into RRS. Additional processing steps are required. Those steps are outlined on Page 27, and there is also a video on the ECAP website that illustrates this process.

Procedure change: NCDOT applications must be “Certified, Signed, and Submitted” [the last RRS step] by an NCDOT employee. Anyone may start and develop the request, but the final step must be completed by an NCDOT employee with signatory authority on behalf of NCDOT.