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**MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND
DISTRICT COMMANDS, CHIEFS, OPERATIONS DIVISIONS**

SUBJECT: Chapter 13 EP 1130-2-550 Aquatic Plant Control Program

1. Purpose: To provide enterprise-wide implementation guidance for Chapter 13 of EP 1130-2-550 Aquatic Plant Control Program. This memorandum and attached language establishes updated guidance for research, demonstration, planning, cost-sharing, and operations for the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Aquatic Plant Control Program.

2. References:

- a. Section 104 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1958 (PL 85-500), as amended (33 USC 610)
- b. 33 U.S.C. §610 and Section 103 of WRDA 1986.

3. An Aquatic Plant Control (APC) Program is maintained by the United States Army of Engineers (USACE) to control aquatic invasive species (AIS) infestations of major economic significance, or AIS issues that have, or potentially may reach such economic significance, in navigable waters, tributaries, streams, connecting channels, and all allied waters.

4. The Aquatic Plant Control Research Program (APCRP) is maintained as part of the APC Program to support nationwide research on AIS that have the potential to cause significant economic, environmental, or mission impacts. The program will use a Program Management Plan (PgMP) to manage and prioritize research and demonstration projects on an annual basis.

5. Where Federal interest is indicated, activities are cost-shared with the non-federal entity. Eligible activities will be described within the project/programs supporting planning study and agreed to within a fully executed Project Partnership Agreement (PPA). PPAs may be for a period of up to five years but may be extended by mutual agreement. The Non-federal Entity shall provide USACE with a draft Annual Work Plan for the upcoming period of performance.

6. The APC Program does not reimburse indirect costs. All cost-shared activities must reflect only direct project expenses that are necessary and reasonable for implementation. Non-federal sponsors are responsible for ensuring that indirect or overhead charges are not included in funding requests. USACE is authorized to engage in the prevention, control, and progressive eradication of aquatic plant growths, including research and planning activities. However, research and planning are explicitly funded at 100% federal expense whereas control activities may be cost-shared with a non-federal entity.

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7. Eligibility for cost-share assistance under the Aquatic Plant Control (APC) Program is limited to State and Tribal governments and their respective agencies. Local non-federal public entities may also be considered eligible under certain conditions.

8. APC Program cost-shared activities may be conducted on federally owned lands and waters where the resource being managed is under state or tribal jurisdiction and where no augmentation of federal agency responsibilities occurs.

9. Questions regarding the execution of this provision should be directed to Mr. Michael Richards, National Land Management Program Manager at Michael.G.Richards@usace.army.mil or 202-913-4070.

Enclosure

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