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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS, DISTRICT
COMMANDERS, AND CHIEFS OF OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: 2022 Water Safety Message to Commanders

1. I want to emphasize my commitment to ensuring that visitors to our lake and river projects have a safe and enjoyable experience. I would like for you to make water safety a priority at all levels of the organization throughout the year, but especially during the summer recreation season.
2. Our park rangers and managers do a commendable job in protecting our visitors by providing safety education, guidance, and enforcement. When considering the reductions in fatalities over the years coupled with the increase in visitation, I have no doubt that their diligent efforts have saved numerous lives.
3. Over the past ten years we experienced an average of 146 public recreation fatalities per year. Statistically, 88% were male, 87% were 18 years of age and older, and 89% were not wearing a life jacket. One life lost is too many, so we must work as one team, supporting each other to achieve even greater reductions.
4. Continue to think outside the box and utilize the tools at your disposal to execute the water safety mission. Operation and Maintenance (O&M) funds are authorized to purchase water safety educational products, which are considered necessary expenses for the O&M of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) projects. This includes promotional items, advertising through airtime, printed material, and billboard space, but does not include items of personal value. Resources to help you promote water safety are available on the USACE National Water Safety Program's websites, https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Recreation/National-Water-Safety_Program/ and Please Wear It on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.
5. My point of contact for water safety is Pam Doty, National Water Safety Program Manager at pamela.j.doty@usace.army.mil or 817-886-1727.

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