MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 1157(a) of the Water Resources and Development Act of 2016 (WRDA 2016), Project Completion

1. Section 1157(a) of WRDA 2016 authorizes the Secretary to carry out to completion any project authorized under section 219 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 if (a) as of December 16, 2016, the project has received more than $4,000,000 in federal appropriations and those appropriations equal an amount that is greater than 80 percent of the authorized amount; (b) as of that date, significant progress has been demonstrated toward completion of the project or segments of the project but the project is not complete; and (c) the benefits of the federal investment will not be realized without completion of the project. Section 1157(a)(2) authorizes to be appropriated $50,000,000 for Fiscal Years (FY) 2017 through 2021 to carry out this subsection.

2. This section applies to the completion of all of the components of the assistance included under the following Section 219 project authorizations, as amended and supplemented: (i) Section 219(f)(25) "Lakes Marion and Moultrie, South Carolina;" (ii) Section 219(f)(30) "DeSoto County, Mississippi;' (iii) Section 219(f)(42) "San Ramon Valley, California;" and (iv) Section 219 (55) "Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois". These projects are the only projects to which Section 1157 applies.

3. For Fiscal Years 2017 through 2021, $50,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out Section 1157(a). This establishes a $50 million limit through FY 2021 on total funding for all qualifying projects beyond the amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated for individual qualifying projects.
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5. Any questions regarding this implementation guidance may be directed to Joseph Mose, Program Manager, Programs and Integration Division at (202) 761-4825 or Joseph.H.Mose@usace.army.mil.

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SEC. 1157. PROJECT COMPLETION.

(a) COMPLETION OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For any project or program of assistance authorized under section 219 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–580; 106 Stat. 4835), the Secretary is authorized to carry out the project to completion if—

(A) as of the date of enactment of this Act, the project has received more than $4,000,000 in Federal appropriations and those appropriations equal an amount that is greater than 80 percent of the authorized amount;

(B) as of the date of enactment of this Act, significant progress has been demonstrated toward completion of the project or segments of the project but the project is not complete; and

(C) the benefits of the Federal investment will not be realized without completion of the project.

(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this subsection $50,000,000 for fiscal years 2017 through 2021.

(b) MODIFICATION OF PROJECTS OR PROGRAMS OF ASSISTANCE.—

Section 7001(f) of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (33 U.S.C. 2282d(f)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(5) WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.—The term ‘water resources development project’ includes a project under an environmental infrastructure assistance program if authorized before the date of enactment of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016.”.