## **Introductory Command Message**

As a public agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has a responsibility to communicate clearly and professionally. The National Sign Program was implemented in 1987 to reinforce our commitment to excellence in this area. When the Sign Standards Manual was published, it created a uniform appearance for all Corps Civil Works signs by establising standards for color, message format, letter-style and mounting procedures.

The manual includes design methodology and visual standards for identification, directional, information, instruction and safety signs. It also contains guidelines for sign legends, specifications for material and fabrication methods, standards for sign placement, and establishes a comprehensive maintenance program.

Every effort has been made to include all sign legends needed at nearly 500 Corps districts, projects and facilities. However, there will be instances when custom legends not shown in the manual will be required. When this occurs, each custom sign will be prepared with the standards and specifications in this manual.

Implementation of this program can only be effective with the understanding and cooperation of every person involved with the design, fabrication or acquisition of Corps signs. I solicit your continued support of this program so that we may better serve our customers.

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