



Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on State Wetland Programs and Early Adaptations: Site Inspections and Other Modifications

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Overview

- Status in Missouri
- Site Inspections
 - Missouri's Policy
 - Alternatives
 - Mitigation Milestones
- Travel & Budget
- Training
- Advice
- Questions



Status in Missouri



- Working from home & transition
 - Central & regional offices (7)
 - §401 Staff (3, ~2 FTE)
- Personalities
- Offices re-opened May 1
 - Public - by appointment only
- §401 Workload
 - High – Medium – High
- New processes
 - SharePoint
 - Trello
 - WebEx Teams
- Mapping
 - [DHSS](#)
 - [Show Me Strong Recovery Plan](#)

Site Inspections: Missouri's Policy

- On hold from March 18 to May 1
- New policy & Field Work Guidance
- Disinfection kits
- One person per vehicle
 - Clean vehicle before and after
 - Not used for 3 days after inspection
 - Designate certain staff per vehicle
- No overnights
 - or if absolutely necessary, upper mgmt. approval
- Encouraged to bring own lunch



Site Inspections: Alternatives

- Virtual meetings
 - One agency person leads
 - Project sponsor leads
- Visuals
 - Photos
 - Video
 - Drone



zoom



Webex Meetings

Bringing you face-to-face.



Webex Teams

Continuous teamwork in one place.



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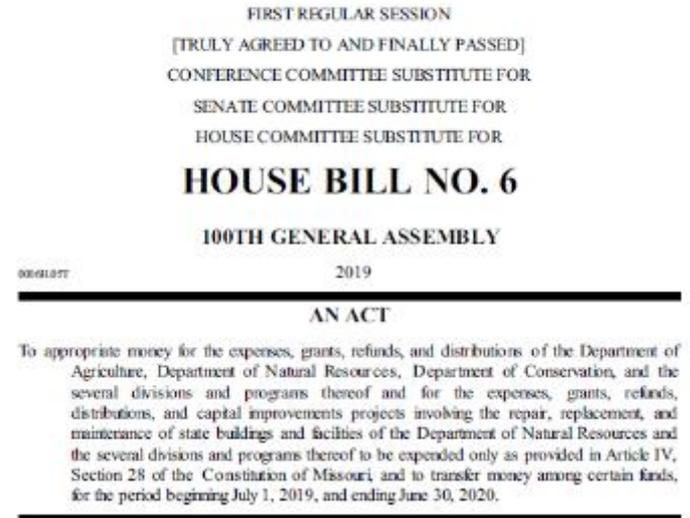
Site Inspections: Mitigation Milestones



- Pre-approval visits
 - Development of new sites
 - Verify as-builts
- Compliance visits
 - Annual report verifications or concerns
 - Mitigation bank or ILF site credit releases

Travel & Budget

- Governor withholding spending
- No out-of-state travel
- Limited in-state travel
- No new equipment
- Alternative suppliers
 - Missouri Vocational Enterprises
- Reduce admin purchases
 - Limit printing
 - More electronic processes
- Other states
 - Furloughs
 - Salary cuts
 - Layoffs?



Budget-Related Documents

- [Governor's Amendments to the FY 2020 Supplemental Budget](#)
- [Expenditure Restrictions - June 1, 2020](#)
- [Expenditure Restrictions - April 20, 2020](#)
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Training

- All virtual so far
 - Internal
 - Technical
 - Administrative
 - WebEx, recorded
 - External
 - LinkedIn Learning
 - ASWM, ACWA, and similar associations
- Tuition reimbursement suspended after summer semester



Advice

- Communicate – with management, other agencies, citizens, applicants, permittees
- If you feel uncomfortable – ask questions, suggest alternatives, discuss with supervisor
- Ask for help – from applicants or agencies
- Prioritize and postpone (if allowed)
- Use technology
- Be aware of limitations



Questions?



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