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Great Lakes and Ohio River Division ®

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Please address all comments and inquiries to:
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This Public Notice announces the proposed realignment of responsibility for regulatory functions in the Louisville and Detroit Districts. The current regulatory boundary between the two districts follows the watershed boundary. The realignment would revise the regulatory boundary to coincide with county boundaries and is intended to simplify the permit application process for the public, prospective applicants, and state and federal resource agencies. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been delegated the authority to issue permits for work in the nation's waters pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

Under this proposal, the Louisville District would assume full regulatory responsibility in Adams, Wells, Pulaski, White, and Benton counties in Indiana. The Detroit District would assume full regulatory responsibility in Allen, Whitley, Kosciusko, Noble, Marshall, Starke and Jasper counties in Indiana. Maps of the existing and proposed regulatory boundaries are attached. Realignment along these county boundaries would provide an easy and efficient way for all involved parties to identify the correct District.

Only the duties under the regulatory authorities identified above would be transferred. All Civil Works projects (such as Planning Studies and Lake Projects) would continue with the original district.

At this time, LaPorte County, Indiana will continue to be shared by the Chicago and Detroit Districts. The current configuration allows the Chicago Regulatory boundaries to be in line with its District's civil works boundaries. It will also provide better consistency by having one District handle all coastal issues for the State of Indiana.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposal. It is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposal. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to implement this proposal as presented herein, implement a modified version of the proposal, or to make no changes to the boundary. Written statements, either in favor of or in objection to the proposal, received in this office on or before the closing date will become a part of the official record and will be considered in the final decision. Following the close of this Public Notice, the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division Commander will determine if the proposed realignment is in the best interest of the regulated public. A final Public Notice will be issued announcing the Division Commander's decision.

All comments regarding this proposal should be addressed to Ms. Suzanne Chubb at the address noted above, refer to Public Notice Number 2013-01-LRD, and should reach the Division Office by the closing date. If you desire to submit your comments by email, please send to: Suzanne.L.Chubb@usace.army.mil

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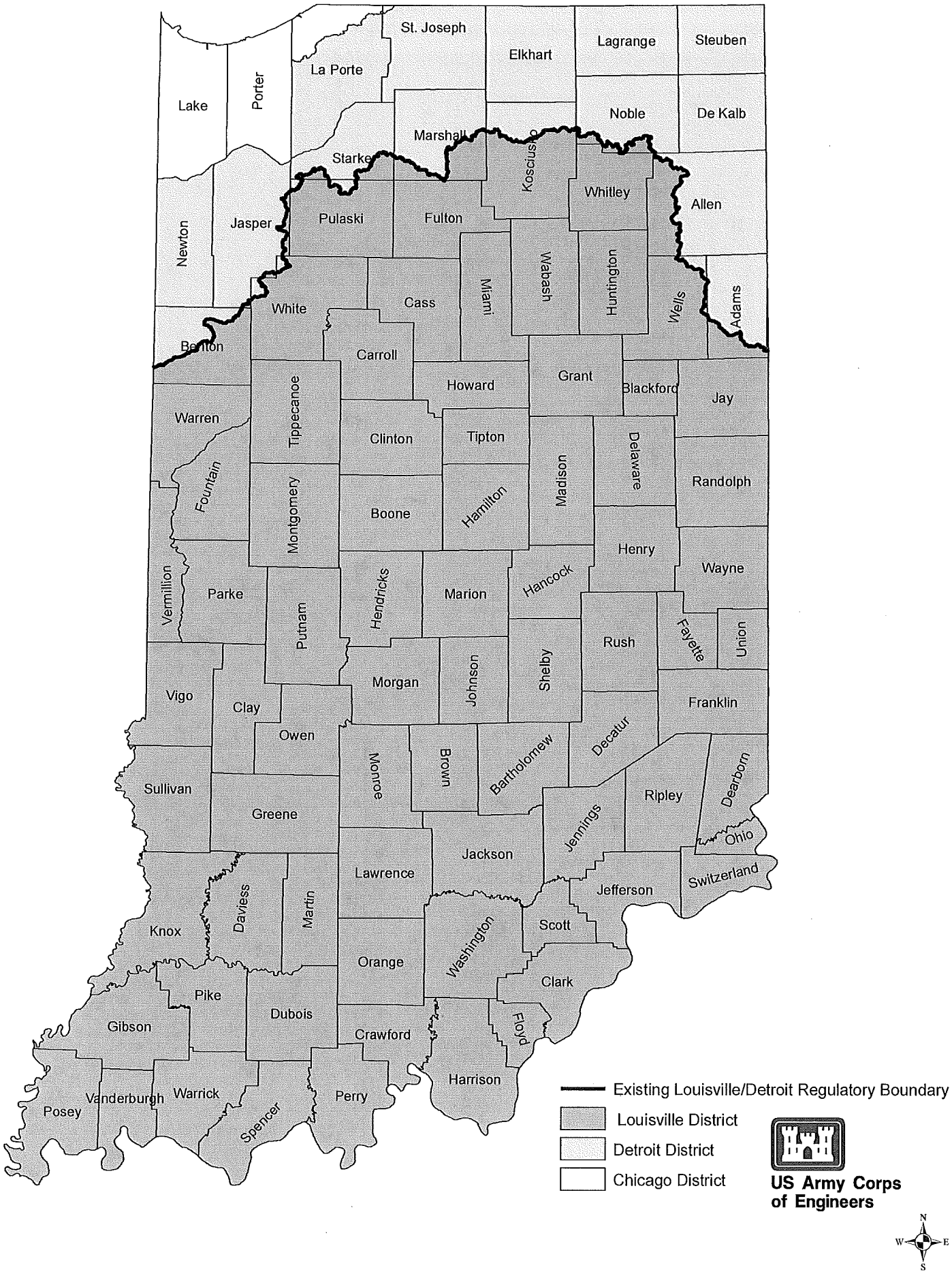
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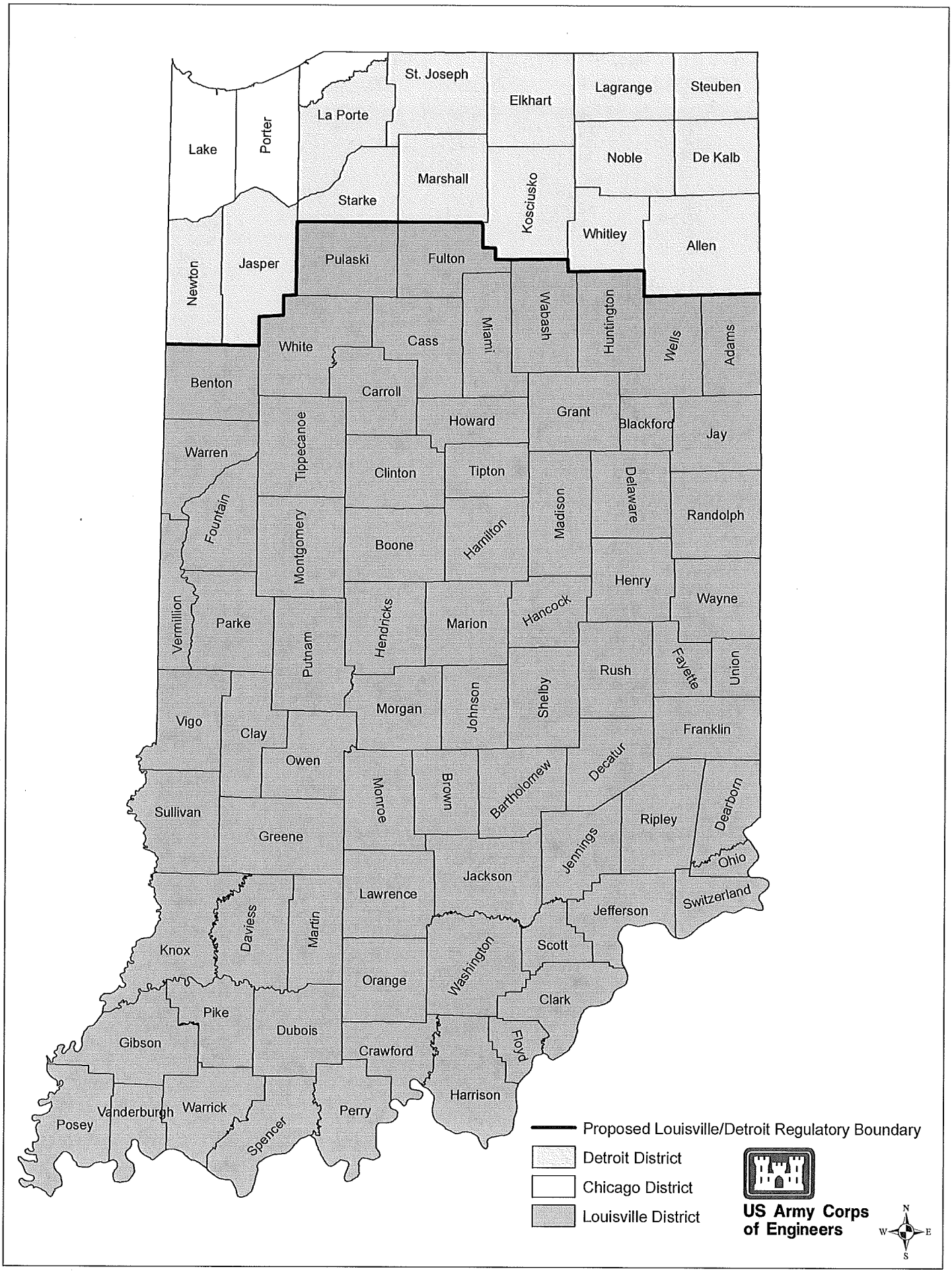
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