

Regional Categorical Permission Alteration Description – 1. Agriculture and Landscaping

The Regional Categorical Permission covers a variety of standard agricultural and landscaping activities associated with site improvements, including animal grazing, installation of temporary and permanent irrigation lines, site grading, landscaping associated with existing buildings and structures, orchard installation and cultivation, and planting and cultivation of row crops. The total area of work for the proposed alteration must not exceed 350 acres for agricultural activities or 5 acres for landscape activities. Coverage for agricultural activities under the Regional Categorical Permission is limited to work on land previously used for agriculture (fallow fields, row crops, and so forth) and does not cover conversion to cultivated land.

Animal grazing is not allowed during periods of prolonged rain. No livestock are permitted to be penned or corralled on a levee. No sheds, structures, or troughs are allowed on a levee embankment or within 15 feet of the toe of the landward most flood risk management structure. Grazing practices must be discontinued if there is excessive damage to a levee.

Native grasses (maximum 12 inch height) are acceptable on levees from a flood risk management perspective. Orchards, flower gardens, and vegetable gardens are not permitted within 15 feet of the levee toe.

The USACE may request that noncompliant vegetation as well as all roots more than a one-half inch in diameter be removed from the levee easement. Holes caused by removal of vegetation must be backfilled with suitable material and compacted in 4–6-inch lifts to at least the same density as the adjacent undisturbed soil.

Regional Categorical Permission Alteration Checklist – 1. Agriculture and Landscaping

Note: The following checklist is intended for planning purposes only and includes information that USACE reviewers look for when considering a Section 408 request for agriculture and landscaping under the Regional Categorical Permission. To be reviewed under the Regional Categorical Permission, the proposed project must adhere to all requirements of the Regional Categorical Permission, including the full alteration description (see previous page). The plans and narrative project description should reflect this information.

<input type="checkbox"/> New Installation <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Authorize Existing
Total area of work is ≤ 350 acres for agricultural activities or ≤ 5 acres for landscape activities: <input type="checkbox"/> Reference: [Click to enter document source. Example – plan sheet (p. 4), specs, report.] Comment: [Click to enter rationale, explanation, unique situation, etc.]
All work will be in land previously used for agriculture (fallow fields, row crops, etc.): <input type="checkbox"/> Reference: [Click to enter document source. Example – plan sheet (p. 4), specs, report.] Comment: [Click to enter rationale, explanation, unique situation, etc.]
There will be no conversion to cultivated land: <input type="checkbox"/> Reference: [Click to enter document source. Example – plan sheet (p. 4), specs, report.] Comment: [Click to enter rationale, explanation, unique situation, etc.]
No proposed penning or corralling of livestock on the levee: <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Reference: [Click to enter document source. Example – plan sheet (p. 4), specs, report.] Comment: [Click to enter rationale, explanation, unique situation, etc.]
No sheds, structures, or troughs on the levee or within 15 feet of levee toes: <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Reference: [Click to enter document source. Example – plan sheet (p. 4), specs, report.] Comment: [Click to enter rationale, explanation, unique situation, etc.]
No orchards, flower gardens, or vegetable gardens within 15 feet of levee toes: <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Reference: [Click to enter document source. Example – plan sheet (p. 4), specs, report.] Comment: [Click to enter rationale, explanation, unique situation, etc.]
Holes caused by removal of vegetation to be backfilled with suitable material and compacted in 4- to 6-inch lifts to at least the same density as the adjacent undisturbed soil: <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Reference: [Click to enter document source. Example – plan sheet (p. 4), specs, report.] Comment: [Click to enter rationale, explanation, unique situation, etc.]

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Hydraulic blockage calculation $\geq 1\%$?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Reference: [Click to enter document source. Example – plan sheet (p. 4), specs, report.]		
Comment: [Click to enter rationale, explanation, unique situation, etc.]		

Hydraulic model used for hydraulic analysis?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Reference: [Click to enter document source. Example – plan sheet (p. 4), specs, report.]		
Comment: [Click to enter rationale, explanation, unique situation, etc.]		

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RCP Eligibility Review

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Add'l. Info Requested</u>		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering Reviewer: _____	Date: Click date