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7-1. General. This chapter provides cost accounting requirements for civil works projects, programs, and reimbursable work, excluding the functions of the Civil Works Revolving Fund. Cost accounts are maintained for the purpose of accumulating cost information needed to meet requirements for budgeting, programming, execution, and reporting.

7-2. Appropriation Definitions.

a. Investigations, Corps of Engineers, Civil 96X3121. For expenses necessary for the collection and study of basic information pertaining to rivers and harbors, flood control, shore protection and storm damage reduction, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and related projects, restudy of authorized projects, miscellaneous investigations, and when authorized by law, surveys and detailed studies, plans and specification of projects prior to construction.

b. Construction, Corps of Engineers, Civil 96X3122. For expenses necessary for the construction of rivers and harbors, flood control, shore protection and storm damage reduction, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and related projects, authorized by law; for conducting detailed studies, and plans and specifications, of such projects (including those involving reimbursable requests for goods and services from States, local governments, or private groups) authorized or made eligible for selection by law (but such detailed studies, and plans and specifications shall not constitute a commitment of the Government to construction).

c. Operation & Maintenance, Corps of Engineers, Civil 96X3123. For expenses necessary for the operation, maintenance, and care of existing rivers and harbors, flood control and storm damage reduction, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and related projects authorized by law; for providing security for infrastructure owned and operated by, or on behalf of, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), including administrative buildings and facilities, laboratories, and the Washington Aqueduct; for the maintenance of harbor channels provided by a State, municipality, or other public agency that serves essential navigation needs of general commerce, where authorized by law;

and for surveys and charting of northern and northwestern lakes and connecting waters, clearing and straightening channels, and removal of obstructions to navigation.

d. Expenses, Corps of Engineers, Civil 96X3124. For expenses necessary for general administration and related civil works functions in the headquarters of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Offices of the Division Engineers, the Humphreys Engineer Center Support Activity, the Institute for Water Resources, the United States Army Engineer Research and Development Center, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers Finance Center.

e. Flood Control & Coastal Emergencies, Corps of Engineers, Civil 96X3125. For expenses necessary to prepare for flood, hurricane, and other natural disasters and support emergency operations, repairs, and other activities in response to such disasters as authorized by law.

f. Regulatory Program, Corps of Engineers, Civil 96X3126. For expenses necessary for administration of laws pertaining to regulation of navigable waters and wetlands.

g. Mississippi River and Tributaries, Civil 96X3112. For expenses necessary for the flood damage reduction program for the Mississippi River alluvial valley below Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as authorized by law.

h. Washington Aqueduct Capital Improvements, Corps of Engineers, 96X3128. This appropriation provides funding authority for capital improvements and repairs to the Washington Aqueduct.

i. Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP), Corps of Engineers, 96X3130. For expenses necessary to clean up contamination from sites in the United States resulting from work performed as part of the Nation's early atomic energy program.

j. Maintenance & Operation of Dams and Other Improvements of Navigable Water, 96X5125. In accordance with the Federal Power Act as amended (16 USC 792-825r), (Civil) fees collected by the Department of Energy from private licenses to construct/operate/maintain dams, conduits, and reservoirs in streams or other bodies of water over which Congress has jurisdiction are credited to a special receipt account at the U.S. Treasury. The collected fees include those that are for

benefits accruing directly to the private licensees as a result of headwater improvements constructed by the Corps of Engineers. These fees are deposited into the Treasury of which 50 percent are warranted back to the Corps of Engineers by the Treasury under appropriation 96X5125. The Federal Power Act also provides that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) shall determine and collect fees from private licensees as a result of headwater improvements constructed by the Corps of Engineers. One hundred percent of these funds is warranted by the Treasury to USACE in 96X5125. Funds are subsequently allotted to Districts for the maintenance and operation of dams and other improvements of navigable waters.

k. Hydraulic Mining in California, Debris, 96X5066. These are fees paid by mine operators in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Basins for depositing mine debris. The funds are used for maintenance of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and Tributaries.

l. Payments to States, Flood Control Act of 1954, 96X5090. These payments are collected by the Corps of Engineers from the lease of lands acquired for flood control, navigation, and allied purposes. Seventy-five percent of the amount collected is returned to the states in which the property is situated for expenditures on public schools, roads, or other expenses of county governments. These funds replace lost property taxes. A list of amounts attributable to each county is provided to the state on an annual basis.

m. Payment to the South Dakota Terrestrial Wildlife Habitat Restoration Trust Fund, 96X3129. The Secretary of the Treasury warrants USACE $10M annually which is transferred to the state of South Dakota to fund wildlife habitat restoration.

n. Office of Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), 96X3132. For expenses necessary for the construction of rivers and harbors, flood and storm damage reduction, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and related projects authorized by law, including a portion of the expenses for the modifications authorized by section 104 of the Everglades National Park Protection and Expansion Act of 1989; for conducting detailed studies, and plans and specifications, of such projects authorized or made eligible for selection by law.

o. Rivers & Harbors Contributed and Advance Funds, Corps of Engineers, Civil 96X8862. Funds contributed by local interests for expenditure in connection with funds appropriated by Congress for any authorized work of public improvements of

rivers and harbors. This includes cash contributions required by terms prescribed in Local Cost-sharing Agreements (LCA) with non-federal interests for study, design, construction, and maintenance of authorized federal projects. Certain other amounts contributed are credited to this appropriation when specified by law.

p. Mississippi River and Tributaries - Recovery Act, Corps of Engineers, Civil 96-3113 (2009/2010). For expenses necessary for the flood damage reduction program for the Mississippi River alluvial valley below Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as authorized by law in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

q. Investigations - Recovery Act, Corps of Engineers, Civil 96-3133 (2009/2010). For expenses necessary for the collection and study of basic information pertaining to rivers and harbors, flood control, shore protection and storm damage reduction, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and related projects, restudy of authorized projects, miscellaneous investigations, and when authorized by law, surveys and detailed studies, plans and specification of projects prior to constructions, as authorized by law in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

r. Construction - Recovery Act, Corps of Engineers, Civil 96-3134 (2009/2010). For expenses necessary for the construction of rivers and harbors, flood control, shore protection and storm damage reduction, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and related projects, authorized by law; for conducting detailed studies, and plans and specifications, of such projects (including those involving participation by States, local governments, or private groups) authorized or made eligible for selection by law (but such detailed studies, and plans and specifications shall not constitute a commitment of the Government to construction), as authorized by law in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

s. Operation & Maintenance - Recovery Act, Corps of Engineers, Civil 96-3135 (2009/2010). For expenses necessary for the operation, maintenance, and care of existing river and harbor, flood and storm damage reduction, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and related projects authorized by law; for providing security for infrastructure owned and operated by, or on behalf of, the United States Army Corps of Engineers(the Corps), including administrative buildings and facilities, laboratories, and the Washington Aqueduct; for the maintenance of harbor channels provided by a State, municipality, or other

public agency that serves essential navigation needs of general commerce, where authorized by law; and for surveys and charting of northern and northwestern lakes and connecting waters, clearing and straightening channels, and removal of obstructions to navigation, as authorized by law in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

t. Regulatory Program - Recovery Act, Corps of Engineers, Civil 96-3136 (2009/2010). For expenses necessary for administration of laws pertaining to regulation of navigable waters and wetlands, as authorized by law in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

u. Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) - Recovery Act, Corps of Engineers, 96-3137 (2009/2010). For expenses necessary to clean up contamination from sites in the United States resulting from work performed as part of the Nation's early atomic energy program, as authorized by law in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

v. Expenses - Recovery Act, Corps of Engineers, Civil, 96X3138. For the expenses of management and oversight of the programs, grants, and activities funded by civil works appropriations under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

7-3. Cost Account Requirements. Cost accounts will be maintained by project, class, or category of work under each appropriation in accordance with the uniform code of accounts. Cost accounts will be established within this structure on the basis of programming documents and/or approved Work Orders, ENG Forms 3013.

a. Category, Class, Sub-class (CCS). These codes identify specific activities, purposes, and descriptions of work to be performed.

b. Work Category Code (WCC). These codes are used to accumulate cost data to meet requirements for budgeting, programming, execution and reporting.

c. Work Category Elements (WCE). The WCE is an extension of the WCC and provides a further breakdown for capturing costs. WCE codes are optional and are not maintained by HQUSACE.

d. Resource Codes. Resource codes are used to classify categories of obligations and expenditures. They are classified according to the initial purpose rather than the end product or

service provided. The resource codes are rolled up at object class level for financial reporting purposes.

7-4. Financing Reimbursable Damages to Civil Works Property. The Comptroller General of the United States has ruled (B 129084) that the Civil Revolving Fund may not be used to initially finance the costs of repairs resulting from damage to civil projects property when the repairs are reimbursable. The repair costs referred to are those that stem from damages to the property for which the persons are monetarily responsible as a result of liability arising from the provisions of Section 14, River and Harbor Act, 3 March 1899, 30 Stat. 1152, 33 USC 408. Additionally involved are repairs that are performed by the Government prior to the receipt of funds from the parties responsible. Accordingly, such costs should be financed by project funds and treated as Claims Receivable pending reimbursement from the responsible parties.

7-5. Cost Accounting Procedures. A listing of valid cost accounting codes for each appropriation is available in the financial management system on the Finance and Accounting Policy Division webpage.