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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEFS, OPERATIONS AND NATURAL RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT DIVISIONS AND DISTRICTS AND OPERATIONS PROJECT
MANAGERS

SUBJECT: Exemption from the Formal DoD Conference Approval Process for USACE
Visitor Assistance Program Training Courses

1. Reference DoD Deputy Chief Management Officer memorandum, dated 4 September 2012, subject: "U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Proponent Sponsored Engineer Corps Training (PROSPECT)", (Encl 1).
2. Subject memorandum provides an exemption from the formal DoD conference approval process for all USACE PROSPECT courses and extends this exemption to "those training activities or events that are core elements of USACE PROSPECT training as executed by the USACE Learning Center".
3. This memorandum applies to PROSPECT Course #147, "Visitor Assistance Program for Natural Resources Management", and is extended to the mandatory MSC/District-sponsored Visitor Assistance courses and annual Refresher Visitor Assistance training courses and other training necessary to obtain and maintain 36 CFR citation authority as specified in ER/EP 1130-2-550, Chapter 6, Appendix E (Visitor Assistance Training Curriculum), Modules 1b-1g and 2. These courses are core elements to the USACE PROSPECT training program and have been classified as mission-essential mandatory Priority 1 training for all USACE park rangers requiring 36 CFR citation authority as a condition of their employment. These courses are required to obtain and maintain citation authority and include personal protection, enforcement procedures, policy and legal training which must be offered on a regular basis for the safety of USACE park rangers.
4. This exemption is contingent on your continued attention to providing this mandatory training at government facilities and within existing policy to ensure the best use of government funds. Thank you for your support of the USACE Visitor Assistance Program and your commitment to the safety and well being of our park rangers and other natural resource management professionals.

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Proponent Sponsored Engineer Corps Training (PROSPECT)

I have reviewed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Proponent Sponsored Engineer Corps Training (PROSPECT) and hereby grant an exemption from the formal DoD conference approval process as required by the Deputy Secretary of Defense's June 3, 2012 memorandum, "Implementation of May 11, 2012 Office of Management and Budget Memorandum, 'Promoting Efficient Spending to Support Agency Operations'." This exemption is contingent on your continued attention to all applicable policy to ensure the best use of government funds.

This exemption extends to those training activities or events that are core elements of USACE PROSPECT training as executed by the USACE Learning Center. For those activities that are not in direct support of the core elements of USACE PROSPECT training and that exhibit characteristics of a formal conference, (e.g. registration, registration fees, a published substantive agenda, and scheduled speakers or discussion panels), DoD conference approval is required.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth A. McGrath", is positioned above the printed name.

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