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Public Notice

Arid West Interim Regional Supplement (Supplement) to
the 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual (1987 Manual)

Date of Notice: December 21, 2006

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District, announces the publication and implementation of the Arid West Interim Regional Supplement (Supplement) to the 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual (1987 Manual). The Supplement was developed by wetland delineation experts from state and Federal agencies and academia with experience within the arid western United States. It has been peer reviewed by an independent panel of western scientists and practitioners. This interim document will be tested for one year prior to finalization; this one year period will begin effective 30 days from the date of this public notice. The Supplement, including data forms, and field evaluation questionnaire, as well as the peer review report and response, environmental assessment and copies of public comments are available on the Regulatory Homepage Website at http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg/reg_supp.htm

An interagency team is planning to hold orientation sessions to help interested parties within the States of Oregon, Idaho and Washington become more familiar with the Supplement. The sessions are not a complete training in doing wetland delineation, but only an update on changes in the Supplement. One session, specifically for state and Federal agency personnel, will be held on February 13, 2007; a second session for consultants and other interested parties will be held on February 14, 2007. See Appendix A for information and registration regarding those training sessions.

Effective 30 days from the date of this public notice, the Supplement data forms and indicators must be used for any data collection for wetland delineations. Field data collected for wetland delineations using the 1987 Manual prior to the effective date of this notice, but not yet submitted to this District for review and formal approval will be grandfathered. Documentation must be submitted to this District which clearly shows the field data was collected prior to 30 days from the date of this notice in order to qualify for this grandfather provision. Once this documentation has been reviewed and approved by this District under the 1987 Manual, a written jurisdictional determination will be provided.

While we are confident the Supplement will improve the accuracy of wetland delineation in the arid west, anyone performing a wetland delineation during this interim period using the Supplement who believes it has resulted in a significantly different boundary line than the 1987 Manual may also complete the delineation using the 1987 Manual and submit both delineations. Enough points to adequately describe the representative plant communities, soils, and hydrology of the site(s) and to clearly document the difference in boundaries between the two methods must be included. Data recorded on both the existing data forms and the new Supplement data forms, maps indicating the location of the field site and data collection points (upland and wetland), and a completed field evaluation questionnaire for each delineation must be submitted as part of the jurisdictional determination request to this District Office. The District will make the final determination based on analysis of all the submitted information. This information will also be used in evaluation and potential modification of the Supplement.

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For further information about the Department of the Army permit program in Walla Walla District, please visit our web page at: <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/rf/rfhome.htm> or call us at 509-527-7150.

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A. Bradley Daly
Chief, Regulatory Division

Interagency Training

Arid West Supplement to 1987 Corps Wetland Delineation Manual

February 13, 2007

10:00 to 4:00
Portland Eastside Federal Complex (BPA Bldg.)
911 NE 11th Ave., Portland, OR



The recently-released Arid West Supplement is required for conducting wetland delineations for CWA purposes in the arid west region. This training is for federal & state agency staff, and may be the only agency-provided training during the one-year use of this "interim" draft. Participants should have previous training & experience with the 1987 Corps Manual. Pre-registration is required. The training will be conducted by an interagency team of wetland specialists who participated in the working group that developed the supplement. Agency trainers/contacts:

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**Agency Personnel Training Registration Form
Arid West Supplement Workshop, February 13, 2007**

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

You must bring the following documents to the training!

We cannot provide copies at the free workshop due to the cost of color reproduction.

- 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual (please bring online version)

<http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/permit/documents/87manual.pdf>

- Arid West Regional Supplement:

http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg/reg_supp.htm

- Field Indicators of Hydric Soils:

ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/NSSC/Hydric_Soils/FieldIndicators_v6_0.pdf

We have a tight schedule, so please bring a sack lunch (lunch room available) or plan to eat at the cafeteria in the building. Be forewarned that no food or drinks are allowed in the training room! So get that coffee early (coffee place in lobby).

Return this form (copy/paste into message or as attachment) to Jim Goudzwaard by E-Mail:

jim.e.goudzwaard@nwp01.usace.army.mil

Important: In the subject line, type in all caps: ARIDWEST1

For questions or additional information, contact any of the agency trainers/contacts listed on the flyer, or Jim Goudzwaard, Portland District Corps of Engineers, at 503-808-4376

Arid West Supplement to 1987 Corps Wetland Delineation Manual *Training for Consultants*

February 14, 2007

10:00 to 4:00

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Consultant Registration Form
Arid West Supplement Workshop, February 14, 2007

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Hotels and Map to BPA Building

<i>Hotel Name</i>	<i>URL Address</i>	<i>Cost/Night</i>	<i>Parking/Night</i>
Courtyard by Marriott/Lloyd Center	www.courtyard.com/pdxcl	98.00	9.00
Days Inn/City Center	www.the.daysinn.com/portland05313	70.76	10.00
Doubletree Portland/Lloyd Center	www.portlandlloydcenter.doubletree.com	98.00	18.00
Four Points by Sheraton Downtown	www.fourpoints.com/portlanddowntown	98.00	15.00
Hilton Portland & Executive Tower	www.portland.hilton.com	98.00	18.00
La Quinta Inn Portland Convention Ctr	www.462.lq.com	94.00	Free
Red Lion Hotel Portland-Convention Ctr	www.redlion.com	85.00	8.00

Room charges do not include ~ 12% tax. Government Per Diem Rate is \$98(room) & Daily Rate is \$147 For Portland. The closest hotel to the BPA building is the Red Lion Hotel Portland Convention Ctr. Days Inn, Four Points and Hilton are all the furthest from the BPA building. All Hotels Are Within Fareless Square -i.e. no pass/fare required within the area.

Map to BPA building location (be patient; may be slow to load):

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?searchtype=address&country=US&addtohistory=&searchtab=home&formtype=address&popupflag=0&latitude=&longitude=&name=&phone=&level=&cat=&address=911+NE+11th+Avenue&city=Portland&state=Or&zipcode=97232#north>