

**A TRAINING COURSE FOR  
MITIGATION BANKING AND IN-LIEU FEE PROGRAM  
INTERAGENCY REVIEW TEAMS**



Reference Document:  
**Financial Assurances – Remedial and Long-Term**

**A. Federal Financial Assurances Policy**

**2008 Compensatory Mitigation Regulations**

§332.3 *General compensatory mitigation requirements*

(n) *Financial assurances.*

§332.4 *Planning and documentation*

(c) *Mitigation Plan.* [The mitigation plan must include:]

(13) *Financial assurances.* A description of financial assurances that will be provided and how they are sufficient to ensure a high level of confidence that the compensatory mitigation project will be successfully completed, in accordance with its performance standards (see § 332.3(n)).

§332.7 *Management*

(d) *Long-term management.*

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. February 14, 2005. *Guidance on the Use of Financial Assurances, and Suggested Language for Special Conditions for Department of the Army Permits Requiring Performance Bonds.*

**2003 Model Compensatory Mitigation Plan Checklist**

- Adaptive Management Plan
  - o Remedial measures (financial assurances, management plan, etc.)
- Financial Assurances
  - o Identify party (ies) responsible for assurances
  - o Specify type of assurance, contents and schedule

**9. Financial Assurances**

a. For each of the following, identify party(ies) responsible to establish and manage the financial assurance, the specific type of financial instrument, the method used to estimate assurance amount, the date of establishment, and the release and forfeiture conditions:

1. Construction phase
2. Maintenance

3. Monitoring
  4. Remedial measures
  5. Project success
- b. Types of assurances (e.g., performance bonds, irrevocable trusts, escrow accounts, casualty insurance, letters of credit, etc.).
  - c. Schedule by which financial assurance will be reviewed and adjusted to reflect current economic factors.

## **B. Bibliography of Corps District & State Financial Assurances Rules and Models**

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Support to Mitigation Banking Guidance.” IWR Technical Paper WMB-TP-2.  
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Mitigation Project Success. Institute for Water Resources White Paper. 36pp.

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