

Informational Notice



**US Army Corps
of Engineers
Kansas City District**

July 6, 2010

New Zebra Mussel Discoveries in Kansas

A recent news release from Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP), have indicated that new occurrences of Zebra Mussels have been discovered at Council Grove City Lake in Kansas. This lake connects to Council Grove Reservoir during high water; and downstream, the water supply for Emporia could be impacted. The entire Neosho River drainage will have zebra mussels as they spread downstream out of the city lake and from Marion Reservoir on the Cottonwood River.

Zebra mussels are becoming increasingly more widespread and have deleterious effects on native life and man's facilities.

Anyone conducting work under a Corps of Engineers permit must comply with conditions to reduce the likelihood of spread of this organism. Specifically, **Zebra Mussels (Regional General Condition applicable to all Nationwide Permits):** The permittee must notify the District Engineer in accordance with the "Notification" general condition of the NWP (general condition 27) for any regulated activity where the applicant is proposing to remove equipment from a known zebra mussel water to use in a different water not known to support zebra mussels. Known zebra mussel waters within Missouri and Kansas is available on request from the Corps or can be found at the following webpage:

<http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/zmbyst.asp>

The NWP notification must include measures to limit the likelihood of spreading the zebra mussel to other waters.

The Corps of Engineers Kansas City District Regulatory Program web page has more information on the Zebra mussel and other invasive species. The web page is located at:

http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/regulatory/Invasive_Species/invasive_species.htm

If you have any questions or would like more information, you can also contact us directly. POC: Mike McFadden, Regulatory Specialist, telephone: (816) 389-3432.