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

**SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for 7 U.S.C. § 2814, Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974, Management of Undesirable Plants on Federal Lands**

1. In accordance with Executive Orders 13751 and 13112 and the Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974 (7 U.S.C. § 2814), all federal agencies have a responsibility to manage invasive species to protect natural resources and prevent impacts to neighboring lands, private or public. The Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) implements this authority as part of USACE's Invasive Species Management Program. The Federal Noxious Weed Act provides the authority for Federal agencies to implement Cooperative Agreements with State agencies regarding the management of undesirable plant species on Federal lands under the agency's jurisdiction.
2. The USACE headquarters Program Manager for Land Use and Natural Resources serves as the Program Manager for USACE's Invasive Species Management Program and has the responsibility for utilizing Cooperative Agreements under the Federal Noxious Weed Act authority. Any District Commander wishing to execute a Cooperative Agreement under this authority shall submit a request including draft scope of work and agreement to the Program Manager for Land Use and Natural Resources.
3. The Program Manager for Land Use and Natural Resources will approve or disapprove requests. Subject to the availability of funding the appropriate District Commander has the authority to implement the work specified in the scope of the agreement. Changes in scope shall be documented in a memo to the Program Manager for Land Use and Natural Resources for approval.
4. The District Commander will ensure that any Cooperative Agreement awarded is administered in accordance with grant and cooperative agreement regulations and guidance, to include the Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations (32 C.F.R. Part 21). The district technical lead shall work with the Grants Officer in the district Contracting Division to ensure the process is implemented correctly. The identified work shall support goals of a project Master Plan and Invasive Species Leadership Team Program Management Program.
5. On 15 January, or on the first business day following, District Commanders participating in a Cooperative Agreement under the authority of the Federal Noxious

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Weed Act shall submit a report of work completed through the agreement to the Program Manager for Land Use and Natural Resources.

6. If District Commanders have questions about developing an agreement, please review the NRM Gateway page <https://corpslakes.erdc.dren.mil/employees/coopagree/coopagree.cfm> which includes best management practices and sample agreements. If more information is needed, contact The National Partnership Program Manager or the Program Manager for Land Use and Natural Resources.

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