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**Draft Northcentral and Northeast Regional Supplement to the 1987  
Wetland Delineation Manual**

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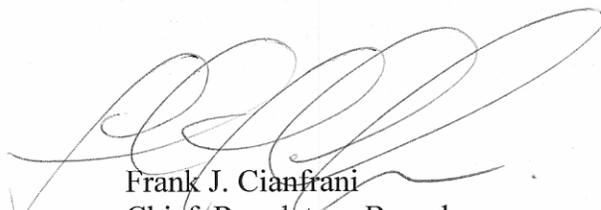
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District, announces the availability of the Draft Northcentral and Northeast Regional Supplement to the 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual (Environmental Laboratory 1987). This draft was developed by regional expert delineators with input from state and Federal agencies, academia and other local experts. It is being peer reviewed by a panel of independent scientists, the report from which will be available upon request. This draft is also being field tested by interagency teams of state and Federal agencies to determine the clarity and ease of use of the document and whether its use will result in any spatial changes in wetland jurisdiction for Clean Water Act Section 404 purposes

We are specifically seeking public input, including scientific information/data, on the proposed hydrology, soils and vegetation indicators and data collection procedures in this draft document. Reviewers may wish to field test this manual as part of the public comment procedure. The protocol for this testing is to perform wetland delineations using both the 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual and this draft regional supplement on the same data points. Reviewers should include data sheets from the manual and draft supplement, maps indicating data collection points (upland and wetland) and a completed questionnaire for each delineation point. The testing protocol and questionnaire are attached and the draft may be located at:

**[http://www.usace.army.mil/cw/cecwo/reg/reg\\_supp.htm](http://www.usace.army.mil/cw/cecwo/reg/reg_supp.htm)**

Comments must be submitted by **September 22, 2008**, to Ms. Jennifer McCarthy (CECW-CO), 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 supplement and the implementation date of this supplement.

The Philadelphia District coordinator for the Draft Northcentral and Northeast Regional Supplement to the 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual is Mr. Michael P. Leggiero. If you should have any questions regarding the supplement in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, you may contact Mr. Leggiero at (570)842-1046.

  
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