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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEFS, OPERATIONS AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
MANAGEMENT, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND DISTRICT COMMANDS, AND  
OPERATIONS PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: Life Jacket Loaner Program Guidelines

1. On 23 July 2010, I issued Life Jacket Loaner Program policy clarifying the use of appropriated funds for materials and supplies to establish and maintain life jacket loaner programs on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) projects. This program provides the public with free use of life jackets on a first-come, first-served basis, while they are recreating at USACE lakes and waterways.
2. The National Operations Center for Water Safety has developed guidelines (enclosed) that establish minimally acceptable standards for design, construction, maintenance, public information, and program implementation when loaner stations are installed or maintained. I'm aware that a number of USACE projects have already implemented successful Life Jacket Loaner Programs and I commend those proactive managers and park rangers for their initiative. I trust the subject guidelines will encourage and assist others in implementing similar programs at their projects.
3. I strongly encourage all USACE recreation projects to implement life jacket loaner programs at staffed and/or unstaffed locations. Explore the use of partnerships in order to create affordable and manageable loaner stations that fit their specific needs. A list of potential partners is included in Appendix A of the guidelines. Just one life saved represents an immeasurable return on the relatively small investment required to implement a Life Jacket Loaner Program.
4. For further information regarding these guidelines please contact National Water Safety Program Assistant Manager, Rachel Garren at [Rachel.J.Garren@usace.army.mil](mailto:Rachel.J.Garren@usace.army.mil), or National Water Safety Program Manager, Lynda Nutt at [Lynda.G.Nutt@usace.army.mil](mailto:Lynda.G.Nutt@usace.army.mil).

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