

Public Notice

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Tulsa District

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: Regulatory Office 1645 South 101st East Avenue Tulsa, Oklahoma 74128-4609 SWT-2011-860 Public Notice No.

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this public notice is to inform you of a proposal for work in which you might be interested and to solicit your comments and information to better enable us to make a reasonable decision on factors affecting the public interest.

SECTION 10

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is directed by Congress through Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) to regulate all work or structures in or affecting the course, condition, or capacity of navigable waters of the United States. The intent of this law is to protect the navigable capacity of waters important to interstate commerce.

SECTION 404

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is directed by Congress through Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) to regulate the discharges of dredged and fill material into all waters of the United States. These waters include lakes, rivers, streams, mudflats, sandflats, sloughs, wet meadows, natural ponds, and wetlands adjacent to other waters. The intent of the law is to protect these waters from the indiscriminate discharge of material capable of causing pollution and to restore and maintain their chemical, physical, and biological integrity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE TERRA FOUNDATION IN-LIEU FEE (ILF) NOW ACTIVE IN OKLAHOMA

On September 25, 2015, the Corps of Engineers approved the Terra Foundation ILF Stream & Wetland Mitigation Program for use within the State of Oklahoma. The ILF will be available in the following HUC watersheds (Service Areas): 11090202 (Canadian B), 1109203 (Canadian C), 11100302 (Beaver/North Canadian D), 11100303 (Beaver North Canadian E), 11110101 (Lower Arkansas), and 11110102 (Lower Arkansas B). For additional information, concerning the Terra Foundation ILF the following website is available: http://www.swt.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Mitigation.aspx.

The goal of the ILF Program is to satisfy the compensatory mitigation requirements of permits issued under Section 404 and/or 401 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 by creating centralized ILF mitigation project sites in the State of Oklahoma. The natural resources goal of the program will be to restore, establish, enhance, and preserve jurisdictional streams, wetlands, riparian areas, lakes, and ponds. These activities will improve and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of Oklahoma's aquatic resources.

Upon the issuance of Department of the Army permit authorizations, the Terra Foundation ILF will be able to collect funds for ILF projects. The board, staff, and contractors for Terra Foundation, Inc. will carry out program operations.

Each Service Area will have an ILF project site. The Sponsor will submit to the Corps and the Interagency Review Team (IRT) a description of the proposed activity, including a mitigation plan describing the location and nature of the planned compensatory mitigation activities. ILF project site selection and mitigation plans are subject to review and approval by the Corps and IRT.

For additional information on other ILF or mitigation banking sites visit the Regulatory In-lieu Fee and Bank Information Tracking System (RIBITS) at www.ribits.usace.army.mil.

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