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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District (Corps), announces the publication of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Compensatory Mitigation (Version 3.0), effective date October 21, 2025. This revised SOP has been developed by the Savannah District, Regulatory Division for the purpose of calculating stream and wetland compensatory mitigation pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). This public notice is being distributed to all interested stakeholders as notification of its proposed implementation and to solicit additional public input for consideration in the continued development of the SOP.

Version 3.0 of the SOP provides updates and revisions to the SOP. The effective date of Version 3.0 of the SOP is 60 days from the date of this public notice. The Corps will be accepting public comments on the SOP during this period following the issuance of the public notice and will consider comments received in any further revisions to the current version.

The Corps will also be providing updates to the following SOP components within the public notice comment period: Tidal Freshwater Wetland Qualitative Assessments (in Microsoft Excel); District Standard Mitigation Service Areas; Guidelines for Mitigation Selection; and the Revised Template Statement of Credit Availability (SOCA).

As of the effective date, Version 3.0 of the SOP will supersede the previous version (Version 2.0) and apply to all regulatory actions requiring compensatory mitigation for adverse impacts to waters of the United States and for the evaluation of compensatory mitigation actions associated with mitigation banks, in-lieu-fee mitigation projects, and permittee-responsible mitigation sites.

COMMENTS: Anyone wishing to comment on this public notice should submit written comments to: Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Regulatory Branch, Attention: Mr. Justin A. Hammonds, P.O. Box 528, Buford, Georgia 30515, no later than 60 days (October 21, 2025) from the date of this notice. Comments may also be submitted electronically to CESAS-RD@usace.army.mil. Please refer to the Standard Operating Procedure for Compensatory Mitigation (Version 3.0), effective date October 21, 2025, and the Regulatory Division file number (SAS-2017-00592) in your comments. All supporting documents associated with the SOP are available at the following web address, by first selecting "Savannah" from the drop-down menu on the left-hand side of the page:

https://ribits.ops.usace.army.mil/ords/f?p=107:27:4996799270333::NO::P27_BUTTON_KEY:10.

If you have any further questions concerning this public notice, please contact Mr. Justin A. Hammonds, Chief, Special Projects Branch at (678) 804-5227, or via email at justin.a.hammonds@usace.army.mil.

Enclosure

1. Standard Operating Procedure for Compensatory Mitigation (Version 3.0), effective date October 21, 2025.