

**2026 Nationwide Permits, Water Quality Certifications, Coastal Zone Consistency Determinations and Direct Critical Area Permits Table and Guide**

The table below has been developed by the Charleston District to help you determine when individual Water Quality Certifications (WQC) and/or Coastal Zone Consistency (CZC) determinations are required for a project for which authorization under a 2026 Nationwide Permit (NWP) is requested in South Carolina. You must also review the Charleston District’s “FINAL REGIONAL CONDITIONS FOR THE 2026 NATIONWIDE PERMITS IN CHARLESTON DISTRICT (SAC)” to determine additional NWP-specific limits and/or requirements.

**Acronyms and Definitions:**

**NWP:** Nationwide Permit.

**WQC:** Water Quality Certification, issued by SCDES Bureau of Water (BOW).

**CZC:** Coastal Zone Consistency, issued by SCDES Bureau of Coastal Management (CZM). Required in the 8 Coastal Counties including Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Georgetown, Horry, and Jasper.

**CAP:** Critical Area Permit. Required for projects within the designated Critical Area of the coast in South Carolina. The applicant must obtain this separate approval for all projects proposed within the Critical Area, which will also serve as the CZC determination for these projects.

**Issued:** The WQC or CZC has already been completed for this NWP and does not need to be obtained separately by the applicant.

**Issued with Conditions:** The WQC or CZC has already been completed for this NWP and does not need to be obtained separately by the applicant provided that applicable special conditions identified below the table are followed.

**Denied:** The WQC or CZC must be obtained separately by the applicant.

**N/A:** Not Applicable. A WQC or CZC is not required for this NWP.

**[Reserved]:** This NWP number is not in use during this cycle.

<b>NWP</b>	<b>WQC</b>	<b>CZC</b>
<b>1</b>	N/A	Issued*
<b>2</b>	N/A	Issued*
<b>3</b>	Issued	Issued*
<b>4</b>	Issued	Issued*
<b>5</b>	Issued	Issued*

<b>NWP</b>	<b>WQC</b>	<b>CZC</b>
6	Issued	Issued*
7	Issued	Issued*
8	N/A	Issued*
9	N/A	Issued*
10	N/A	Issued*
11	N/A	Issued*
12	Denied	Denied
13	Issued	Issued*
14	Denied	Denied
15	Issued	Issued*
16	Denied	Denied
17	Denied	Denied
18	Issued	Issued*
19	Issued	Issued*
20	Issued	Issued*
21	Denied	Denied
22	Issued	Issued*
23	Denied	Denied
24	N/A	Denied
25	Issued	Issued*
26	[Reserved]	[Reserved]
27	Issued with Condition 1	Issued with Condition 2*
28	N/A	Issued*
29	Denied	Denied
30	Issued	Issued*
31	Issued	Issued*
32	Issued	Issued*
33	Issued	Issued*
34	Denied	Denied
35	N/A	Denied
36	Issued	Issued*
37	Issued	Issued*
38	Issued	Issued*
39	Denied	Denied
40	Issued	Issued*
41	Issued	Issued*
42	Issued	Denied
43	Issued with Condition 3	Issued with Condition 3*
44	Denied	Denied
45	Issued	Issued*
46	Denied	Denied

NWP	WQC	CZC
47	[Reserved]	[Reserved]
48	Issued	Issued*
49	Denied	Denied
50	Denied	Denied
51	Issued with Condition 4	Denied
52	Issued with Condition 4	Issued with Condition 4*
53	Issued	Issued*
54	Issued	Issued*
55	N/A	Denied
56	[Reserved]	[Reserved]
57	Denied	Denied
58	Denied	Denied
59	Denied	Denied
60 [A]	Denied	Denied

\*CZC General Condition:

The Department has direct permit authority for activities which will utilize or alter the Critical Areas (as defined in 48-39-10, R.30-1(D), and R.30-10).

- a. For those activities which require a direct critical area permit, the issued permit will serve as the consistency determination.
- b. For those activities that do not require a direct critical area permit, the subsequent coastal zone consistency conditions for each specific Federal NWP authorization will serve as the consistency determination.

**Condition 1 (Applies to NWP 27 WQC):** Thin layer placement is not authorized by this NWP.

**Condition 2 (Applies to NWP 27 CZC):** Thin layer placement is not authorized for this NWP within the coastal zone.

**Condition 3 (Applies to NWP 43 WQC & CZC):** Activities authorized by this certification are limited to maintenance of existing facilities, such as stormwater ponds, detention and retention basins, water control structures, outfall structures, emergency spillways, and existing ponds that are proposed for use as water quantity or volume control. This NWP cannot be used for existing ponds that are proposed to be converted into water quality treatment facilities such as sediment basins, sediment traps, or other similar structures.

**Condition 4 (Applies to NWP 51, 52 WQC & CZC):** This NWP is not certified for activities that cause the loss of more than 300 linear feet of stream bed.