

Critical Think Piece Presentations
Monday, 18 September 2006
GAO Building
Room 3M 60 & 70
Presentations are 20 minutes long.
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0900 Team Pathfinders

Barbara Blumeris – New England District
Randy Campbell – Huntington District
Dana Needham – Little Rock District
Jeremy Weber – Portland District

“Incorporating the Human Cost of Flooding in Corps Project Analyses”

Team Pathfinders explored the different ways to account for human health conditions, including the quality of life, loss of life, and human suffering, in developing costs and benefits of a project. Is it a good policy decision to include these costs in future planning efforts? If so, what should be the methodologies used to determine those values? Should the Corps use methods at all (are they useful)? If methodologies are defined and used, what kind of implications would there be on 1) USACE Budget; 2) Local economy; 3) Local/State Governments? How should these implications be addressed?

0950 Team Quadriga

Maria Chin – Mobile District
Shawneen O’Neill – Tulsa District
Alicia Kirchner – Sacramento District
Clarke Hemphill – Alaska District

“Ideas to Improve Risk Communication”

Team Quadriga has explored on how the Corps can improve on communicating with the public on the risk and uncertainty which is inherent in Corps Civil Works projects. How does risk affect life, property, economy and quality of life across the Corps Business Lines? What are the communication challenges? What needs improving in Risk Communication? What ideas to improve Risk Communication?

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1040 Team Neptune

**Veche' Lampley – Nashville District
Joan Lanier – New Orleans District
Martin Gonzalez – Jacksonville District
Jason Needham – Hydrologic Engineering Center**

“USACE Challenges and Opportunities” (As seen from a Corps District and Planning Perspective)

Team Neptune has identified four areas of challenges in the Corps as seen from a district and planning perspective. These challenges are the following: Unprepared Supervisors, Erosion of Planning Expertise, Balancing Resources, and Infrastructure Education. Possible solutions and opportunities will be discussed for each of these challenges.

**Planning Associates Class of FY06
Award Ceremonies
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10:00 Welcome	Harry Kitch, Program Director
10:15 Remarks	LTG Strock, CG
10:30 Remarks	MG Riley, DCW
10:45 Future of Planning and PA's Role	Tom Waters, Leader, Planning CoP
11:00 Presentation of Certificates	LTG Strock, CG and MG Riley, DCW
11:30 Photos	PA Class, Senior Leaders and others