

United States Coast Guard

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Authority

- General Bridge Act of 1946 (33 USC 535 et. seq.)
- Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 401 et. seq.) - Section 9 Permits.
- NEPA (42 USC & 332(s)(c))
- Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1892.

Agency Role(s)

The USCG reviews and comments on environmental documentation for Environmental Impact Statements (EIS), Environmental Assessments (EA), and in some particular cases Categorical Exclusions (CE) where navigable waters of the U.S. may be impacted.

In most cases the USCG will become an EIS cooperating agency when an USCG permit may be required or their special expertise is requested. The USCG has permit authority for navigable waters of the US ("navigable" in the sense of being used for or susceptible to use for substantial interstate or foreign commerce).

[Navigable Waters of the United States](#)

Agency Areas of Concern

- Navigation issues:
- Structure Clearance: horizontal, vertical
- Lights & signals on fixed structures
- Clearance gauges.
- Stream Modification guidance.