



# Public Announcement

5 March 2010

## **U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, GALVESTON DISTRICT RIBITS (Regional Internet Bank Information Tracking System)**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District announces the implementation and availability of an interactive web-based mitigation bank tracking system known as RIBITS (Regional Internet Bank Information Tracking System). The Galveston District is among the first of several Corps districts to implement RIB ITS. It has proven to be a very successful tool for the bankers, the public, and the governmental agencies associated with tracking mitigation banks and compensatory mitigation credits for approved mitigation banks.

The information contained in RIB ITS will be in accordance with 33 CFR parts 325 and 332 and 40 CFR part 230, Subpart J, "Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources; Final Rule" published in the Federal Register on April 10, 2008, and is consistent with the current guidance regarding the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. RIBITS allows the public to track mitigation banks within each district. It is intended to provide up-to-date mitigation banking information to regulators and resource agencies, bank sponsors, permit applicants, and the general public. Users can look for information on operational, proposed, and closed mitigation banks in any locality or watershed in the District. They can examine credit transactions by watershed, county, habitat type, or for a given mitigation bank. RIBITS also provides the public with detailed information on banking processes and procedures.

RIBITS can be accessed at the following link:

[http://216.83.232.125:443/pls/htmldb/f?p=101:2:94431077432598::NO::P0\\_FILTER\\_REGION:38](http://216.83.232.125:443/pls/htmldb/f?p=101:2:94431077432598::NO::P0_FILTER_REGION:38)

General directions for the use of RIBITS are attached.

Please direct any questions about RIBITS or forward any information for inclusion in RIBITS to Mr. Sam J. Watson, or Mr. Jayson M. Hudson. They may be reached at [Sam.Watson@usace.army.mil](mailto:Sam.Watson@usace.army.mil) or [Jayson.M.Hudson@usace.army.mil](mailto:Jayson.M.Hudson@usace.army.mil)

DISTRICT ENGINEER  
GALVESTON DISTRICT  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS