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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Operations Division
Regulatory Branch

SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW PUBLICATION POLICY FOR

**PUBLIC NOTICES OUTSIDE OF LOUISIANA'S COASTAL ZONE
WITHIN THE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT**

The Corps of Engineers is required by federal regulations to publish public notices for permit applications for certain projects to solicit public comments. The required contents of these public notices and distribution procedures are described in the Code of Federal Regulations at 33 CFR 325.3.

In an effort to capitalize on improved communication technology and to significantly reduce escalating reproduction and mailing costs, the New Orleans District (NOD) will modify the method by which the public is notified of proposed actions requiring an individual Department of Army permit. Beginning November 1, 2001, all public notices for work within NOD outside of Louisiana's Coastal Zone (see attached map) will be made available to the public via the New Orleans District home page by clicking on the Regulatory button at:

<http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil>. The notices will be posted by applicant's name and permit number with a brief description of work. A link will provide access to the text and project drawings for each notice.

During the month of November 2001, public notices will be both mailed and posted to the web site. After November 2001, public notices will only be available via the website; however, we will continue to notify by mail those who own property adjacent to proposed projects requiring individual permits.

After evaluating the success of this publication method, we will consider adopting its use for all public notices for work within the NOD.

