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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF  
ENGINEERS

SUBJECT: Delegation to Implement Authorities under the Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974, 7 U.S.C. § 2814, Management of Undesirable Plants on Federal Lands

1. The Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974 directs all Federal agencies to manage invasive species to protect natural resources and prevent impacts to neighboring lands, private or public. It directs Federal agencies, in part, to designate a qualified office or person to develop and coordinate an undesirable plant management program and to implement cooperative agreements with State agencies regarding the management of undesirable plant species on Federal lands.

2. References

- a. Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974 (7 U.S.C. § 2814)
- b. Executive Order 13112, entitled Invasive Species, dated February 3, 1999
- c. Executive Order 13751, entitled Safeguarding the Nation from the Impacts of Invasive Species, dated December 5, 2016

3. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will implement the Federal Noxious Weed Act authorities as part of USACE's Invasive Species Management Program.

4. I hereby delegate the authority to implement the Federal Noxious Weed Act to the Program Manager for Land Use and Natural Resources, who oversees USACE's Invasive Species Management Program. This includes the authority to implement cooperative agreements with State agencies regarding the management of undesirable plant species on Federal lands under the agency's jurisdiction. The Program Manager for Land Use and Natural Resources may delegate signature authority for cooperative agreements to USACE District Commanders after reviewing and approving a draft scope of work and agreement. The authority to approve cooperative agreements may not be re-delegated. The Program Manager for Land Use and Natural Resources shall review all cooperative agreements every five years from the date of issuance to determine if the cooperative agreements are still appropriate and relevant to the execution of the Federal Noxious Weed Act authorities.

5. The Program Manager for Land Use and Natural Resources shall keep me informed of any action under this delegation that will have significant White House,

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congressional, Department of Defense, or public interest equities or would represent a significant change in Army precedent or policy. If such circumstance arises, the Program Manager for Land Use and Natural Resources will coordinate with the Director of Policy and Legislation, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works for appropriate guidance.

6. Annually, by 15 March the Program Manager for Land Use and Natural Resources shall submit to my office a report of work completed through cooperative agreements implemented under the Federal Noxious Weed Act authority.

7. This delegation is effective immediately and expires in five years from the date of issuance of this memorandum. Questions regarding this delegation should be directed to Gib Owen, Office of the ASA(CW), at [gib.a.owen.civ@army.mil](mailto:gib.a.owen.civ@army.mil) or 703-695-4641.

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