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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 2008 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 – Assessment of Operations and Maintenance Needs of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway

1. Section 2008 of WRRDA 2014 (copy enclosed) provides that the Secretary shall assess operation and maintenance needs of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW) and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) and specifies the types of activities to be considered as part of the assessment. Further, it requires submission of reports to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives that, with respect to the AIWW and GIWW, identify the operation and maintenance costs required to achieve the authorized length, width, and depth; the amount of funding requested in the President's budget for operation and maintenance costs; and the unmet operation and maintenance needs of the AIWW and GIWW.
2. At such time that funds are specifically appropriated for such purpose, HQUSACE will initiate the operation and maintenance assessment required by Section 2008. The results of that assessment will be incorporated into a report that will be submitted to the Committees and made available to the public.
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Section 2008 ASSESSMENT OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE NEEDS OF THE ATLANTIC INTERCOASTAL WATERWAY AND THE GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY.

(a) IN GENERAL. – Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall assess the operation and maintenance needs of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

(b) TYPES OF ACTIVITIES.- In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary shall assess the operation and maintenance needs of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway for the following purposes:

- (1) Commercial navigation.
- (2) Commercial fishing.
- (3) Subsistence, including utilization by Indian tribes (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b)) for subsistence and ceremonial purposes.
 - (4) Use as ingress and egress to harbors of refuge.
 - (5) Transportation of persons.
 - (6) Purposes relating to domestic energy production, including fabrication, servicing, and supply of domestic offshore energy production facilities.
 - (7) Activities of the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating.
 - (8) Public health and safety related equipment for responding to coastal and inland emergencies.
 - (9) Recreation purposes.
 - (10) Any other authorized purpose.

(c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.- For fiscal year 2015, and biennially thereafter, in conjunction with the annual budget submission by the President to Congress under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary shall submit 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 that, with respect to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway-

- (1) Identifies the operation and maintenance costs required to achieve the authorized length, width, and depth;
- (2) Identifies the amount of funding requested in the President's budget for operation and maintenance costs; and
- (3) Identifies the unmet operation and maintenance needs of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.