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COMMANDER'S POLICY MEMORANDUM # 4

SUBJECT: Implementing Sustainability

1. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is adapting to changing needs, practices and priorities to achieve sustainability in everything we do: supporting the Soldier and the Nation at home and abroad; responding to natural and manmade disasters; improving navigation; reducing flood damage; restoring damaged ecosystems; supplying hydropower and recreation; and protecting, restoring, and managing the environment, including protecting wetlands.
2. USACE has made significant advances in incorporating the Environmental Operating Principles (EOPs) into our planning and execution across all business lines. Our EOPs guide us in the search for sustainable solutions on a regional or watershed basis, in partnership with others. They also frame our approach to sustainable building design.
3. We work collaboratively to find balance between human, economic and natural systems in accordance with the EOPs, the Civil Works Strategic Plan, the 12 Actions for Change and the Army Strategy for the Environment as we seek to integrate the sustainability ethic in everything we do.
4. With nearly 12 million acres of land and water to manage, USACE makes an important contribution to stewardship of the Nation's environmental assets. We are using Environmental Management Systems effectively to integrate the EOPs into our operations and to achieve waste reduction, recycling, and energy efficiency goals.
5. With these principles as part of our USACE culture, we are positioned to implement the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and the President's Executive Order 13423 "Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management." This order establishes goals for minimizing use of precious resources including petroleum, encouraging recycling, minimizing waste disposal, enhancing energy efficiency and permitting the use of environmentally friendly and less harmful materials. Collaboration will be required to develop implementation plans.
6. Our Communities of Practice help share information and tools to aid in identifying innovative and sustainable solutions. All team members have a responsibility not only to comply with environmental laws and regulations, but also to implement sustainable solutions that help achieve the mission and demonstrate our value to the Army and the Nation. Web links to helpful information are provided at the enclosure for your use.

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Web Links

Office of the Federal Environmental Executive:

Executive Order 13423

Fact sheet

Implementing instructions

http://www.ofee.gov/whats/eo_13423.htm

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Logistics Activity:

Joint Army/USACE Petroleum Reduction Strategy for Non-tactical Vehicles (NTV)

<https://ufc33-5.ufc.usace.army.mil/logistics/pubs/pubs.htm>

Civil Works Environmental Compliance Programs:

Environmental Management System

<http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/envcomp/envcomp.html>

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Engineering and Construction Community of Practice

Sustainable Design and Development

<http://www.usace.army.mil/cw/cecwe/index.html>

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

Environmental Operating Principles

<http://www.hq.usace.army.mil/cepa/envprinciples.htm>

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

Environmental Community of Practice

<https://eko.usace.army.mil/usacecop/pub/ecop/>

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