

REGIONALIZATION EFFORT UPDATE

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Regionalization Effort

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Introductions & Regionalization Effort Overview

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- ✓ The Corps leadership is supportive of cultural resources.
- ✓ We need to insure the proper care and utilization of these resources.
- ✓ Regionalization Policy Memo is to facilitate cooperation and progress on this issue.
- ✓ Regionalization for Curation is based on expertise and efficiency to assist in gaining compliance and meeting national standards.



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- ✓ Goal is to simply bring the materials and documentation up to federal standards AND provide efficient long-term storage and management that sustains those standards.
- ✓ HQ has put an increased priority on cultural resources
 - ✓ VCP and Collections Management by the MCX increased resources from \$3.0 to \$6.5
 - ✓ NAGPRA support remains consistent
 - ✓ Stewardship funds to projects has doubled from FY13 (\$6.7) to FY18 (\$13.2)



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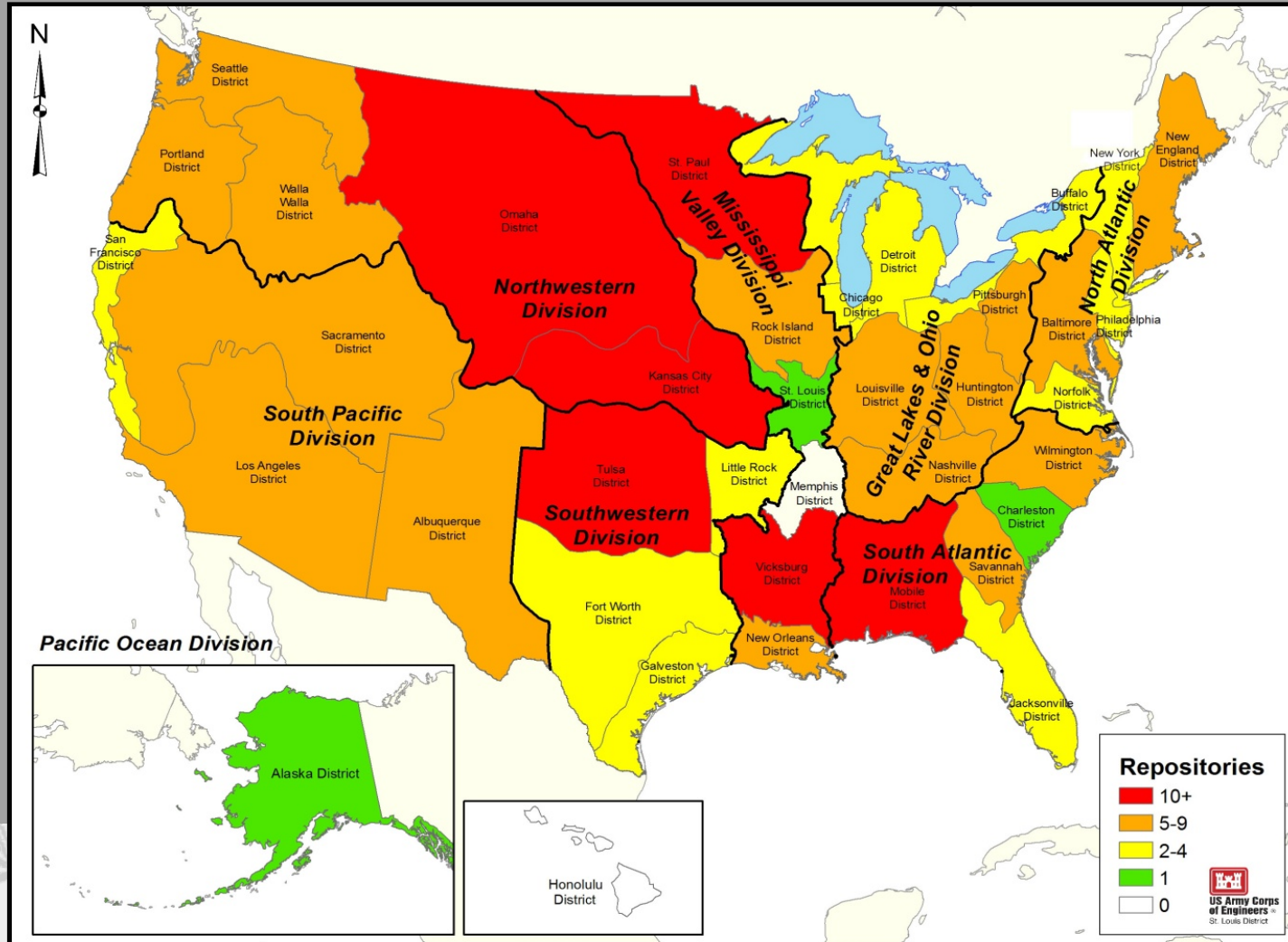
- ✓ Regionalization Policy Memo
 - ✓ Signed 7 September 2017
 - ✓ USACE must gain physical and administrative control in order to properly rehabilitate collections and develop standardized processes and procedures to preserve this scientific data for the future.
 - ✓ First step, division consolidation analysis reports will be generated by the MCX CMAC that (1) evaluates archaeological collections data by district and (2) evaluates compliant storage facilities within each division.
 - ✓ The consolidation reports will involve (1) close coordination with district subject matter experts, (2) identify tribal interests, and (3) address all cultural resources federal standards.
 - ✓ Addresses budgeting.



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Regionalization Background: Collections Status



Total Artifact Volume

47,832 ft³

Total Records

3,634 linear feet

165—Facilities Curating
Corps Collections

67—Repositories Curating
Collections from more than
one District

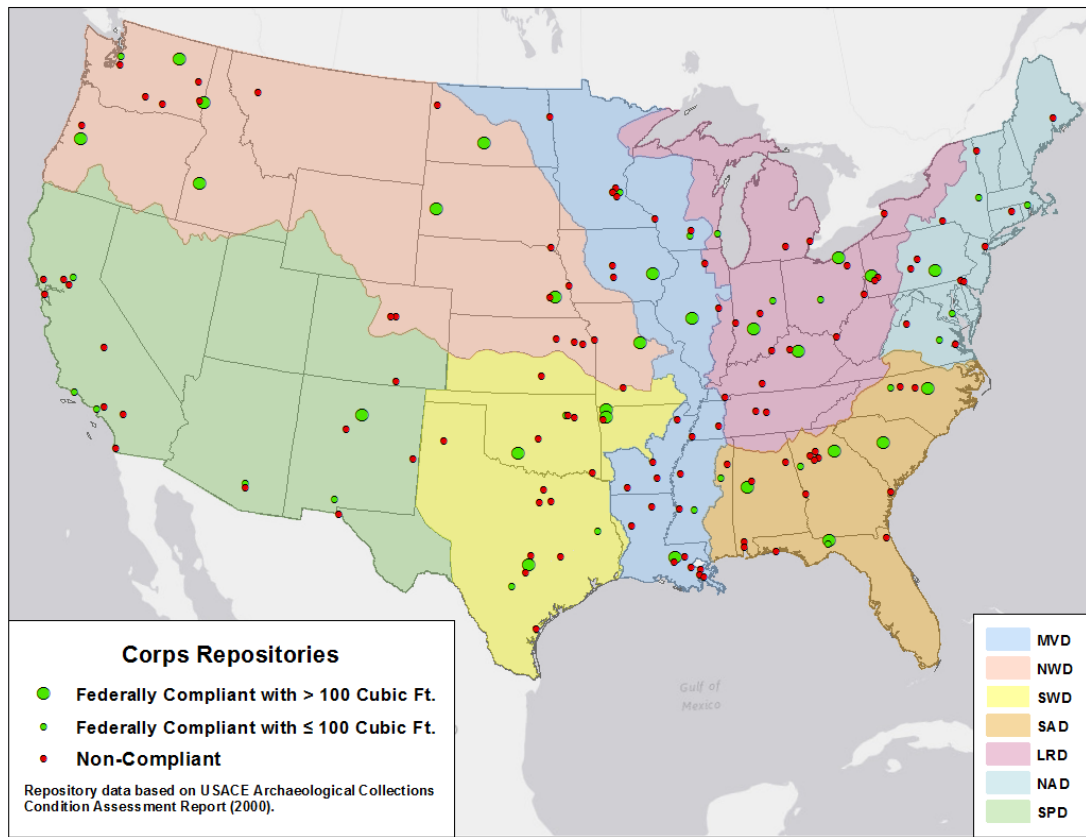


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Regionalization Model & Establishing Regional Repositories



Establish 20 to 25 Regional Repositories

- 3 to 4 per Division
- Geographically and culturally determined
- Selected through a competitive solicitation process

Benefits

- Collections housed in federally compliant facilities
- Availability of specialized experts and resources
- Consistent rehabilitation through the Veterans Curation Program
- Increased access to collections for research, education, STEM, tribal use, and public outreach
- Fiscal control over long-term curation costs



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Regionalization Process

1. Conduct Initial Meetings with Divisions and Districts
2. Begin Data Gathering
3. Generate Collections Analysis Report
4. Conduct Tribal Informational Meetings
5. Begin Contracting Actions
6. Award Regional Center Contract
7. Transfer Collections
8. Establish VCP Laboratories at Regional Centers
9. Ongoing Tasks:
 - Consult with Divisions and Districts
 - Provide Tribal Notifications
 - Rehabilitate Collections at the VCP
 - Make Collections Available on tDAR



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Regionalization Effort by Division

- ✓ MVD (Pilot Project)
 - Northern: University of Wisconsin—Madison
 - Central: Illinois State Museum
 - Southern: Cobb Institute of Archaeology
- ✓ NWD—Collections analysis report is being generated.
- ✓ NAD—Data gathering has begun.
- ✓ LRD—Data gathering has begun.
- ✓ SPD—Data gathering has begun.
- ✓ SWD—Assisting with curation contracts (as needed).
- ✓ SAD—Assisting with curation contracts (as needed).



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Veterans Curation Program (VCP)

Purpose: Rehabilitate Corps archaeological collections and associated documentation. Provide employment and vocational training to veterans.

Need: Identify collections for rehabilitation.



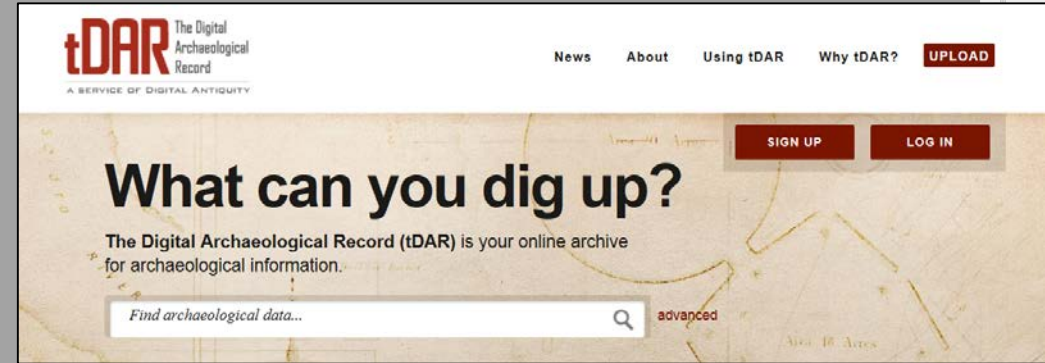
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THE DIGITAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECORD

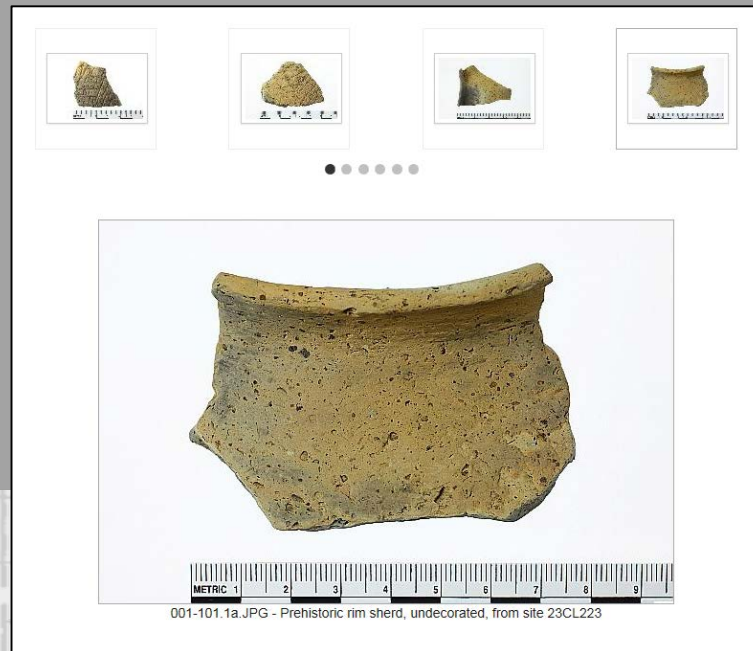
The Digital Archaeological Record (tDAR) serves as a public outreach tool to make digital versions of Corps collections generated at the VCP available to tribes, researchers, educators, and the public.



- Datasets (255)
- Documents (504)
- Images (819)
- Projects (133)

Child Collections

- US Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District
- US Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District
- US Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District
- US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District
- US Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District
- Veterans Curation Program



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The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) conducts and/or funds archaeological investigations for water-control projects that it undertakes or supports and in order to preserve, protect, and interpret archaeological and other cultural resources on the lands that it manages. This tDAR collection includes documents, images, data sets, and other kinds of information from archaeological and other cultural resource investigations. The data and information is organized by project and overall by the USACE district within which the work occurred. These districts typically are also where physical collections from such investigations are curated and managed.

Site Name Keywords

23MC362 • 23MC150 • 23MC142 • 23MC345 •
23MC55 • 23MC71 • 23MC88 • 23MC298 • 23MC77 •
23MC223

Site Type Keywords

Non-Domestic Structures • Archaeological Feature •
Funerary and Burial Structures or Features •
Governmental structure • Domestic Structure or
Architectural Complex • Resource Extraction /

Investigation Types

Heritage Management • Reconnaissance / Survey •
Collections Research • Site Evaluation / Testing • Data
Recovery / Excavation • Archaeological Overview •
Historic Background Research • Architectural Survey •
Architectural Documentation • Records Search /
Inventory Checking

Material Types

Ceramic • Chipped Stone • Metal • Glass • Fauna •



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Budget Procedures & Funding

- ✓ Budget supports three phases of curation: (1) rehabilitation, (2) consolidation and (3) storage.
 - ✓ Rehabilitation – Centrally funded by HQ and managed by the MCX. Use VCP and contracts to bring collections up to federal standards. If you have materials that require rehabilitation (regardless of whom has them), contact the MCX for scheduling.
 - ✓ Consolidation – multiple sources from existing remaining items, competition from work plan funding in appropriation bills and potentially some O&M appropriation (reprogramming, end of the year execution, project unobligated carry-over).
 - ✓ Storage- Responsibility for each project to fund their portion of their materials storage, maintenance, rent, fees, and inspections.
 - ✓ Annual inputs to O&M budget development by the field into the Corps Civil Works Integrated Funding Database (CWIFD) in the primary or impacting business line in accordance with the annual budget EC.
 - ✓ Curation is funded at the No Mission Level using WCC (60X64)



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Annual Budget – CWIFD – Project Input.

OHIO RIVER LOCKS & DAMS – Capability \$12,000

WCC 60164 Curation for Navigation

Phase Activity Code - CR

Description: Conduct field surveys, maintain temporary curation facility in Federal Bldg., and comply with MOA/U's for cultural resources for locks and dams.

Better Description: Includes all activities related to proper storage, inspection and compliance of XX cubic feet of archeological materials and XXX linear feet of records at XXX university in accordance with Federal standards.

Appropriations – Execution

Use designated work category codes for labor and contracting



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Open Discussion



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