



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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SUBJECT: MVN-2009-00113-MS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice Purpose: Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, Regulatory Branch is soliciting comments from all interested parties on the development, utilization and long-term management of a proposed mitigation bank. The purpose of this mitigation bank is to provide compensatory mitigation for unavoidable impacts to wetland resources, including other waters of the United States, that result from projects authorized through the Department of the Army permit program.

PROPOSED PHASE IV OF BAYOU TECHE WETLAND MITIGATION BANK

NAME OF APPLICANT: Louisiana Wetlands LLC, c/o C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, Inc., 135 Regency Square, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508.

LOCATION OF WORK: The project area includes approximately 211.4 acres located in Sections 35, 52 & 66, T14S-R10E and Sections 2 & 42, T15S-R10E, north of highway 87 and approximately 2.0 miles northwesterly from Centerville in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The proposed Phase IV of the Bayou Teche Wetlands Mitigation Bank includes approximately 211.4 acres of agricultural land currently used for sugarcane production. The proposed mitigation includes re-establishment of bottomland hardwood wetlands through implementation of vegetative and hydrologic restoration. Attached for review with additional detail on the mitigation plan is the draft mitigation plan for Phase IV of the Bayou Teche Wetlands Mitigation Bank.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting written comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. The comment period will close **30 days** from the date of this public notice advertisement. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are

being solicited from anyone having interest in this prospectus. Letters must reference the applicant's name and the subject number, be addressed and mailed to the above address, ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH.

You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

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Attachments