MAKING APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

FOR YOUR PROPOSED LAKESHORE WORK

1. Alabama Power Company's (APC) Environmental Affairs (EA) department will evaluate your proposed project work to determine if wetlands, threatened or endangered species, or cultural resources are within the proposed project area that could result in adverse effects or impacts. You will be notified by the Lakeshore Office or EA of the results of the environmental evaluation.

2. If your project involves wetland impacts associated with a proposed seawall, riprap, boat ramp or other dredging work, you will need to employ the services of an environmental wetland consultant. See Attachment 1 for a list of environmental wetland consultants whose work we are familiar with, or you are welcome to hire a consultant of your choosing. A consultant can come to your site and develop a permit application associated with your lake project for submittal to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). If your lakeshore work consists of other structures (pier, boathouse, boat slip, etc.), the same consultant must include them in the application. Once you have USACE approval, please provide a complete copy to the APC lakeshore manager so that a lakeshore permit can be issued to you. No work can begin until you have the USACE permit and the APC permit.

3. If your project involves a threatened or endangered species, depending on the lake and the species involved, you may have to employ an environmental consultant to survey your site for U.S. Fish & Wildlife (USFWS) review, or APC biologists may be able to make that review without submittal to the USFWS. You will be informed by either the APC lakeshore office or EA as to the actions that are required.

4. APC's EA will determine whether there is a concern for cultural resources. Please keep in mind that a spoil site for placement of any material (resulting from dredging around boat slips, piers, seawalls or boat ramps) must be approved by the Alabama Historical Commission (AHC). APC is responsible for AHC coordination and will inform you when your proposed spoil site is approved (normally 14-21 days).

5. If APC informs you that your proposed project work will not adversely affect wetlands, wildlife or cultural resources, you have the following options contingent upon the type of work proposed:
   a. Bank stabilization may be implemented, provided you meet the conditions of nationwide permit (NWP) No. 13 and APC verifies bank erosion.
   b. Debris removal that does not involve dredging or filling is allowed. The debris must be removed by hand or with equipment, provided no dredging of the water bottom occurs.
   c. Minor dredging of less than 25 cubic yards in nonwetland areas is allowed by NWP No. 19 in areas of immediate proximity to boathouses, boat slips, piers, etc.

Note: If you meet the requirements of the referenced NWPs, this will be verified by APC lakeshore and EA. If approved, you must verify the following sentence to be included with the APC lakeshore permit: "I acknowledge that I have read the applicable NWP for my proposed project and believe that the work to be performed at my site will comply with the requirements and conditions of the NWP." Your signature and date of verification will be needed.

6. In the event your project only involves the installation of overwater structures that will not adversely affect an environmental sensitive layer, you have the option of: 1) developing the USACE permit application yourself, or 2) employing the services of an environmental consultant. If you choose to develop the application, you will need to complete the required USACE form online at http://www.samusace.army.mil/RD/reg. In your submittal, we advise you to include the APC lakeshore application form, which includes sketches/drawings and pictures of your proposed project. The Corps contact person, address and phone number in Birmingham is:

   Shannon Johnson
   USACE, Regulatory Division
   218 Summit Parkway, Suite 222
   Homewood, AL 35205
   205-290-9096

* It will be necessary to obtain a USACE general permit or USACE NWP permit for any of the following activities:

a. Debris removal that would impact special aquatic sites (including wetlands).
b. Dredging for vessel mooring of more than 25 cubic yards or any amount of dredging in wetlands.
c. Construction or modification of overwater structures such as boathouses, boat slips, piers and walkways.
d. Construction and modification of boat ramps in wetlands.
e. Construction of a seawall in wetlands or installation of riprap in wetlands.

Note 1: Maintenance of existing seawalls, riprap, boat ramps and over-water structures is allowed unless there is a threatened or endangered species involved. APC will assist lake homeowners in making this determination.

Note 2: Potentially applicable USACE general permits and USACE NWP for proposed lakeshore activities are listed in Attachment 2.

ATTACHMENT 1

LIST OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS

Environmental Engineers Inc.
11578 U.S. 411
Branchville, AL 35120
205-629-3868

Spectrum Environmental Service Inc.
85 Spectrum Cove
Alabaster, AL 35007
205-664-2000

Thompson Engineering Inc.
Attn: Steve O'Hearn
2970 Cottage Hill Road
Mobile, AL 36606

TTL Inc.
Attn: Cindy House-Pearson
3516 Greensboro Ave.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
205-345-0816

Note: There are other wetlands consultants in Birmingham and Montgomery capable of performing this work. The list is not exclusive.

ATTACHMENT 2

USACE GENERAL PERMITS AND NATIONWIDE PERMITS APPLICABLE TO APC LAKESHORE ACTIVITIES

A. Potentially Applicable Corps General Permits
   1. ALG01-2011 – CONSTRUCTION OR MODIFICATION OF BOAT SLIPS (Section 10, 404)
   2. ALG02-2011 – MAINTENANCE DREDGING (Section 10, 404)
   3. ALG04-2011 – DEBRIS REMOVAL (Section 10, 404)
   4. ALG05-2011 – CONSTRUCTION AND MODIFICATION OF PIERS, WHARVES, AND THEIR NORMAL APPURTENANCES SUCH AS STAIRWAYS AND WALKWAYS (Section 10, 404)
   5. ALG06-2011 – CONSTRUCTION AND MODIFICATION OF BOAT SHELTERS, GAZEBOS, HOISTS (Section 10)
   6. ALG07-2011 – CONSTRUCTION AND MODIFICATION OF BOAT RAMPS OR MARINE WAYS (Section 10, 404)
   7. ALG11-2011 – ARMORING SYSTEMS (RIPRAP) BULKHEADS (SEAWALLS) – (Sections 10, 404)

Note: The USACE general permits expire on Oct. 1, 2016

B. Potentially Applicable Corps Nationwide Permits (NWPs)
   1. NWP No. 3 Maintenance
   2. NWP No. 13 Bank Stabilization
   3. NWP No. 18 Minor Discharges
   4. NWP No. 19 Minor Dredging
   5. NWP No. 36 Boat ramps

Note 1: The USACE NWP expire on March 18, 2017

Note 2: The USACE permits above can be found by going to the following Corps website: http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx

Once you are at this website, proceed to either the general permits or nationwide permits; under general permits, select “Alabama General Permits.” Under NWPs select “FederalRegister/VOL77/No34/TuesdayFebruary21, 2012.”