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## SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

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

## ISSUANCE OF
## TULSA DISTRICT MITIGATION AND MONITORING GUIDELINES

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Tulsa District announces to interested parties the issuance of the Tulsa District Mitigation and Monitoring Guidelines (Guidelines). These guidelines were developed in response to the National Wetlands Mitigation Action Plan. These Guidelines are intended improve the quality and success of mitigation within the Tulsa District geographic area of responsibility. The Corps is 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. These Guidelines are a step in achieving that goal.

A draft version of these Guidelines was published in December 2003 for public comment. The Corps has considered the comments received from the public and modified the Guidelines in various areas. A "Discussion of Public Comments and Changes" is being made available along with the final version of the Guidelines.

A printed copy of the Guidelines and the "Discussion of Public Comments and Changes" is available upon request from the Regulatory Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1645 South 101st East Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74128, or telephone 918-669-7400. The Guidelines and the "Discussion" are also available on the Regulatory Program website at: http://www.swt.usace.army.mil/permits

These Guidelines will become effective November 11, 2004. All permit applications submitted on or after November 11, 2004, must employ these Guidelines in the planning of mitigation features.

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