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Public Notice Announcing Current Rock Island District Mitigation and Monitoring Guidelines

The current *Rock Island District Mitigation and Monitoring Guidelines* are now available to the public through the Rock Island District's home page at: <http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil>. A previous public notice (dated December 15, 2003) contained draft guidelines. Comments received on the draft guidelines were evaluated and incorporated into the current guidelines as appropriate. The mitigation and monitoring guidelines are part of the implementation of the National Wetlands Mitigation Action Plan. The purpose of the *Rock Island District Mitigation and Monitoring Guidelines* is 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. Parley. 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 identify the types and extent of information that agency personnel need to assess the likelihood of success of a mitigation proposal and provide a basic framework that will improve predictability and consistency in the development of mitigation plans for permit applicants.

The Rock Island District's home page can be accessed via the Internet at <http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil>. Click on **Products** and then click on **Permits**. A *MultiAgency 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. If you wish to receive a hard copy of any of this information, please contact Mr. Neal Johnson, Rock Island District Corps of Engineers, Clocktower Building, P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, Illinois 61204-2004 (Telephone: 309/794-5379).

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