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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS AND
DISTRICT COMMANDS; CHIEFS, OPERATIONS, ENGINEERING, AND PLANNING
DIVISIONS

SUBJECT: Request Review Comments for Draft Invasive Species Policy for all Civil Works
Programs

1. Background. Invasive species currently cost the U.S. economy about \$140B annually. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Operations and Maintenance Program is spending about \$85M per year for invasive species activities, a cost that is increasing at a rate of about \$7-8M annually. Currently, there is no overall Corps invasive species policy. Enclosed is a draft policy that was developed by the Invasive Species Leadership Team (ISLT) as per the direction of the HQUSACE Chief of Operations, reference Memorandum dated 13 July 2005.

2. Purpose. The purpose of this draft policy is to establish a consistent nationwide guidance that will be applied to invasive species issues in the execution of all USACE Civil Works Programs. We request the field provide review comments on the subject draft policy to the POC listed below within 45 days of the date of this memo.

3. Applicability. The policy will apply to all USACE Operations and Maintenance, Civil Works Planning and Regulatory Programs.

4. Authorities.

a. Non-indigenous Aquatic Nuisance Species Prevention and Control Act of 1990, as amended through P.L. 106-580, Dec. 29, 2000.

b. National Invasive Species Act of 1996. P.L. 104-332.

c. Invasive Species Executive Order 13112 of February 3, 1999.

d. River and Harbor Act of 1899.

5. Invasive Species Leadership Team (ISLT). The purpose of the ISLT is to provide direction to on-going research programs, represent the Corps on regional invasive species councils, and provide strategic recommendations to HQUSACE on priorities for action.

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6. Implementation. To accomplish the goals of Executive Order 13112, meet the needs of USACE programs, and facilitate uniformity of application of invasive species policies, the ISLT has drafted the enclosed policy. Essential to this policy is providing the field with invasive species resource links at <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/invasive/invasive.html> and <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/islt/islt.html>. Once complete, the policy will be implemented through modification of appropriate Engineer Regulations. Consolidated comments from Divisions that include coordination with Operations, Regulatory and Planning should be provided to Timothy.R.Toplisek@usace.army.mil.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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