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Sage L. Joyce
Montana Section Chief
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
100 Neill Avenue
Helena, Montana 59601

RE: 401 Water Quality Certification Request for 2026 NWP's - RPT Reminders

Dear Ms. Joyce,

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes' (CSKT) Natural Resources Department (NRD) received a 401 Certification request from The Omaha District regarding the Water Quality Certification Request for 2026 NWP's. The Tribal NRD Water Quality Program has reviewed the 401-certification request and certifies the general permit with no conditions. CSKT does not have a public notice and response to comment for 401 certifications.

CSKT recognizes that the following Nationwide Permit (NWP) regional conditions will be used in the State of Montana. The issuance of the 2026 NWP's was announced in the June 18, 2025, issue of the Federal Register (90 FR 26100). Regional conditions are placed on NWP's to ensure projects result in no more than minimal adverse impacts to the aquatic environment and to address local resources concerns.

Sincerely,

Rich Janssen,
Natural Resources Department Head

Cc: Chauncey Means, Environmental Protection Division Manager
Frank Acevedo, Shoreline Protection Administrator
John Harrison, Tribal Attorney