

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
BUREAU OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT  
DIVISION OF WATERWAYS, WETLANDS AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

**STANDARDS FOR CHANNEL CLEANING AT BRIDGES AND CULVERTS**

1. A work schedule which includes a written description of each structure, a description of the proposed work, and a map showing each project location shall be submitted concurrently to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, and the Conservation District of the county in which the project is located not less than 30 days in advance of initiating work. The work schedules shall be submitted to the appropriate DEP Regional Office listed on Exhibit B and to the appropriate Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Regional Headquarters listed on Exhibit A.

Addresses for County Conservation Districts may be obtained from the DEP or may be found in local telephone directories.

2. The owner shall notify the appropriate Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's Regional Headquarters (Exhibit A) and the appropriate County Conservation District ten days in advance of starting work each time at any location identified in the proposed work schedule. Notification by postcard is suggested.
  3. The work schedule shall be in the possession of the person in charge on the site whenever work is being performed. The project description and limits must be clearly indicated on the work schedule.
  4. No work may be done in stocked trout streams between March 1 and June 15 except for emergencies. Emergency work must be approved by DEP in consultation with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.
  5. Work in the stream channel shall be limited to 50 feet upstream and 50 feet downstream from the bridge or culvert. In addition, work should be accomplished by working from the streambanks. In those cases where this is not possible, the operation of equipment in the water is to be minimized.
  6. Channels may be excavated to a width no greater than the width of the normal low flow channel immediately upstream and downstream of the bridge or culvert. The remainder of the channel width shall be maintained as an elevated flood plain and may be excavated only to six inches above water level at the time of work.
  7. Material removed shall be disposed of at a location which precludes reentry into the stream and in a manner which does not obstruct flood flows in the floodway. If material removed from the stream is needed for backfill or bank restoration, it should be faced to the ordinary high water level with riprap suitably sized according to the anticipated stream velocity. All disturbed areas above the level of the riprap must be stabilized or seeded. Excess excavated material shall not be deposited in any wetland, river, lake, watercourse, floodway, or other regulated waters of the Commonwealth without first applying for and receiving the written permit of DEP.
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8. Tree and shrub growth on streambanks shall not be disturbed unless absolutely necessary.
  9. If an access road is constructed, stormwater diversion shall be provided to assure that water will not flow along the access road directly into the stream or the work area.
  10. Erosion and sediment pollution control measures must be properly implemented and closely monitored to minimize erosion and prevent sediment from entering the stream channel.
  11. Where it is necessary for construction equipment to cross the stream, a temporary stream crossing shall be provided by the permittee for this purpose, unless the streamflow is shallow and the streambed consists of solid or nonerodible material. The temporary crossing must be authorized by and comply with the conditions of General Permit BDWM-GP-8, Temporary Road Crossings. Any fill material provided for temporary crossings shall be clean granular material and entire fill shall be kept to an absolute minimum elevation to avoid obstructing flood flows and creating backwater-flooding conditions upstream. The owner is responsible for any damages resulting from the obstruction of flood flows by this temporary stream crossing. Upon completion of the project, the temporary crossing shall be removed in its entirety and the disturbed areas restored to their original condition. Copies of, and authorization to use, BDWM-GP-8 are available from DEP offices listed on Exhibit B.
  12. DEP shall have the discretion to require a separate individual permit application to be submitted for any project or portion thereof, which DEP determines to have a potential significant effect on safety or protection of life, health, property, or the environment.
  13. Any repairs or maintenance involving modification of the structure from its original specifications and any repairs or reconstruction or replacement involving a substantial portion of the structure shall require the prior written permit of DEP.
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**EXHIBIT A**

**FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION'S OFFICES**

**Headquarters Address**

**County Responsibility**

**NORTHWEST REGION**

Regional Manager  
11528 Highway 98  
Meadville, PA 16335-7320  
814-337-0444

Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Erie,  
Forest, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango,  
and Warren

**SOUTHWEST REGION**

Regional Manager  
236 Lake Road  
Somerset, PA 15501-1644  
814-445-8974

Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver,  
Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Indiana,  
Somerset, Washington, and  
Westmoreland

**NORTHCENTRAL REGION**

Regional Manager  
PO Box 5306  
Pleasant Gap, PA 16823  
814-359-5250

Cameron, Centre, Clearfield,  
Clinton, Elk, Jefferson, Lycoming,  
McKean, Montour, Northumberland,  
Potter, Snyder, Tioga, and Union

**SOUTHCENTRAL REGION**

Regional Manager  
1704 Pine Road  
Newville, PA 17241  
717-486-7087

Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cumberland,  
Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton,  
Huntingdon, Juniata, Lebanon,  
Mifflin, Northumberland (Mahatango  
Creek in Jordan and Lower Mahanoy  
Townships only), Perry, and York

**SOUTHEAST REGION**

Regional Manager  
Box 8  
Elm, PA 17521  
717-626-0228

Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware,  
Lancaster, Lehigh, Montgomery,  
Northampton, Philadelphia, and  
Schuylkill

**NORTHEAST REGION**

Regional Manager  
PO Box 88  
Sweet Valley, PA 18656  
570-477-5717

Bradford, Carbon, Columbia,  
Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe,  
Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne,  
and Wyoming

**DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

450 Robinson Lane  
Bellefonte, PA 16823-9620  
814-359-5147

**EXHIBIT B**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP)  
REGIONAL OFFICES  
PERMITTING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES SECTION**

**Regional Office**

**County Responsibility**

Southcentral Regional Office  
909 Elmerton Avenue, Second Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-8200  
717-705-4707

Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Cumberland,  
Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon,  
Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry,  
and York

Southeast Regional Office  
Two East Main Street  
Norristown, PA 19401  
484-250-5970

Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery,  
and Philadelphia

Southwest Regional Office  
400 Waterfront Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4745  
412-442-4000

Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Cambria,  
Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Somerset,  
Washington, and Westmoreland

Northwest Regional Office  
  
Meadville, PA 16335  
814-332-6984

Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest,  
Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer,  
Venango, and Warren

Northeast Regional Office  
Two Public Square  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711-0790  
570-826-2511

Carbon, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne,  
Monroe, Northampton, Pike, Schuylkill,  
Susquehanna, Wayne, and Wyoming

Northcentral Regional Office  
208 West Third Street, Suite 101  
Williamsport, PA 17701

Bradford, Cameron, Centre, Clearfield,  
Clinton, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour,  
Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan,  
Tioga, and Union

**Central Office**

Bureau of Watershed Management  
Division of Waterways, Wetlands and Stormwater Management  
PO Box 8775  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8775  
717-787-6827