

JOINT OUTREACH EVENT

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2019

Time: 9:00am – 4:00 (CDT)

Location: Fleming Training Center
2022 Blanton Drive
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Information: Compensatory mitigation is used to offset environmental losses resulting from unavoidable impacts to waters of the United States and waters of the State authorized by Department of the Army permits and TN Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Water Resources permits, respectfully.

Compensatory Mitigation for impacts to aquatic resources should be developed in a scientifically defensible manner approved by the applicable regulatory agencies, which demonstrates sufficient increase in resource values and function to compensate for permitted impacts. Historically, the Division employed a ratio driven credit and debit system to determine resource value loss and lift. In an effort to provide consistent and efficient review that is scientifically defensible and compliant with Tennessee's ARAP Rules' mandatory requirements for mitigation, the Division has updated the *Stream Mitigation Guidelines for the State of Tennessee*. These Stream Mitigation Guidelines have also been developed to better align with the 2008 Federal Compensatory Mitigation Rule. TDEC has worked closely with our federal counterparts to improve consistency, transparency and efficiency of compensatory mitigation development in Tennessee.

To inform and provide clear expectations to the public, permittees, mitigation practitioners, and other stakeholders, TDEC will be hosting a joint outreach event with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Memphis and Nashville Districts. This event will cover TDEC and Corps regulatory authority and guidance as it relates to compensatory mitigation requirements (including the 2019 *Stream Mitigation Guidelines for the State of Tennessee* and recent TDEC ARAP Rule Revisions), and other related topics such as the 2020 ARAP General Permit Revisions. The Corps will present information related to updates on USACE Jurisdiction and the Clean Water Act, permitting, banking and site protection templates, Regulatory Guidance Letters and credit factors as it relates to proximity and temporal loss.

From 9:00 – 12:00 the regulatory agencies will present on the above topics and answer questions. After lunch at 1:00 pm there will be an additional workshop demonstration opportunity covering impact project proposal examples, and evaluating them using the new Stream Mitigation Guidelines and Debit Tool.

If you plan on attending either the morning outreach event or afternoon workshop please [register online](#).