

APPENDIX L

U.S. Coast Guard Jurisdiction Checklist



FHWA South Carolina Division
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State File #	P042567	Fed Project #	P042567	PIN	P042567	Date	01/09/2026	County	Dorchester/Berk
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Project Description: Add travel lane in each direction on I-26 between MM 172 and 187

Form Purpose: To assist the SCDOT in determining whether a USCG Section 9 permit is needed.

Form Instructions: SCDOT to complete during the NEPA process when a project involves bridge work over a waterway.

STEP 1: Does the project involve bridge work over a waterway?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
STEP 2: Is the waterway considered NAVIGABLE by the USCG? - Presently used or susceptible to use in its natural condition or by reasonable improvement to be used as a means to TRANSPORT SUBSTANTIAL INTERSTATE COMMERCE? If "Yes", considered NAVIGABLE; must assess need for Section 9 permit. Go to PERMIT APPLICABILITY table. If "No," continue. - Tidal waterway? (subject to ebb and flow of tide) If "Yes", GO TO STEP 3 to determine if exempt by FHWA. If "No," end. USCG has no jurisdiction.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
STEP 3: Is the project federally funded? If "Yes," go to STEP 4. If "No, considered NAVIGABLE; must assess need for Section 9 permit. Go to PERMIT APPLICABILITY table.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
STEP 4: Is the waterway navigable by vessels in excess of 21 feet in length? If "Yes," considered NAVIGABLE; must assess need for Section 9 permit. Go to PERMIT APPLICABILITY table. If "No," waterway can be considered a minor tidal waterway and the project can be exempted by FHWA. Fill out USCG PERMIT EXEMPTION CHECKLIST and submit package to FHWA.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

* If the project involves bridge work over a waterway that is considered NAVIGABLE by the USCG, review the PERMIT APPLICABILITY table to determine if a Section 9 permit is required. If a permit is required, prepare a permit application package and submit to the USCG.

PERMIT APPLICABILITY TABLE

New or Replacement Bridge, including causeway	SECTION 9 PERMIT REQUIRED
Bridge Modification resulting in: - Change of Width (+) - Change in Horizontal or Vertical Clearance, including: installation of fender systems on piers where none existed before, pier or abutment stabilization work such as pouring collars or encapsulating a substructure resulting in a change of horizontal clearances, or superstructure work that results in a change (±) of vertical clearances. - Major Change of Appearance	SECTION 9 PERMIT REQUIRED
Change of Bridge Structure Type	SECTION 9 PERMIT REQUIRED
Bridge Rehabilitation Projects	NO SECTION 9 PERMIT REQUIRED. ADD NOTE TO CONTRACT PROPOSAL.