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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Implementation of New Fiscal Year 2005 Civil Works Environment (Stewardship) Performance Measures - Preliminary Information Data Call

1. The purposes of this memorandum are to notify you of the implementation, beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2005, of two new Civil Works Environment – Stewardship Performance Measures, and to collect and compile preliminary information regarding the current status of the targeted outputs of those measures. The two new measures, which are in addition to the existing, ongoing performance measures concerning mitigation accomplishment and participation in the recovery of endangered species, are fully described in their respective enclosures as follows:

a. Master Plan performance measure: Percent of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers operated water resources projects with completed Master Plans in compliance with Engineering Regulation (ER) 1130-2-550 (Enclosure 1).

b. Natural Resources Inventory: Percent of minimum Level One Natural Resources Inventory completed on Corps fee-owned real properties (Enclosure 2).

2. Information gathered in this data call will be used to determine the baselines for the two measures and to respond to information requests from higher authorities. The information will also be used to help develop justified strategies and tools for efficient and effective methods to accomplish their intended results. Though it is requested now, some information of this data call will be necessary to have for required OMBIL input and computing performance results at the end of FY 05.

3. Major Subordinate Commands (MSC) are requested to provide a consolidated Division response for the project Master Plan and Level One Natural Resources Inventory information requested in the attached spreadsheet (Enclosure 3) to Denise Y. White, **no later than 23 July 2004**. **Electronic responses are requested to facilitate timely reporting**. Specific reporting instructions for data fields within the spreadsheet "FY05 PM Data" are provided on the third tab of the file, labeled "Instructions."

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4. Electronic copies of this memo, including enclosures, will be sent to all designated MSC level Natural Resources Management (NRM) points of contact (POC). Information copies of this memo will be provided to all District NRM POC to facilitate timely distribution and response.

5. The point of contact on the above matters is Denise Y. White, Program Manager, CEMP-SPD at (202) 761-4704.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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FY 05 ENVIRONMENT - STEWARDSHIP PERFORMANCE MEASURE

PROGRAM GOAL: Foster healthy lands and waters by balancing public uses and needs, and fully integrate the Corps of Engineers Environmental Operating Principles.

Key Result Areas: Program Results and Justification

Customer: Public

Measure: Percent of Corps-operated water resource projects with completed Master Plans in compliance with Engineering Regulation (ER) 1130-2-550.

Master Plan: The Master Plan is a document that guides the development, management and public use of the project.

Engineering Regulation (ER) 1130-2-550: This regulation and its companion guidance, Engineering Pamphlet (EP) 1130-2-550, provide both the policy and guidance governing the preparation and development of Master Plans and Operational Management Plans.

Definition: The number of project required Master Plans in compliance with ER 1130-2-550 divided by the total number of project required Master Plans.

Master Plans shall be developed and kept current for all civil works projects and other fee-owned lands for which the Corps has administrative responsibility for management. To be considered compliant with policy and guidance in ER/EP 1130-2-550, a Master Plan shall address regional and ecosystem considerations, project resource capabilities and suitabilities, and expressed public interests and desires. Of critical importance to Environmental Stewardship, Master Plans shall include a land classification system in accordance with ER/EP 1130-2-550 (that recognizes environmentally sensitive areas) and includes specific natural resource management objectives that support the Environmental Operating Principles.

Demonstrates: Corps commitment to fully integrate environmental stewardship and the Corps Environmental Operating Principles in the management of operating projects.

Unit of Output: Compliant Master Plans.

Data Source: Initial data call, OMBIL - data fields to be determined.

Enclosure 1

FY 05 ENVIRONMENT – STEWARDSHIP PERFORMANCE MEASURE

PROGRAM GOAL: Manage natural resources to assure a healthy and sustainable condition, and fully integrate the Corps of Engineers Environmental Operating Principles.

Key Result Areas: Program Results and Justification

Customer: Public

Measure: Percent of minimum Level One Natural Resources Inventory completed on Corps fee-owned real properties.

Fee Owned: Real property for which the U.S. has all right, titles, and interest rather than a partial interest.

Minimum Level One Natural Resources Inventory: The completion of Level One natural resources inventories at Corps Civil Works projects is required in accordance with ER 1130-2-540. For the purposes of this performance measure the minimum Level One natural resources inventory shall consist of the completion of four component items:

- Project vegetation acreage classification and quantification, in accord with the Federal Geographic Data Center *National Vegetation Classification System* (though sub-class level). See http://www.fgdc.gov/standards/status/sub2_1.html
- Project wetland acreage classification and quantification, in accord with the US Fish and Wildlife Service *Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States*. See http://wetlands.fws.gov/Pubs_Reports/Class_Manual/class_titlepg.htm
- Project land (soils) capability classification and quantification, as defined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service –Land Capability Classes. See www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/land/meta/m6175.html
- Special Status Species (Federal and State listed endangered and threatened species) identification and assessment for potential existence on project acreage. See <http://endangered.fws.gov/wildlife.html> - Species, and various State Natural Heritage sites.

Definition: The sum total number of acres of completed inventory for each component of the minimum Level One inventory (vegetation, wetlands, land capability and special status species), divided by four (4) times the total number of Corps fee owned acres. The proportion (percentage) yielded will be used to evaluate the relative completeness of the Level One Natural Resources Inventory.

Demonstrates: Status of Corps efforts in completing basic natural resources inventories which are necessary for sound resource management decisions and strategies development.

Unit of Output: Acres.

Data Source: Initial data call, OMBIL - data fields to be determined.