Additional Information Pertaining to the Wetland Identification Program

Express WIP Service Requests:

Applicants may request expedited handling of their Level 2 or Level 3 WIP Service Request, for an increased fee. A WIP Service Request can only be handled by EGLE as Express between **May 1 and October 1**. Express WIP Service Requests are intended only for unique, uncommon situations. The vast majority of WIP Service Requests are completed as regular (i.e., non-Express) Level 2 and Level 3. For an increased fee reflecting the additional cost to EGLE (**three times the standard fee**), EGLE will provide a WIP report/map within 20 calendar days of a complete application for a Level 2 Express WIP or a Level 3 Express WIP service. If EGLE is unable to complete the WIP report/map within that timeframe, EGLE will refund the difference between the Express fee and the standard fee.

Regarding Additional Visits by EGLE to the Same WIP Site: If additional WIP site visits by EGLE are required due to recent disturbance, incomplete delineation, or significant disagreement with a consultant's wetland boundary delineation, etc., a fee of one-half of the original fee may be required.

Regarding Significant Recent Disturbances at a WIP Site:

If relatively recent, artificial disturbances (e.g., removal of vegetation, mowing, disturbed soils) do not allow routine completion of a Level 2 or Level 3 WIP service, the field assessment will not be completed at that time by EGLE and the fee will not be refunded. The applicant will be provided a letter stating the reason(s) why the assessment was not completed and listing the information required for EGLE to potentially complete the WIP service. Typically, the required additional information will include, but is not limited to, a consultant's updated delineation with completed data forms, leaving the site intact (undisturbed) for at least one growing season, and submittal of an additional fee (at least half the original fee). In these relatively uncommon situations, depending on various factors, a WIP Service Request may be impossible to complete.