



# Dredging permit review

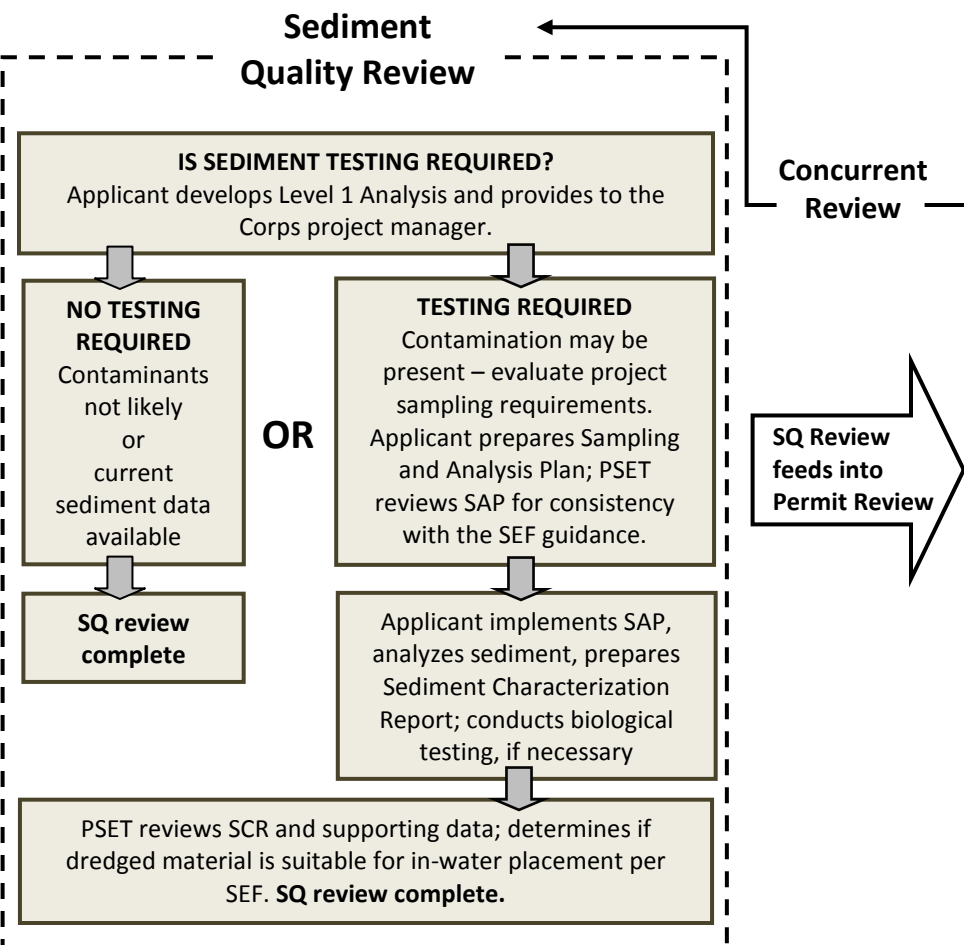
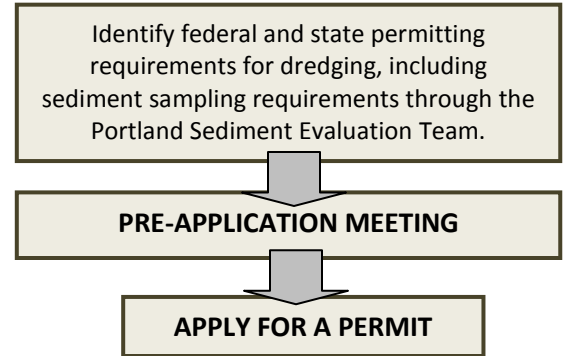
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## Dredging Permits

Dredging permits are among the most complex projects evaluated by the Portland District Regulatory Branch. Sediment quality evaluation is required under the Clean Water Act and the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act, as part of the dredging permit review. Dredged material quality can directly affect project design and dredged material placement options. Changes to the project during the permit review can increase project costs and agency review times. Sediment quality evaluation is managed by the interagency Portland Sediment Evaluation Team. Pre-application coordination is encouraged.

**NOTE:** A pre-application sediment quality review is not required but resources agencies strongly encourage it to start the application process.



**NOTE:** The occurrence of contaminated sediments can impact project design and dredge material placement. Changes to the project can increase agency review timelines and project schedule.



## **Laws**

- *Clean Water Act*
- *Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act*
- *Rivers and Harbors Act*
- *Endangered Species Act*
- *National Environmental Policy Act*
- *Magnuson-Stevens Act*

## **Regulations**

- *CWA, 40 CFR §230*
- *MPRSA, 40 CFR §227*

## **Guidance**

- *National Ocean Testing Manual*
- *National Inland Testing Manual*
- *Sediment Evaluation Framework for the PNW and supplemental guidance*

Portland District dredged material evaluation:

<http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environment/DMM.aspx>

Portland District Regulatory Branch:

<http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>

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