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ACHD notified East ParkCenter Corps permit application withdrawn

Walla Walla, Wash., – The permit application from the Ada County Highway District for work in the Boise River and wetlands associated with the East ParkCenter bridge project was withdrawn today, according to an official from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The ACHD was sent a formal letter from the Corps' Walla Walla District headquarters, withdrawing the permit application without prejudice, for future bridge construction in the eastern end of Boise, Idaho.

"ACHD has not obtained the information necessary so the Corps could make a sound decision on this application. We have granted two previous extensions on this application since March 12, 2003, when we asked for information on alternative bridge designs and locations as well as information on plans to mitigate impacts of the construction on wetlands, flood hazards, and other safety issues," said District Regulatory Branch Chief Brad Daly. "We can and will accept a new application request, complete with a new public notice and comment period, once that information becomes available at any time in the future."

Withdrawing a permit application is a normal part of our process that is done when applicants do not have all the necessary information available and are not ready for the Corps to make a permit decision. The withdrawal of this application will have no effect on a permit application decision when it is ready to be resubmitted.

"Our regulators will be more than happy to work with the ACHD to prepare the necessary information and process their new permit application in a timely manner when they are ready to resubmit," Daly said.

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