

**Public Notice**  
**Comment Period: September 29 to November 29, 2006**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District, announces the availability of the Draft Great Plains Regional Supplement to the 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual (Environmental Laboratory 1987). This draft regional supplement for the Great Plains was developed by wetland delineation experts from state and Federal agencies and academia with experience within the region. It is being peer reviewed by an independent panel of scientists and practitioners (report is available upon request). This draft is also being field tested by interagency teams of state and Federal scientists to assess its clarity and ease of use, and to determine whether use of this supplement will result in any spatial changes in wetland jurisdiction for Clean Water Act Section 404 purposes. The draft is available at [http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg/reg\\_supp.htm](http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg/reg_supp.htm).

We are specifically seeking public input, including additional scientific information or data, on the proposed indicators of wetland hydrology, hydric soils, and hydrophytic vegetation and data collection procedures in this draft document. Commentors may wish to field test this supplement as part of their evaluation and comments. If so, the protocol for field testing must include the use of (1) the 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual with current guidance and (2) the 1987 Manual with this draft regional supplement on the same sampling points. A minimum of two points must be documented, one in the lower (wetland) community and one in the adjacent higher (upland) community. Commentors should include data recorded on both the current 1992 data forms and the proposed data forms from the Regional Supplement, maps indicating the location of the field site and data collection points (upland and wetland), and a completed questionnaire for each delineation. The Field Testing Protocol and Field Evaluation Questionnaire are included as attachments to this public notice.

Comments: Comments may be submitted by the above due date to Ms. Katherine Trott (CECW-LRD), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 441 G. Street, NW, Washington DC 20314-1000 or by e-mail to [1987Manual@usace.army.mil](mailto:1987Manual@usace.army.mil). Another public notice will be issued by this district announcing the publication of the final document and the implementation date of this supplement.

Reference

Environmental Laboratory. (1987). "Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual," Technical Report Y-87-1, U.S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg, MS. (<http://el.erdc.usace.army.mil/wetlands/pdfs/wlman87.pdf>)

Attachments