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## Corps in New Orleans announces 4 promotions

NEW ORLEANS – The New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has promoted Bill Lewis to chief of its 60-employee Real Estate Division with responsibility for \$278 million of real property.

Lewis is a 30-year veteran of the Corps. He had been acting and assistant chief of the division, which is responsible for the management of 70,000 acres of fee-owned land and 700,000 acres of easements, and for acquiring an additional 190,000 acres of easements in the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway project.

Three employees were promoted to branch chief:

- Beth Cottone to chief of the Project Management Branch – East. Her office has responsibilities that include the Southeast Louisiana (SELA) rain-flood project, Industrial Canal Lock replacement project, and major hurricane-protection projects. Cottone had been the senior project manager for the SELA project.
- Marcia Demma to chief of the Programs Management Branch, with responsibility for formulating the district's budget and executing a civil works program of about \$450 million this fiscal year. Demma had been the branch's acting and assistant chief.
- Mike Park to chief of the Technical Support Branch, which provides support for Operations Division functions such as flood control, dredging, environment and recreation. Park had been the branch's navigation function leader.

The New Orleans District is responsible for Corps of Engineers activities in 30,000 square miles of coastal and central Louisiana