



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEFS, OPERATIONS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND DISTRICT COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Recreation Program Sustainability and Energy Initiative at U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers Civil Works Projects

1. We kicked-off our Sustainability Program in January 2010 and have aggressively pursued sustainability initiatives to improve our performance on the Administration's Sustainability/Energy Scorecard metrics. I am encouraged by all the work the Command has accomplished that contributes to meeting our sustainability goals, saving taxpayer dollars, reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, cutting waste and saving energy. About \$16.6 million has been saved in facility energy and non-tactical vehicle fleet costs between FY 2011 and FY 2012, and that's something of which we should all be proud.
2. Data collected to support progress on our scorecard goals shows that roughly 40% of our total annual energy consumption at USACE Civil Works projects is attributed to visitor activities, particularly in campgrounds. Visitor energy and water consumption has an impact on the environment and on our budget, and it generates a bill that we cannot afford to ignore. For these reasons, I am launching a Sustainability and Energy Initiative focused on educating visitors and influencing behavior toward energy and water efficiency and waste reduction and recycling goals at recreation facilities. I am implementing the initiative as a strategic objective of the *2011 USACE National Recreation Strategic Plan* within the framework of Goals 3 and 4. The success of this initiative depends on collaboration between the Recreation, Interpretive Services and Outreach, and Public Affairs staffs. I encourage partnerships in the execution of this initiative.
3. Preliminary discussions and planning efforts are already underway, and I have asked my team at HQUSACE to work with the Recreation Strategy Goal 3 Team to further shape and develop a path forward on this very important initiative. As a first step, we have procured vinyl energy decal stickers to inform visitors of actions they may take to reduce energy use while at USACE recreation sites. The stickers are being shipped to the Districts. I request your support to ensure these are placed as soon as possible on electric power pedestals at campgrounds and day use areas.

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4. Thank you again for your tremendous support of the Recreation Program and USACE Sustainability and Energy goals. My primary points of contacts for this initiative are Mr. Pep Persio, (202) 761-0036, Mr. Stephen B. Austin, (202) 761-4489, and Mr. John Coho, (202) 761-4722.



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