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MEMORANDUM FOR

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

SUBJECT: Corps Watch Property Protection Program

1. References:

a. Memorandum, CECW-CO, 23 May 2006, subject: Request for Participation, Corps Watch Property Protection Program

b. Water Resources Development Act of 2000, Section 205, Property Protection Program

c. Department of the Army *i-WATCH* Program. <http://mdwhome.mdw.army.mil/iwatch>

d. *Corps Watch* Property Protection posters located under the Natural Resources Management (NRM) Visitor Assistance Gateway website.  
<http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/visitassist/watch.cfm>

2. Purpose. The purpose of this memorandum is to announce several changes to the Property Protection Program, *Corps Watch*, and to encourage greater use of this initiative nationwide.

3. Background. On 23 May 2006, MG Donald T. Riley, Director of Civil Works, approved the Headquarters U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (HQUSACE) Property Protection Program, as authorized under the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, Section 205 and as administered under the title *Corps Watch* by the Pittsburgh District Security and Operations offices. Since 2006, many Corps projects have implemented this "neighborhood watch" style program to help reduce vandalism and destruction of property at Civil Works projects.

4. Revised Program Operation. The operation of the program has been transferred from the Pittsburgh District to HQUSACE. Pittsburgh did a commendable job in launching, administering, and operating the program. The national 1-866-413-7970 toll-free phone line is live and HQUSACE Operational Protection Division (OPD) has been receiving incoming phone calls and directing the reports to the appropriate District Security/Operations office or Operations Project Manager for action. For emergencies, individuals should call 911 or local law enforcement for immediate assistance. Resource impacts to district and projects

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will continue to be minimized and HQUSACE will continue to provide strong program oversight and administration. Under the revised program, HQUSACE will no longer be offering a monetary reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of a person committing a crime.

5. Department of the Army i-WATCH Program. *Corps Watch* has been expanded to support Department of the Army's *i-WATCH* community awareness program by encouraging visitors to report suspicious activity in addition to reporting property damage. HQUSACE OPD is forwarding suspicious terrorist-related activity that has been entered into HQUSACE's ENGLink Incident Reporting System through the Federal Bureau of Investigation's eGuardian system for follow-up action as applicable. Criminal activity is referred to local law enforcement as coordinated with District Security Managers and Operation Project Managers.

6. Posters. New *Corps Watch* posters are available for download through the Natural Resources Management Visitor Assistance Gateway webpage (1d). Projects should remove all existing *Corps Watch* posters and place the new posters on project bulletin boards and at other appropriate locations. To reduce inappropriate phone calls received by the national phone line, projects are encouraged to include local information (emergency and lake information phone numbers, etc.) in the blank box at the bottom of one of the posters. The excellent work from the Park Ranger Community of Practice Advisory Board and the HQUSACE National Operations Center for Water Safety for preparing these posters is greatly appreciated.

7. The *Corps Watch* program has been effective in serving as a deterrent to crime at Civil Works projects and has provided added security and protection for our team members. We look forward to the continued successful operation of this program and ask that you fully embrace *Corps Watch* at HQUSACE Civil Works projects.

8. Questions related to this memorandum should be directed to Mr. Stephen Austin, CECW-CO-N, 202-761-4489, Stephen.B.Austin@usace.army.mil and Mr. Richard Roberts, CECO-P, 202-761-1834, Richard.I.Roberts@usace.army.mil.



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