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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, announces the availability of the Final Midwest Regional Supplement to the 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual. This supplement was developed by regional expert delineators with input from state and Federal agencies, academia and other local experts. It was peer reviewed by a panel of independent scientists and field tested by interagency teams of state and Federal agencies to determine the clarity and ease of use of the document and whether its use will result in any spatial changes in wetland jurisdiction for Clean Water Act Section 404 purposes. The final version of the supplement may be found at:

http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/Pages/reg_supp.aspx. The following changes were incorporated into Version 2.0 of the Midwest regional supplement:

1. Minor wording and organizational changes have been made throughout the document in an attempt to improve its clarity and consistency with other regional supplements. Several web links have been updated.
2. In Chapter 2 (pages 22-24), a new indicator (Indicator 1 – Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation) has been added. It is designed as a quick confirmation of hydrophytic vegetation in areas where all dominants are OBL and/or FACW, reducing the need for additional sampling in these obvious cases. This indicator has been reviewed and tested in other regions, and is being incorporated into the supplements for all regions at the recommendation of the National Advisory Team.
3. In Chapter 3, some new photos of hydric soil indicators have been added. In addition, the wording of several hydric soil indicators has been updated to conform with Version 7.0 of the National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils (NTCHS) field indicators. In particular, see hydric soil indicators A5, A11, A12, S6, and S7.
4. A new hydric soil indicator for problem soils has been added to Chapter 3 (page 67). Indicator TF12 (Very Shallow Dark Surface) was approved by NTCHS for testing nationwide and, therefore, can be used with the problem soil procedures in Chapter 5 of the supplement.
5. The data form has been revised accordingly.

The Corps will continue to accept comments/suggestions and new data on this supplement. Comments may be submitted to Ms. Karen Mulligan (CECW-CO), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 441 G. Street,

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