

APPENDIX F-2

Bridge Permit, Rivers and Harbors Act Section 9

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Permit Packet Includes:

1. Process Overview
2. Bridge Permit Application Guide, also available at:
http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg5411/BPAG_2008.pdf.

Approval or Permit Required: To construct or modify a bridge or causeway across the navigable waters of the United States.

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Notes: There are no specific timeframes associated with Bridge permits. Permits can be processed in as little as 30 days for small, routine projects with a maximum of 2-3 years for larger, more complex projects. Estimated typical timeframes are shown below.

Steps	Time
1. Submit Bridge Permit Application Package to Fourteenth Coast Guard District office (format provided in the "Bridge Permit Application Guide"). Include any other approvals or permits already received.	4-6 Months prior to operations
2. Request is investigated by the Coast Guard District bridge administration staff to determine: the proposed bridge is under Coast Guard jurisdiction, the application includes all of the necessary information, and the proposed bridge provides for the reasonable needs of navigation.	3-4 Months prior to operations
3. Independent investigation by the Coast Guard District Commander to determine the possible impacts of the proposed project on navigation and the human environment (scoping/coordination meetings and consultation may be required to determine the level of environmental documentation).	2-3 Months prior to operations
4. Issue notice requesting public comment. (For larger projects or project with significant impact anticipate 45-60 day comment period).	30 days
5. Public hearings are held if there are substantial issues concerning the proposed bridge's effect on the reasonable needs of navigation, or in accordance with statutory NEPA requirements.	1-2 Months prior to operations
6. Permit application is forwarded to Coast Guard Headquarters with the case record, including the State Water Quality and Coastal Zone Management Certifications, appropriate environmental document, Findings of Fact, and the District Commander's recommendation for issuance or denial of the permit.	15-30 days
7. Staff of the Permits Division, Office of Bridge Administration, Operations and Policy Directorate, U. S. Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC, reviews and evaluates the case file submitted by the District Commander. The District Commander's recommendation may be accepted or rejected, and a bridge permit may be issued or denied.	15-30 days

Total Time Period: 4-6 Months

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Fees	Amount	Maximum
None		
Total Fees:	\$0 (minimum)	\$0 (maximum)