



FHWA South Carolina Division
U.S. Coast Guard Permit Exclusion Request Checklist

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Project Description	<input type="text"/>
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Tidal or Non-Tidal	<input type="text"/>	Contact Person	<input type="text"/>	Phone Number	<input type="text"/>
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Form Purpose: The FHWA has the responsibility under 23 U.S.C. 144(h) to determine that a USCG permit is not required for bridge construction. This determination shall be made at an early stage of project development so that any necessary coordination can be accomplished during environmental processing (23 CFR Part 650.805).

Form Instructions: This checklist should be completed when requesting a Title 23 Coast Guard Permit Exclusion. The exclusion request should be submitted prior to completion of the NEPA process. When an exclusion is requested SCDOT should send a letter to FHWA, addressed to the Division Administrator requesting such, with the appropriate information listed below. If the FHWA Structural Engineer agrees that an exclusion is appropriate, a letter will be sent to the U.S. Coast Guard indicating that a permit is not required. The letter will allow 30 days for a U.S. Coast Guard rebuttal.

I. For Non-Tidal Waterways:

The following condition must be met to obtain a Title 23 Coast Guard Permit Exclusion. A "no" response will result in the need for a USCG Permit.

1.	If the non-tidal waterway is navigable, is not currently utilized by commercial or recreational vessels greater than 21 feet in length, and will not be used as such, once improvements (increased vertical and/or horizontal clearance) have been constructed, a USCG permit is not required.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Information required by FHWA for non-tidal waterways to issue a Title 23 Permit Exclusion. This data will need to be provided with exclusion request.		Included with request	
1.	Location Map	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.	Photo of existing bridge/location from the waterway	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.	Bridge profile at crossing	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.	Depth of water at normal pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.	Vertical clearance at normal pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6.	Horizontal clearance at normal pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7.	Type of vessel traffic (commercial or recreational) and whether there are vessels > 21 feet utilizing the waterway.	<input type="checkbox"/>	

II. For Tidal Waterways:

The following condition must be met to obtain a Title 23 Coast Guard Permit Exclusion. A "no" response will result in the need for a USCG Permit.

1. If the tidal waterway is navigable, is not currently utilized by commercial or recreational vessels greater than 21 feet in length, and will not be used as such, once improvements (increased vertical and/or horizontal clearance) have been constructed, a USCG permit is not required.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Information required by FHWA for tidal waterways to issue a Title 23 Permit Exclusion. This data will need to be provided with exclusion request.	Included with request	
1. Location Map	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Photo of existing bridge/location from the waterway	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Bridge profile at crossing	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Depth of water at high and low tides	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Vertical clearance at high and low tides	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Horizontal clearance at high and low tides	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Type of vessel traffic (commercial or recreational) and whether there are vessels > 21 feet utilizing the waterway.	<input type="checkbox"/>	