MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 1004 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014, Removal of Duplicative Analysis

1. Section 1004, Removal of Duplicative Analysis, of WRRDA 2014 repeals Section 911, Review of Cost Effectiveness of Design, of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2288). Section 911 required during the design of each water resources project with a total cost in excess of $10,000,000, a review of the cost effectiveness of such design employing cost control techniques which will ensure the project is designed in the most cost-effective way. Section 1004 of WRRDA 2016 is enclosed.

2. The requirement for formal Value Engineering Studies for water resources planning (Feasibility) studies is rescinded.

3. During engineering, design and acquisition, Value Engineering remains a requirement under 41 U.S.C. 1711 and OMB Cir. A-131 and will continue to be applied per ER 11-1-321.

4. This guidance is effective immediately and will be incorporated into ER 11-1-321, ER 1110-2-1150, 1105-2-100, and any other applicable regulations upon their next revision.

5. Questions regarding this implementation guidance should be directed to Ada Benavides, Senior Policy Advisor, Planning and Policy Division, at (202) 761-0415, Ada.Benavides@usace.army.mil.

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SEC. 1004 Removal of Duplicative Analysis.

"Section 911 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2288) is repealed."