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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commander, U.S. Army Engineer District, Albuquerque
Commander, U.S. Army Engineer District, Los Angeles
Commander, U.S. Army Engineer District, Sacramento
Commander, U.S. Army Engineer District, San Francisco

SUBJECT: Western Arid Regions Jurisdictional Determinations

1. Reference, Final Summary Report: Guidelines for Jurisdictional Determinations for Waters of the United States in the Arid Southwest & Worksheets, dated June 2001.
2. The enclosed reference is the initial product of the Western Arid Regions Administrative Appeals & Jurisdictional Determination Workshop hosted by South Pacific Division (SPD) staff in St. George, Utah in September 2000.
3. The intended effect of these guidelines and worksheets is to achieve a higher level of consistency in jurisdictional determinations completed by our field regulators in the western United States, provide the regulated community and general public with a higher level of predictability and customer service, and provide better documentation of our jurisdictional determinations (ordinary highwater mark) for the administrative record. Dr. Aaron Allen of Los Angeles District and Mr. Daniel Malanchuk of Albuquerque District are the primary authors, with peer-review provided by Ms. Nancy Kang and Mr. Daniel Martel of Sacramento and San Francisco districts, respectively. The guidelines and worksheets should greatly improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Corps' Regulatory Program in SPD, and I strongly recommend their use.
4. The intended geographic scope of these guidelines and worksheets is the xeric shrublands and deserts (arid regions) of SPD, including the Mojave, Sonoran, and Chihuahuan Deserts, the Great Basin, and Colorado Plateau. The guidelines may also be useful elsewhere, including the Snake/Columbia Shrub Steppe and Wyoming Basin of Northwestern Division and Temperate Grasslands of Southwestern Division.

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