

feet of temporary or permanent impacts to streams.

5) Authorization under this Certification does not relieve the permittee from the responsibility of obtaining any other federal, state, or local permits, approvals, or authorizations required by law, including without limitation, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits or Permits to install (PTIs).

D) Best Management Practices (BMPs)

1) Steps shall be taken, upon completion of the projects, to ensure bank stability. This may include, but is not limited to, the placement of riprap or bank seeding.

2) Vegetated buffer strips extending to the top of both stream banks and beyond as stipulated by the Corps or Ohio EPA, using native tree and shrub species with rapid growth characteristics shall be planted as soon as practicable after impacting stream channel slopes.

3) Impacts to riparian vegetation shall be minimized to the maximum extent practicable. Entry to stream channels shall be through a single point of access per stream bank whenever practicable to minimize disturbance to the riparian corridor.

4) Excavating equipment shall not be placed below the Ordinary High Water Mark of any surface water, except when no other alternative is practicable.

5) Chemicals, fuel, lubricants, sewage and waste materials shall not be discharged to waters of the state.

6) In-stream activities shall not result in the destabilization of the stream banks or stream bed so that aquatic habitat is degraded or adversely affected by turbidity, erosion or scouring.

7) Any fill used for bank stabilization shall be limited to that amount necessary to provide erosion protection.

8) Asphalt and rubber tires may not be used as fill below the Ordinary High Water Mark or as bank protection.

9) In-stream work shall be conducted during low-flow conditions whenever practicable in order to minimize adverse impacts to water quality away from the project site, except in cases of emergency situations which threaten life or property.

10) All dredged material placed at an upland site shall be controlled so that sediment runoff to the waterway is minimized to the maximum extent practicable.