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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

CECW-P

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Carbon Sequestration Policy

1. Recently, the Commander, Mississippi Valley Division requested policy guidance on carbon sequestration credits and their role in Corps projects. Included in their request was an in-depth and thoughtful presentation on carbon sequestration and related issues. We agree with the Commander's assessment that this is an emerging area of interest that should be evaluated in view of its potential impact on Corps projects, both existing and planned. However, because of the scientific, economic and political uncertainties and complexities that surround this issue, we believe that further investigation is needed to support the development of a sound Corps-wide policy on this subject.

2. In order to develop an adequate policy, we are considering adding a policy study to the list of potential studies to be conducted by IWR. The study would address exchanging carbon credits for reforestation costs, registration of carbon credits that may exist on Corps lands, and the validity of carbon sequestration as an NED benefit. Until such policy is developed and approved, you should not enter into any agreements for carbon sequestration credits for reforestation costs on Corps lands nor should you claim any carbon sequestration benefits for projects that promote reforestation.

3. I will keep you advised as to the progress on this effort.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hans A. Van Winkle".

HANS A. VAN WINKLE

Major General, USA

Director of Civil Works

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