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Rock Island District

# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## Public Notice Announcing Rock Island District Mitigation and Monitoring Guidelines

As part of the implementation of the National Wetlands Mitigation Action Plan, Rock Island District has drafted *Rock Island District Mitigation And Monitoring Guidelines* to assist permit applicants preparing compensatory mitigation plans to offset impacts to wetlands and other aquatic resources authorized under the Clean Water Act Section 404 and the Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 programs. Implementation of the guidelines will improve the success of mitigation and will help meet the goal of no net loss of our Nation's aquatic resources. The guidelines will identify the types and extent of information that agency personnel need to assess the likelihood of success of a mitigation proposal and will provide a basic framework that will improve predictability and consistency in the development of mitigation plans for permit applicants.

The mitigation and monitoring guidelines are available to the public through the Rock Island District's home page at: <http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil>. Click on **Products** and then click on **Permits**. A *Multi-Agency Compensatory Mitigation Plan Checklist*, a *Compensatory Mitigation Plan Checklist Supplement*, and a paper titled *Incorporating the National Research Council's Mitigation Guidelines Into the Clean Water Act Section 404 Program* are also available at the same site. However, only the document titled *Rock Island District Mitigation and Monitoring Guidelines* is open for public comment. If you wish to receive a hard copy of the information, please contact Mr. Neal Johnson, Rock Island District Corps of Engineers, Clock Tower Building, P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, Illinois 61204-2004 (Telephone: 309/794-5379).

This Public Notice is open for a 30-day comment period. To be officially considered, comments on the *Rock Island District Mitigation and Monitoring Guidelines* must be in writing and received at the above address by January 16, 2004.

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