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**2009 COMPENSATORY STREAM MITIGATION STANDARD OPERATING
PROCEDURES AND GUIDANCE**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The Mobile District is implementing new guidance for addressing Compensatory Stream Mitigation requirements. This guidance is effective immediately and may be used for all projects required to provide stream mitigation by the Mobile District Regulatory Program.

The 34-page stream mitigation guidance can be found on the Mobile District Regulatory Division website at <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/RD/reg/>. The purpose of this guidance is to provide natural resource agencies, parties involved in stream compensatory mitigation, and the public with a set of standardized procedures and requirements for addressing stream mitigation in the Mobile District. The manual is divided into two sections; the first section is the main body comprised of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for rapidly assessing the compensatory mitigation required for permitted stream activities within the Mobile District, as well as evaluating the number of "credits" obtainable through implementation of various stream mitigation practices. The SOP describes a process to: 1) determine and assess the stream impacts; 2) determine the compensation requirement; and, 3) determine what types and the amount of the various compensation practices that will satisfy the compensation requirement. The second section of the manual includes, in the form of supporting appendices, guidance for formulating stream mitigation plan requirements, stream mitigation monitoring requirements, and stream mitigation success criteria applicable to all forms of stream mitigation within the Mobile District, as well as a credit release schedule for stream mitigation banks.

These requirements do not negate nor diminish an applicant's responsibility to comply with all other laws and regulations. Applicants should defer to 33 CFR 332, Compensatory Mitigation For Losses of Aquatic Resources, for guidance on mitigation requirements not specifically addressed in this SOP. These Guidelines can be applied to stream compensation projects performed on-site, off-site, for a stream mitigation bank, or for an in-lieu fee fund project, thereby, ensuring a standard application for evaluating and crediting all stream compensation projects. These Guidelines are intended to be used on intermittent or perennial streams within the Mobile District.

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