

SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

MITIGATING FOR AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM IMPACTS AND LOSSES UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT PROGRAM

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DRAFT POLICY TULSA DISTRICT MITIGATION AND MONITORING GUIDELINES 45-Day Comment Period

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District announces to interested parties the availability of Draft Mitigation and Monitoring Guidelines. These guidelines are being developed in response to the National Wetlands Mitigation Action Plan. The intent of this policy is to improve mitigation within the Tulsa District geographic area of responsibility. Implementation of this policy would take into consideration the role of compensatory mitigation on a regional watershed basis and provide more predictability when compensatory mitigation is required. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Tulsa District are committed to improving the success of mitigation and increasing our efforts on mitigation compliance to meet the program policy of “no overall net loss” of wetlands and to protect aquatic resources.

The draft policy is on file and may be viewed during normal working hours at the Tulsa District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1645 South 101st East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma. The draft policy is also available on the Tulsa District Regulatory Program website at:
<http://www.swt.usace.army.mil/permits/permits.cfm>

Comments: The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and finalize this proposed policy. Comments concerning this policy should be received by the District Engineer not later than 45 days from the date of this public notice. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers in the finalization of this policy document. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest. Any person may request in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

If you do not have access to the internet and would like a paper or facsimile copy of the draft policy sent to you, please contact Mr. Andrew R. Commer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District, ATTN: Regulatory Branch, 1645 South 101st East Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74128-4609, or telephone 918-669-7400.

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