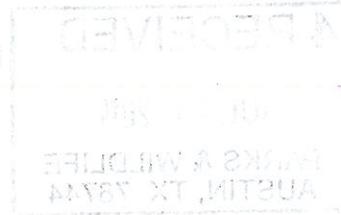




DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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July 24, 2014



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Evaluation Branch

SUBJECT: Permit Application No. SWG-2013-00686

Jeffrey Johnson
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744-3218

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is in regard to your request, dated May 2, 2014, to determine whether a Department of the Army (DA) permit is required for the construction of the Willow Pond viewing platform and boardwalk. Your proposed project includes a 5-foot-wide by 235-foot-long boardwalk terminating in an 8-foot-wide by 16-foot-long wildlife observation platform. The boardwalk and observation platform is proposed to be elevated approximately 3 to 5 feet above natural grade. The pilings supporting these proposed structures are proposed at 8 feet on center. The proposed boardwalk will tie into an existing boardwalk. The project site is located in wetlands adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico, at 19355 State Highway 87, in Sea Rim State Park, in Sabine Pass, Jefferson County, Texas. Enclosed is a map of the project area in 1 sheet.

We have reviewed your request and have concluded that your project, as it is proposed, is not subject to our jurisdiction under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 or Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), provided no fill is discharged into waters of the U.S. As such, a DA permit is not required.

Corps of Engineers determinations are conducted to identify the limits of the Corps' jurisdiction under the CWA for the particular sites. This determination may not be valid for the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended. If you or your tenant are U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program participants, or anticipate participation in USDA programs, you should request a certified wetland determination from the local office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service prior to starting work.

Please reference file number **SWG-2013-00686** in future correspondence pertaining to this subject. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Brian J. Bader at the letterhead address or by telephone at 409-766-3037.

To assist us in improving our service to you, please complete the survey found at <http://per2.nwp.usace.army.mil/survey.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Thomas Botello".

Janet Thomas Botello
Leader, North Evaluation Unit

Enclosures

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Willow Pond Viewing Platform & Boardwalk

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Willow Pond Platform



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