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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, PACIFIC OCEAN DIVISION

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 1303 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (WRDA 2016), Valdez, Alaska

1. This memorandum provides implementation guidance on Section 1303 of the WRDA 2016. Section 1303 provides that the portion of the project for navigation, Valdez, Alaska, identified as Tract G, Harbor Subdivision, shall not be subject to the navigation servitude as of the date of the enactment of the WRDA 2016 Act, which was 16 December 2016. It further provides that the federal government may enter Tract G to carry out any required operation and maintenance of the general navigation features of the project. Section 1303 of WRDA 2016 is enclosed.
2. As the local sponsor for the project, the city of Valdez is required under P.L. 99-662 to provide all lands, easements, rights-of-way, and dredged material disposal areas necessary for construction, operation and maintenance of the federal navigation project. While construction of the Valdez, Alaska Navigation project has been completed, if any future modifications on Tract G are authorized, then the Corps must be provided the appropriate real estate interests by the city of Valdez. In addition, the city of Valdez is responsible for providing the Corps the necessary access to Tract G for operations and maintenance of the general navigation features.
3. The district shall coordinate operation and maintenance activities at Tract G with the city of Valdez in order to obtain the appropriate access.
4. Questions regarding this implementation guidance should be directed to Theodore Nettles, Real Estate Division, at (202) 761-5542, Theodore.L.Nettles@usace.army.mil.

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Director of Civil Works

SEC. 1303. VALDEZ, ALASKA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the portion of the project for navigation, Valdez, Alaska, identified as Tract G, Harbor Subdivision, shall not be subject to navigational servitude beginning on the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) ENTRY BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.—The Federal Government may enter upon the property referred to in subsection (a) to carry out any required operation and maintenance of the general navigation features of the project referred to in subsection (a).