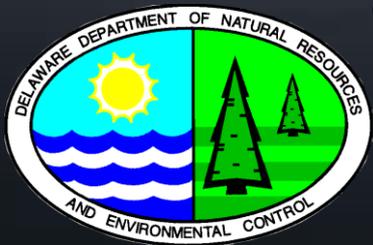


Coastal Zone Federal Consistency

The most powerful permitting
program you've probably never
heard of...



Landmark Environmental Legislation, 1970's

- Clean Air Act,
1970
- Clean Water Act,
1972
- Coastal Zone
Management Act,
1972
- Endangered
Species Act, 1973
- Fisheries
Management Act,
1976



Coastal Zone Management Act 1972

- “To preserve, protect, develop and where possible, restore and enhance the resources of the Nation’s coastal zone..”
- To encourage and assist the States to...develop management programs to achieve the wise use of land and water resources...”



Delaware's Coastal Zone Management Program

- Approved 1979
- Coastal Zone is entire state
- Manages coastal issues through:
 - Targeted projects
 - SAMPS
 - Working with Communities
 - Federal Consistency

Federal Consistency

- Cornerstone of the CZMA
- Requires that Federal activities with “reasonably foreseeable coastal effects” comply with State Coastal Management Policies.



Coastal Zone Management Programs' Tasks

- Protect natural resources;
- Manage development in high hazard areas;
- Manage development to achieve quality coastal waters;
- Give development priority to coastal-dependent uses;
- Have orderly processes for the siting of major facilities;
- Locate new commercial and industrial development in, or adjacent to, existing developed areas;
- Provide public access for recreation;
- Redevelop urban waterfronts and ports, and preserve and restore historic, cultural, and aesthetic coastal features;
- Simplify and expedite governmental decision-making actions;
- Coordinate state and federal actions;
- Give adequate consideration to the views of federal agencies;
- Assure that the public and local governments have a say in coastal decision-making; and
- Comprehensively plan for and manage living marine resources.



Federal Licenses and Permits

- Army Corps of Engineers
- Coast Guard
- EPA
- FERC, NERC & DOE
- Minerals Management Service
- Federal Aviation Administration



Major Projects

- Proposed Deepening of Delaware River & Bay Channel
- Rt. 301 Project Development
- Rt. 113 Project Development
- Philadelphia Airport Capacity Enhancement Program
- BWW - Alternative Energy Uses of the OCS



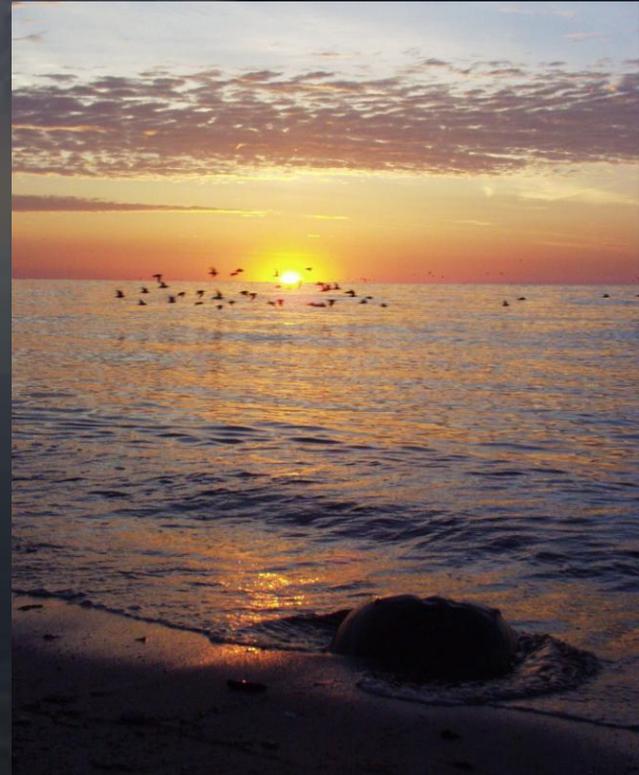
Application Process

- Guided by Federal Regulations (930 CFR)
- Statement of Consistency
- Analysis of Effects
- Public Comment Period
- Specific timelines for review



Special Role of Federal Consistency

- Early involvement
- Coordination with networked agencies
- Diversity of policy review
- Teeth



A sunset over a body of water with a small boat on the horizon. The sky is dark with some clouds, and the water is calm. A small boat is visible on the horizon line. The text is overlaid on the image.

Will we be involved?

Probably, but only with the Ocean Outfall, if ACOE has an individual permit or if another major federal action is involved in the process

A photograph of a beach at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. A small sailboat is visible on the water in the distance. The foreground shows the texture of the sand.

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