

DO I NEED A LAND AND WATER INTERFACE PERMIT?

PROCESS TO DETERMINE IF YOU NEED A JOINT PERMIT APPLICATION

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Water Resources Division (WRD) has developed the “[EGLE/USACE-Joint Permit Application](#)” that covers permit requirements for construction activities where the land meets the water.

Follow the decision process below or in the attached flowchart to determine if your project(s) require a joint permit:

STEP 1. Will the project be on or near a land/water interface, which includes, but is not limited to a:

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| Lake | Pond | Floodplain | Swamp | Creek |
| River | Dam | Drain | Shoreline | Marshland |
| Great Lake | Wetland | Ditch | Stream | |

- If yes, continue to **STEP 2**.
- If no, will the project be in a high risk erosion and/or critical dune area, or in a designated environmental area(s)?
 - A. If yes, the project **REQUIRES A JOINT PERMIT**.
 - B. If no, the project **DOES NOT REQUIRE A JOINT PERMIT**.

STEP 2. Will materials including, but not limited to, concrete, tree stumps, dirt, sand, and soil be dug up, moved, graded, dredged, excavated, an/or used as fill?

- If yes, the project **REQUIRES A JOINT PERMIT**.
- If no, continue to **STEP 3**.

STEP 3. Will a dock, pier, buoy(s) boat well, boat hoist/lift, boardwalk, fence, or deck be built, repaired, or replaced?

- If yes, the project **REQUIRES A JOINT PERMIT**.
- If no, continue to **STEP 4**.

STEP 4. Will a seawall, bulkhead, revetment, riprap, or groin be built, repaired, or replaced?

- If yes, the project **REQUIRES A JOINT PERMIT**.
- If no, continue to **STEP 5**.

STEP 5. Will intake or outlet pipes or discharge structures be laid, repaired, or replaced?

- If yes, the project **REQUIRES A JOINT PERMIT**.
- If no, continue to **STEP 6**.

- STEP 6.** Will a wall, breakwater, water fountain, bubbler, or other structural foundation be built or set up?
- If yes, the project **REQUIRES A JOINT PERMIT.**
 - If no, continue to **STEP 7.**
- STEP 7.** Will you be creating a new, or expanding or drawing down an existing lake, pond, or storm water treatment basin?
- If yes, the project **REQUIRES A JOINT PERMIT.**
 - If no, continue to **STEP 8.**
- STEP 8.** Will you be building a new, or maintaining, repairing, or replacing an existing driveway, bridge, or culvert?
- If yes, the project **REQUIRES A JOINT PERMIT.**
 - If no, continue to **STEP 9.**
- STEP 9.** Will a dam, embankment, dike, spillway, or other structural control be built, repaired, altered, and or removed?
- If yes, the project **REQUIRES A JOINT PERMIT.**
 - If no, continue to **STEP 10.**
- STEP 10.** Will utilities, such as, but not limited to septic systems, sewers, water mains, cabled, and or pipelines be laid?
- If yes, the project **REQUIRES A JOINT PERMIT.**
 - If no, continue to **STEP 11.**
- STEP 11.** Are you constructing, modifying, and/or expanding a new or existing marina?
- If yes, the project **REQUIRES A JOINT PERMIT.**
 - If no, an EGLE/USACE joint permit may not be needed. However, if the project will impact any area(s) where land meets water, but is not mentioned above, be sure to contact staff at the appropriate [district office](#) where the project will occur before initiating the activity.

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