



Post-Storm Sandy Coastal Permitting Fact Sheet

The DEEP's Office of Long Island Sound Programs (OLISP) regulates all activities conducted in tidal wetlands and in tidal, coastal or navigable waters in Connecticut under the Structures, Dredging and Fill Act (Conn. Gen. Statutes (CGS) Sec. 22a-359 - 22a-363f, inclusive) and the Tidal Wetlands Act (CGS Sec. 22a-28 - 22a-35, inclusive) and in accordance with the Connecticut Coastal Management Act (CGS Sec. 22a-90 - 22a-112, inclusive).

The statewide authorizations described below have been issued to conduct debris removal and repair work to structures damaged by Hurricane Sandy. The work performed must conform to the terms and conditions specified in each authorization. Municipal authorization may also be required to conduct the work specified in these state authorizations. Please contact your local Building Official and/or Planning and Zoning Department prior to conducting any activities.

Furthermore, these state authorizations only provide permission, not funding, to perform work. Any funding questions should be directed to your Town Hall or FEMA.

The following statewide **Temporary Authorizations** have been issued for temporary repairs:

- **Temporary Authorization #TA-10-2012-1** has been issued to cover temporary measures to abate imminent threats of failure and to remove storm-related debris. A copy of the authorization, which expires on January 24, 2013, is posted on the DEEP website.
- **Temporary Authorization #TA-Sandy-10-2012-2** has been issued to cover the use of equipment to replace clean sand that was displaced from beaches as a result of the storm. A copy of the authorization, which expires on January 28, 2013, is posted on the DEEP website.
- **Temporary Authorization #TA-Sandy-10-2012-4** has been issued to cover the use of equipment to replace stones from seawalls and revetments which were displaced as a result of the storm. A copy of the authorization, which expires January 28, 2013, is posted on the DEEP website.

Emergency Authorization #EA-Sandy-10-2012-3 has been issued for riprap placement in eroded areas behind damaged seawalls, and for seawall, bulkhead and riprap revetment repairs. In order to be eligible, the structure must have been previously authorized, have been in place since before 1995, or be protecting infrastructure or a residence that has been in place since before 1995. The addition of subgrade footings to support eligible structures is covered. A copy of the authorization, which expires on April 30, 2013, is posted on the DEEP website. **A complete permit or Certificate of Permission (COP) application for retention or continuation of the work authorized by this Emergency Authorization must be submitted no later than May 30, 2013.**

If the activity does not specifically qualify under one the statewide authorizations created in response to this storm listed above, the following options may be available for individual authorization.

Temporary Authorizations may be issued for some types of temporary repairs that are not covered in the statewide authorizations. To be eligible, the regulated structure or fill must be in place for 90 days or less, be necessary to protect human health or the environment or otherwise necessary to protect the public interest, and must cause only minimal environmental impact.

Emergency authorizations may be issued for repairs that are not covered under the statewide authorizations. To be eligible, the repair must be necessary to prevent hazards to life, health, or welfare or significant loss of property. If an emergency authorization is needed, please call OLISP to discuss the information required for this authorization. Keep in mind that all emergency authorizations must be followed up within 30 days of their expiration with an application to retain the work undertaken.

Non-emergency repairs. If a repair is required that goes beyond the scope of the above authorizations, additional permitting is required. Please see the links provided below or contact OLISP for more specific information:

- *A general permit for dock repairs (DEP-LIS-GP-015)* for the repair or replacement of previously existing and authorized commercial or residential docks is available at:
<http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2709&q=324154#DockReconstructionGP>.
- *A general permit for minor seawall repairs (DEP-LIS-GP-014)* for the minor repair of existing authorized or legally installed seawalls, retaining walls, and revetments is available at:
http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2709&q=324222&depNav_GID=1643#SeawallGP
- *The Certificate of Permission* process for substantial maintenance to existing structures and certain minor activities is available at:
http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2709&q=324162&depNav_GID=1643
- *An individual permit* may be required for all other repairs not included under any of the processes mentioned above; more information is available at:
http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2709&q=324180&depNav_GID=1643

Non-regulated repairs: Routine maintenance of structures, fill, obstructions, and encroachments which have received authorization or which have been in place since prior to June 24, 1939 and continually maintained and serviceable are exempt from additional authorization under CGS sections 22a-363a and 22a-363b. Routine maintenance includes the following, provided that all locations, dimensions, elevations, and materials remain the same:

- replacement and repair of out-of-water structures, which include the surfaces of docks, piers, wharves and bridges
- replacement or repair in any year of up to 25% of pilings
- seasonal reinstallation or repair of floating docks

For questions and assistance, please call OLISP at (860) 424-3034.

Information on related issues such as debris management and drinking water concerns can be found on the DEEP website at <http://www.ct.gov/deep>.