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**SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

**LOUISIANA WETLAND RAPID ASSESSMENT METHOD (LRAM):  
A DISTRICT TOOL FOR CALCULATING COMPENSATORY MITIGATION  
REQUIREMENTS**

In February 2016, the Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (CEMVN) Regulatory Branch released the interim version of the "Louisiana Wetland Rapid Assessment Method" (LRAM) for use in calculating compensatory mitigation requirements from 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 LRAM Guidebook and associated spreadsheets are available on the RIBITS webpage at:

<https://ribits.usace.army.mil>

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

In an effort to continually improve the LRAM and its use in our regulatory program, CEMVN would like to solicit public comments regarding any additions, updates, corrections, or clarifications to the LRAM. Written comments regarding the LRAM should be submitted to CEMVN by March 8, 2017 at:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
New Orleans District  
CEMVN-OD-S  
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Comments may also be submitted electronically to Mr. Stephen Pfeffer of the Regulatory Branch at [stephen.d.pfeffer@usace.army.mil](mailto:stephen.d.pfeffer@usace.army.mil), who can be reached at (504) 862-2099.

Sincerely,

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