MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION LIST


1. Section 6002 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (Pub. L 113-121) requires the Secretary, within one year of enactment, to assess all properties under the control of the Corps of Engineers and provide an inventory of all properties not needed for the missions of the Corps. The assessment criteria include: a) the extent to which the property aligns with current Corps missions; b) the economic impact of the property on existing communities in the vicinity of the property; c) the extent to which the utilization rate for the property is being maximized and is consistent with nongovernment industry standards for the given function or operation; d) the extent to which the reduction or elimination of the property could reduce operation and maintenance costs of the Corps of Engineers; and, e) the extent to which the reduction or elimination of the property could reduce energy consumption by the Corps of Engineers. As soon as practicable following the completion of the inventory of projects, the Secretary shall provide the inventory to the Administrator of the General Services and provide a copy to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. A copy of Section 6002 of WRRDA 2014 is enclosed.

2. Funding for this study may be considered in accordance with existing budgetary policy and guidance. At such time that funds become available, an assessment will be conducted in accordance with the referenced criteria. The overall management of the assessment will be handled by HQUSACE and additional guidance will be provided for conducting the assessment once funds have been provided. From that assessment, an inventory of properties will be prepared and forwarded to the Administrator of General Services and to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Enclosure

SECTION 6002 OF WRRDA 2014. REVIEW OF CORPS OF ENGINEERS ASSETS.

(a) ASSESSMENT AND INVENTORY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall conduct an assessment of all properties under the control of the Corps of Engineers and develop an inventory of the properties that are not needed for the missions of the Corps of Engineers.

(b) CRITERIA.—In conducting the assessment and developing the inventory under subsection (a), the Secretary shall use the following criteria:

(1) The extent to which the property aligns with the current missions of the Corps of Engineers.
(2) The economic impact of the property on existing communities in the vicinity of the property.
(3) The extent to which the utilization rate for the property is being maximized and is consistent with nongovernmental industry standards for the given function or operation.
(4) The extent to which the reduction or elimination of the property could reduce operation and maintenance costs of the Corps of Engineers.
(5) The extent to which the reduction or elimination of the property could reduce energy consumption by the Corps of Engineers.

(c) NOTIFICATION.—As soon as practicable following completion of the inventory of properties under subsection (a), the Secretary shall provide the inventory to the Administrator of General Services.

(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the notification under subsection (c), 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 containing the findings of the Secretary with respect to the assessment and inventory required under subsection (a).