

Selected Portions of the United States Army Corp of Engineers Sign Standards Manual

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(Note: Numbers/letters in parentheses indicate the original section in the USACE manual)

Various types of regulatory signs are used throughout Corps water resource development projects to warn, inform, and restrict where necessary. The four basic reasons regulatory signs are used are:

- to warn visitors of hazardous conditions of which they might otherwise be unaware.
- to restrict access in those areas of a project which present extremely dangerous conditions.
- to control visitor actions that may result in damage to the physical environment or government property.
- to limit visitor activities that may be objectional to others.

The basic regulation that governs all Corps projects is Title 36 (Chapter III Part 327) of the U.S. Code. This document describes allowable and prohibited activities at Corps projects. In addition, all other federal, state, and local laws and regulations remain in full force and effect where applicable to those water resource development projects.

A copy of the full Title 36 (Chapter III Part 327) must be posted at each project for public information purposes. It should be placed where it can be easily viewed. The most appropriate location is at the Project Manager's office and at major recreation facilities.

Because this is a "fine-print" regulation, it is unfair to assume that visitors will read and retain the information contained in Title 36. It is, however, important that this information is available for those who need to know the regulations. A standardized format has been designed as shown on page 12.2 to display this regulation in a uniform way. The large "Rules and Regulations" headline graphically calls attention to the purpose of this display.

Regulatory signs that are placed to control activity are very specific and should be placed in close proximity to the danger or activity being controlled.

For this purpose, various types of specific regulatory signs have been carefully designed and integrated into the Corps sign standards in the appropriate sections of this manual. These include:

1) Area Regulation signs: These are two-to four-message Slat System signs placed at the entrance to a project or recreation facility identifying the major regulations within that area of which visitors should be aware. These Slat signs have the worded prohibition and the respective symbol and slash on a panel (see pages 8.23-29).

2) Prohibition Symbol Signs: These signs incorporate a large symbol with prohibitive slash and the specific prohibition placed

below in bold typography. These are placed in close visual proximity to where an activity is prohibited or a known safety hazard exists (see pages 8.16-22).

3) Industrial Safety Signs: These are Danger and Caution signs placed primarily in and around power plants and maintenance shops and are used to notify both visitors and employees of potential safety hazards (see pages 11.3-8).

4) Waterway Safety Signs: These are signs placed for viewing both from the water and/or land to warn or restrict people from existing dangers. See Section 14 for lock, dam, and waterway signs, and Section 7 for recreation hazard warning signs.

The coloring, lettering, and wording of these signs have been carefully chosen for easy legibility and understanding. Because of this, the wording of particular sign legends should not be altered unless unusual circumstances exist. In areas which are extremely hazardous, such as the tailwater area below a dam, public safety will be best protected by forbidding access to the area. This remains true regardless of public pressure exerted to allow access to these areas for such activities as fishing or boating.

The placement of signs prohibiting or restricting dangerous or unapproved activities requires caution and careful consideration. Because of the potentially serious consequences which may occur if the signs are not heeded or noticed, it is important that the principles and guidelines detailed in this manual be followed.

Public use and enjoyment of the recreational opportunities afforded by Corps navigation and flood control projects remain important goals of project operations. While the Corps endeavors to make project visitors and boaters aware of and respectful towards potential hazards, it also recognizes that not all such visitors will have basic knowledge of common dangers, or be cognizant of safety practices. The responsibility for these matters must rest primarily with project visitors, aided to a practical extent by an aggressive public information and signing program. With careful consideration and planning for the placement of cautionary signs, public safety and enjoyment can be maximized without infringing on the effective and productive management of the project.

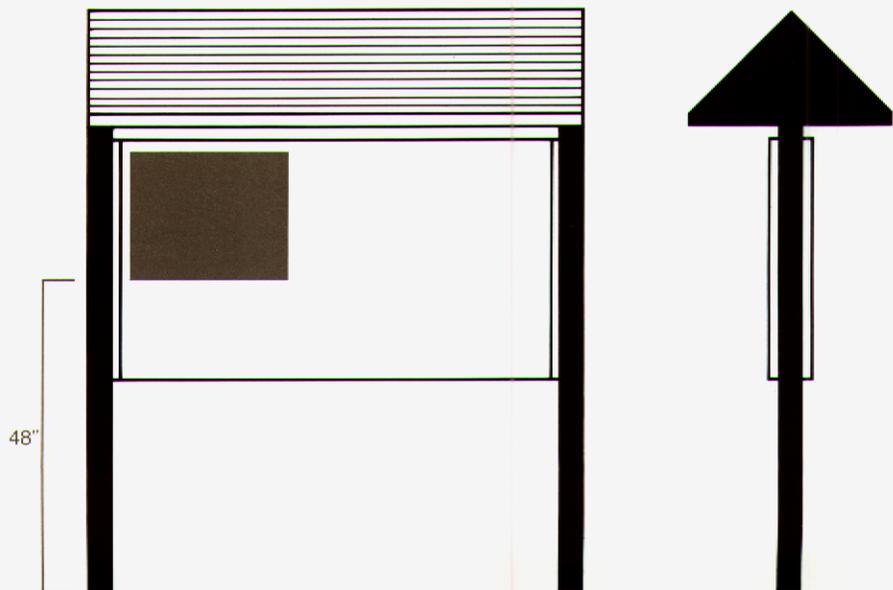
The panel with typographic masthead has been designed for posting Title 36 Regulations at project information kiosks, resource managers' offices, and entrance stations. The panel shown is a clear, vandal-resistant polycarbonate sheet with subsurface screen-printed headline. Printed regulations are attached to the back surface of the panel. An acrylic backing sheet is

placed behind the panel, and the entire assembly is to be screw-mounted to a flat wall posting surface. The top and sides of the panel should be sealed with a clear silicone caulk if placed on wall surfaces that are not protected from rain and moisture.



Sign Type	Legend Size (A)	Panel Size	Post Size	Specification Code	Mounting Height	Color Bkg/Lgd
TITLE	1"	26" x 21"	—	SCP-6	48"	BR/WH

Typical mounting on bulletin board or information kiosk. Structure of kiosk can vary from project to project.



Rules and regulations for public use of Corps projects are shown on the posted displays of Title 36, and in a printed version available to visitors at entrance stations or at the Resource Managers Office.

The second sign panel shown below, can be displayed as required by the local

U.S. Magistrate. Local posting policy will vary from project to project and may include all entry points, or just those that are in remote areas. The intent is to provide a panel that is relatively small but advises visitors that Title 36 applies to them during their visit to Corps lands.

The panel is shown in three standard

sizes and is designed using a modified version of the standard grid layout. The panel is to be screen printed using scaled reproduction artwork provided on page F.190, or is available using fabricators designated by the Corps.

Large and small scale panels may be reproduced using the HDO-5 specification with screen printed legend on white reflective sheeting. Small panels may also use the SCP-6 specification code and be screen printed on heavy gage white polyethylene.

Notice to Visitors

This public land is provided for safe and healthful recreation use by the visiting public. All visitors are welcome to enjoy this area under the provisions of applicable Federal laws and regulations.

Camping, picnicking, hiking, boating and swimming are allowed within the specific posted rules governing the use of these Federal lands.

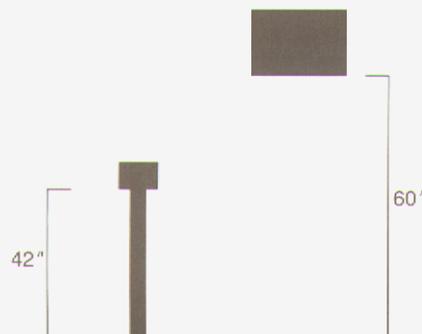
Prohibited uses or activities include, but are not limited to:

- Defacement of any Federal property or natural features.
- Littering and discharge of contaminants or sewage.
- Fires in undesignated areas.
- Use of any vehicle off authorized roadways.
- Operation of watercraft without regard to posted regulations.
- Use of any firearm or lethal weapon outside designated areas.
- Unrestrained pets or domestic animals.

Any person who violates the rules and regulations established by the Secretary of the Army in 36 CFR, Part 327, will be cited and referred to the U.S. Magistrate in accordance with Section 234 of the Flood Control Act of 1970.

A complete copy of 36 CFR, Part 327, is available at the Corps of Engineers Project Office.

Sign Type	Legend Size (A)	Panel Size	Post Size	Specification Code	Mounting Height	Color Bkg/Lgd
REG-5	.5"	7.5" x 10"	4" x 4"	HDO-5/SCP-6	42"-60"	WH/MB
REG-5	1.125"	18" x 24"	4" x 4"	HDO-5	42"-60"	WH/MB



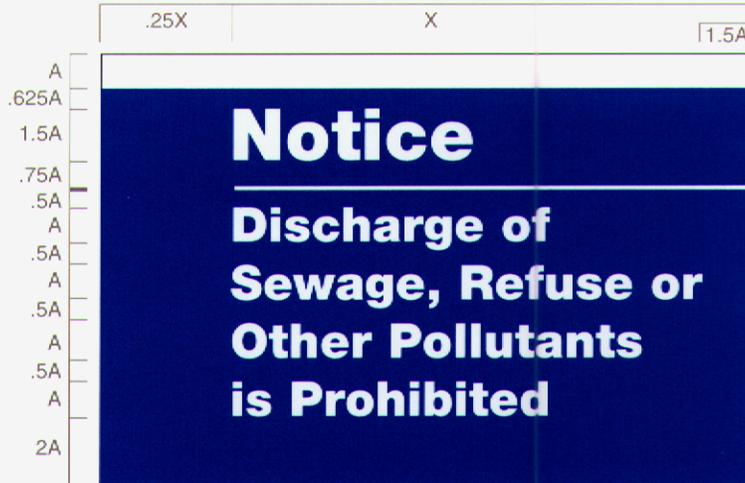
Discharge prohibition signs can be posted at any location where discharge of pollutants is a problem. Examples include boats discharging sewage, or re-occurring problems with unauthorized dumping on public lands. These signs may also be located where particular emphasis is desired. Reference 3G CFR, part 327-9, Sanitation.

The sign is fabricated of reflective sheeting applied to HDO plywood. Since it is intended for locations with short viewing distances, it is specified for small site specific postings.

Sign background is medium blue retro-reflective sheeting with white retro-reflective legend, overbar and rule.

Underrule is .125A

The typeface used is Helvetica Bold and follows Corps standard letter and word spacing, Appendix D, page D.9. The sign panel format uses standard grid 1, page 7.35.



Sign Type	Legend Size (A)	Panel Size	Post Size	Specification Code	Mounting Height	Color Bkg/Lgd
REG-06	0.75"	14.125" x 9"	4" x 4"	HDO-5/ALU-5	60" min.	MB/WH
REG-06	1"	18.875" x 12"	4" x 4"	HDO-5/ALU-5	60" min.	MB/WH

