

# United States Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program

## Regulatory Overview



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# Regulatory Program Mission

To protect the Nation's aquatic resources, while allowing reasonable development through fair, flexible and balanced permit decisions.



# Regulatory Program Statutory Authorities

- Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899
  - ▶ Requires approval prior to any work in, on, over or under navigable waters of the United States, or which affects the course, location, condition or capacity of such waters
- Section 404 of the Clean Water Act
  - ▶ Requires approval prior to discharging dredged or fill material into the waters of the United States



SECTION 404

Discharge of Dredged or Fill Material

SECTION 10

All Structures and Work  
if a Navigable Water of U.S.

Ordinary High Water

Swamps  
Marshes  
Bogs

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FRESH WATER  
WETLANDS

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RIVERS  
STREAMS  
LAKES  
PONDS

UPLAND

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Corps of Engineers Regulatory Jurisdiction in **FRESH WATERS**

# Wetlands



“Those areas inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions.”

***are not always obvious...***

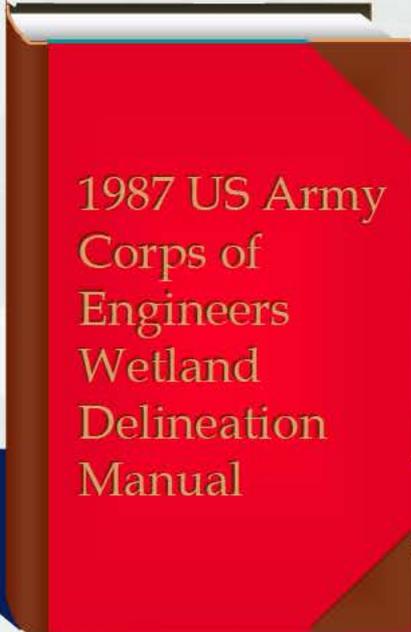


# Wetland Criteria

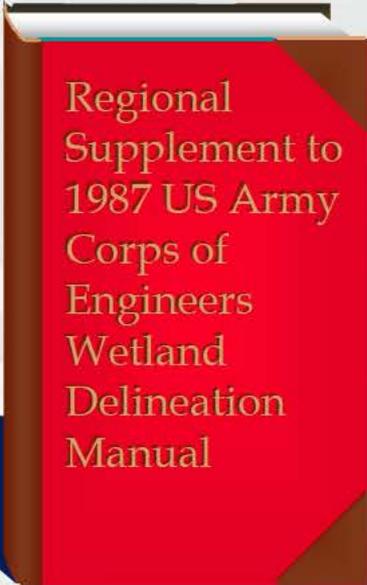
In accordance with 1987 US Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and any applicable Regional Supplement

## Three Parameters

- ▶ Vegetation
- ▶ Soil
- ▶ Hydrology



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Wetland  
Delineation  
Manual



Regional  
Supplement to  
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