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Alaska District

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ALASKA DISTRICT COMPENSATORY MITIGATION CONSIDERATIONS

The purpose of this notice is to provide an update on the Regulatory Program of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Pacific Ocean Division, Alaska District.

Flexibility is crucial in Alaska because of widespread wetlands and other waters with relatively high ecological integrity, and few opportunities for compensation. The Regulatory Division, Alaska District had created the Alaska District Compensatory Mitigation Thought Process dated September 18, 2018, and revised on April 8, 2023, as a tool to evaluate compensatory mitigation requirements.

The **Compensatory Mitigation Considerations for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District Regulatory**, finalized in January 2025, replaces and supersedes the Alaska District Compensatory Mitigation Thought Process. The 'Considerations' document supplies the Alaska District with the statutory support and rationale for determining when to require compensatory mitigation and what factors should be considered when reviewing plans for compensatory mitigation. Specifically, the document 1) briefly describes compensatory mitigation, 2) provides considerations for determining whether project impacts should require compensatory mitigation, 3) provides considerations for determining what approaches to compensatory mitigation are appropriate and practicable, and 4) addresses aspects of documenting decisions regarding compensatory mitigation.

For additional information on the Alaska District Compensatory Mitigation Considerations, please contact us using the following email: regpagemaster@usace.army.mil.

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