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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 1037(b) of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (WRRDA 2014), Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction, Review of Authorized Periodic Renourishment Authority

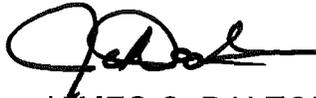
1. Section 1037(b) of WRRDA 2014 provides that the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) shall initiate a review of all authorized water resources development projects for which the Secretary is authorized to provide periodic nourishment under Section 156 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1976 and assess the Federal costs associated with that nourishment authority and the projected benefits of each project. It provides that the Secretary shall issue to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, and make publicly available, a report on the results of that review, including any proposed changes the Secretary may recommend to the nourishment authority. A copy of Section 1037(b) is attached.
2. Upon receipt of funds to implement Section 1037(b), the Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Planning Center of Expertise will compile data on all existing projects that are authorized to provide periodic nourishment under Section 156 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1976 and prepare the report. The PCX will coordinate with the Major Subordinate Commands and Districts that have these projects.
3. The report will identify the original project authorization and its authorized costs, the specific authority that provides for periodic renourishment, if different than the original project authorization, and the authorized renourishment period for each project. Cost will be updated to current price levels, and the report will include the benefits and benefit cost ratio from the last approved report, sunk costs and remaining costs for each project. The report will also identify projects and/or project segments that have been authorized but have not yet been constructed; in these cases the remaining cost to complete construction of coastal projects will be updated to current price levels and included in the report. The report will include a summary of all the data, including the total costs of all projects authorized for renourishment, total sunk costs, and total costs of remaining construction and nourishment. The report should also include any recommended changes to the renourishment authority.

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4. The Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Planning Center of Expertise will submit the draft report, as well as draft Committee letters, to the Headquarters, CECW-P for review and then submission to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works).

5. Any questions regarding this implementation guidance may be directed to Jeffrey Strahan, Planning and Policy Division, 202-761-8643 or Jeffrey.H.Strahan@usace.army.mil.



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**Section 1037(b) of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014
—Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction.**

**(b) REVIEW OF AUTHORIZED PERIODIC NOURISHMENT
AUTHORITY.—**

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall initiate a review of all authorized water resources development projects for which the Secretary is authorized to provide periodic nourishment under section 156 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 1962d–5f).

(2) **SCOPE OF REVIEW.**—In carrying out the review under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall assess the Federal costs associated with that nourishment authority and the projected benefits of each project.

(3) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Upon completion of the review under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall issue to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and make publicly available a report on the results of that review, including any proposed changes the Secretary may recommend to the nourishment authority.