"Constructed wetland: Those wetlands intentionally created from nonwetland sites for the sole purpose of wastewater or stormwater treatment. These are not normally considered waters of the U.S. Constructed wetlands are to be considered treatment systems (i.e., not waters of the U.S.); these systems must be managed and monitored. Upon abandonment, these systems may revert to waters of the U.S. Discharges to constructed wetlands are not regulated under the Clean Water Act. Discharges from constructed wetlands to waters of the U.S. (including natural wetlands) must meet applicable NPDES permit effluent limits and state water quality standards.

Created Wetland: Those wetlands intentionally created from nonwetland sites to produce or replace natural habitat (e.g., compensatory mitigation projects). These are normally considered waters of the U.S. Created wetlands must be carefully planned, designed, constructed, and monitored. Plans should be reviewed and approved by appropriate state and federal agencies with jurisdiction. Plans should include clear goal statements, proposed construction methods, standards for success, a monitoring program and a contingency plan in the event success is not achieved within the specified time frame. Created wetlands should be located where the 'return' to the environment will be maximized (not necessarily onsite) and should be protected in perpetuity, to the extent feasible, through easements, deed restrictions, or transfer of title to an appropriate conservation agency or organization. Site characteristics should be carefully studied, particularly hydrology and soils, during the design phase and created wetlands should not be designed to provide habitat and provide stormwater treatment."