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SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT MODIFIED CHARLESTON METHOD METHOD FOR ASSESSING ADVERSE WETLAND IMPACTS AND COMPENSATION REQUIREMENTS

The New Orleans District, Corps of Engineers (CEMVN) Regulatory Branch hereby releases an updated version of the "New Orleans District Modified Charleston Method" (MVN MCM) for use in assessing adverse impacts and compensation requirements for wetland impacts associated with activities permitted under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. The updated version 2013 MVN MCM replaces the version 2012 MVN MCM. The revised workbook and guidebook are available on the RIBITS webpage at:

http://ribits.usace.army.mil

To navigate to the 2013 MVN MCM, select "New Orleans" under Filter View and Login for District and then click on the "Assessment Tools" navigation bar.

The version 2013 MVN MCM workbook and guidebook are intended for immediate use. The version 2012 MVN MCM will no longer be utilized or updated with additional mitigation bank information. Questions regarding the methodology should be directed to Mr. Stephen Pfeffer at (504)862-2227 (stephen.d.pfeffer@usace.army.mil) of the Regulatory Branch.

Sincerely,

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