



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
Fort Worth District

# Public Notice

**REGISTRATION IS CLOSED TRAINING FULL**

Activity: Texas Rapid Assessment Method Training

The purpose of this public notice is to inform you of an upcoming training session in which you might be interested. This notice is being sent to notify interested parties of an upcoming TXRAM training session. We hope you will participate in this workshop.

## **Regulatory Program**

Since its early history, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has played an important role in the development of the nation's water resources. Originally, this involved construction of harbor fortifications and coastal defenses. Later duties included the improvement of waterways to provide avenues of commerce. An important part of our mission today is the protection of the nation's waterways through the administration of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program.

## **Section 10**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is directed by Congress under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors of 1899 (33 USC 403) to regulate *all work or structures in or affecting the course, condition or capacity of navigable waters of the United States*. The intent of this law is to protect the navigable capacity of waters important to interstate commerce.

## **Section 404**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is directed by Congress under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344) to regulate the *discharge of dredged and fill material into all waters of the United States, including wetlands*. The intent of the law is to protect the nation's waters from the indiscriminate discharge of material capable of causing pollution and to restore and maintain their chemical, physical and biological integrity.

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE TEXAS RAPID ASSESSMENT MODEL TRAINING SESSION**

### **U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, FORT WORTH DISTRICT**

**SUBJECT:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth has recently adopted the Texas Rapid Assessment Method (TXRAM) as its preferred model for assessing the ecological condition of streams and wetlands being evaluated in Section 404/Section 10 permit applications, in addition to mitigation projects. Although additional assessments may be required on a case by case basis for certain activities or aquatic resource types, the use of TXRAM will provide information that will be useful for nearly all projects. The USACE has also begun using a previously developed Aquatic Resource Compensation Calculator (Calculator), which incorporates temporal loss and risk of failure. It is strongly encouraged that you download and review the TXRAM model prior to the upcoming training. The TXRAM model and the Calculator can be downloaded at:

[www.swf.usace.army.mil/pubdata/environ/regulatory/permitting/applicationforms/index.asp](http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/pubdata/environ/regulatory/permitting/applicationforms/index.asp)

This Public Notice is being distributed for the purpose of advertising an upcoming training session designed to introduce interested parties to the use of the TXRAM model and Calculator.

**DATE OF TRAINING:** September 20, 2012

**LOCATION:** Representatives of the Fort Worth District Regulatory Branch will be holding a training session on the use of TXRAM, Thursday September 20, 2012 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM at the Fort Worth Public Library's Tandy Lecture Hall, located at 500 W. 3rd St. and Lamar Street, in Fort Worth, Texas. Parking is available at several parking lots in the downtown area including a parking garage at W. 3rd St. and Taylor Street. On-street parking is available as well. There are several restaurants within the vicinity of the library. For additional information on the training location, please refer to the link below

<http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/branches/central/>

**REGISTRATION:** This training has been made available to the first 120 respondents.

**Registration for this training is currently closed, as the maximum number of participants have been registered.**

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