



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
MOBILE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 2288
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36628-0001

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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MD09-ML01-05

7 December 2009

PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT CIVIL WORKS PROJECTS FOR PUBLIC NOTICE MAILING LIST UPDATE AND CHANGE TO ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION

ATTENTION: *You must respond to this notice to remain on Mobile District's public notice distribution list for Planning and Environmental Division – Civil Works Projects.*

PURPOSE: The purpose of this notice is to update the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District's, public notice (PN) distribution list for Planning and Environmental Division. The Mobile District, Planning and Environmental Division proposes to concurrently improve the efficiency of our PN distribution procedures, improve availability of PNs and reduce the costs to the government, by transitioning to an electronic notification process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 USC 3501). The Mobile District, Planning and Environmental Division will no longer mail full copies of PNs to those individuals on our PN distribution list.

PROPOSAL: The Mobile District, Planning and Environmental Division proposes to initiate a more efficient PN distribution system by replacing currently mailed paper copies of PNs with electronic notification to established mailing lists. We currently publish copies of PNs on the PN section of the Mobile District's Internet web page, which is found at <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/>. We propose to send electronic notifications in lieu of mailing paper copies of current PNs. The e-mail message will provide a brief summary of the PNs that have been posted, along with the web page address where these notices may be viewed or downloaded. This will allow PNs to be published more quickly, reduce the Mobile Districts' use of paper, and reduce cost to the taxpayer. We will continue our practice of mailing paper copies of the PNs only to the adjacent property owners in the vicinity of the proposed work.

organizations, and individuals which we are required to update on a regular basis. The Mobile District publishes several hundred PNs every year, each of which is mailed to between 100 and 1000 parties. The annual costs of reproducing and mailing individual copies of these notices are substantial. About half of the Corps of Engineer District offices around the country have already adopted some form of electronic PN procedures.

By sending electronic notification rather than conducting mass mailings of PNs we will save considerable time and public funds while potentially reaching more people. Advantages for e-mail recipients include receiving PNs sooner than those who receive mailed copies. PNs are currently posted in PDF format, requiring Adobe Acrobat Reader to view and print them. This computer software is widely available at no cost and may be downloaded through a link on many web pages. The use of electronic formatting also allows use of color, thus enhancing the quality of various graphics and figures used within PNs. Note this differs from the PNs procedure for Regulatory Division electronic notices and will not affect those databases and mail outs. We will continue our practice of mailing paper copies of PNs only to the public in the project vicinity and to those who specifically request a mailed copy by providing us with a current address. In

REPLIES/COMMENTS: We are distributing this PN Update Process to our entire PN mailing list. **You must respond to this PN if you wish to receive future PNs from the Mobile District.** If you do not respond, you will not be included in Mobile District's updated PN distribution list. Additionally, forms without e-mail addresses will not be accepted. You must respond by completing the enclosed response form within the next 60 days and returning it to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District
Attention: Mr. Ken Foote (PD-EC)
P.O. Box 2288
Mobile, AL 36628-0001

Alternatively, you may also fax your response to this office at (251-690-2727) or send by e-mail (please reference Public Notice File No. MD09-ML01-05) to: kenneth.w.foote@usace.army.mil.


COORDINATION: Among the agencies receiving copies of this PN are:

Region 4, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service for Alabama, Georgia,
Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi
Regional Director, National Park Service
U.S. Department of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries
Service, Panama City, Florida
U.S. Department of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries
Service, St. Petersburg, Florida
Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District
Alabama Department of Environmental Management
Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Alabama State Historic Preservation Officer
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Georgia State Historic Preservation Officer
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Florida State Historic Preservation Officer
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Louisiana Department of Natural Resources
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks
Mississippi State Historic Preservation Officer
Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Appropriate federally recognized Indian Tribes

Other Federal, state and local organizations, U.S. Senators and Representatives of the States of Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi are being sent copies of this notice. The Mobile District requests the information contained in this notice be communicated to any other parties interested in receiving PNs through electronic distribution.

You must return your response to this office within (60) days of the date of this PN, or we will presume that you no longer wish to review PN documents and will withdraw your name from our database. Questions regarding this PN should be directed to Mr. Ken Foote at (251) 690-2871, or e-mail kenneth.w.foote@usace.army.mil.



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U.S Army Corps of Engineers
Mobile District

**Mobile District Corps of Engineers Civil Works
Projects Public Notice Mailing List Update
and Change to Electronic Distribution**

You must choose one of the following options:

E-Mail Notification of Public Notices. Be certain to include your e-mail address below. You will be responsible for notifying us of future changes to your e-mail address. On the bottom of this form, select the area of interest, the State, or all public notices.

Please remove me from the mailing list.

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Return this form to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District
Attention: Ken Foote (PD-EC)
P.O. Box 2288
Mobile, AL 36628-0001

Alternatively, you may fax your response to this office at (251) 690-2727 or send it by e-mail to: michael.f.malsom@usace.army.mil. Please reference Public Notice No.: MD09-ML01-05.

Mobile District Public Notice Electronic Mailing List Options

Instructions: *Please identify the area(s) for which you wish to receive e-mail notification of the availability of public notices.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Alabama | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Louisiana | <input type="checkbox"/> ACF River Basin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inland Alabama | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Mississippi | <input type="checkbox"/> ACT River Basin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State of Georgia | <input type="checkbox"/> Inland Mississippi | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State of Florida | <input type="checkbox"/> All Mobile District Areas Listed | |