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Draft Atlantic & Gulf Coast 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 Atlantic & Gulf Coast 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 both the manual and draft supplement, maps indicating data collection points (upland and wetland) and a completed questionnaire for each delineation point. The draft, along with the testing protocol and questionnaire, may be located at

http://www.usace.army.mil/cw/cecwo/reg/reg_supp.htm

Comments must be submitted by August 24, 2007, 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. 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 Atlantic & Gulf Coast Regional Supplement to the 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual is Mr. Michael H. Hayduk. If you should have any questions regarding the supplement in the states of Delaware, Pennsylvania or New Jersey, you may contact Mr. Hayduk at (215) 656-5822.



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