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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Clean Marina Program

1. A Clean Marina Program is a voluntary initiative that helps marina operators become more environmentally aware and protect the natural resources that provide their livelihood - clean water and fresh air. The Program is an education and outreach initiative that encourages the implementation of best management practices at marinas. Boaters are also encouraged to adopt environmentally responsible behaviors. "Clean Marina" designations recognize marinas for exceeding regulatory requirements by voluntarily incorporating higher environmental standards into daily operations. The Clean Marina Program also serves as a forum for sharing technical guidance on such items as solid and hazardous waste management, state and Federal regulations, and pollution prevention techniques.

2. Originally developed in coastal states to address nonpoint source pollution under the Coastal Zone Management Act Reauthorization Amendments of 1990, Clean Marina Programs have been adopted or are being developed in 18 states (Alabama, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia), the District of Columbia and several Federal agencies including the National Park Service and the Tennessee Valley Authority. With 456 lakes around the United States, the Corps of Engineers, with our partners, is the largest provider of marinas east of the Mississippi River.

3. Building on the solid foundation of our Environmental Operating Principles and in implementation of our Civil Works Strategic Plan, the Corps of Engineers strongly endorses the Clean Marina Program and encourages all Districts to share information on the program with their lessees and recreation partners. Enclosed is additional information on the Clean Marina Program, including numerous websites documenting successful programs and a sample letter to marina operators introducing them to the Clean Marina Program.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Clean Marina Information

GENERAL

Similarities among State programs:

- Encourage attendance at initial workshops
- Clean Marina Certification
- Clean Marina pledge
- Manual on how to become a Clean Marina
- Self-assessment checklist(s) (usually in the manual)
- On-site inspections to initially confirm Clean Marina status
- Annual written confirmation of Clean Marina status
- Special State logo & flag - with guidelines for use
- Resources available for assistance

STATE PROGRAMS

Alabama - rcs@adem.state.al.us
California - http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/ccbndx.html
(program is under construction; there is a link to a draft of their Clean Marina guide book on the above web page)
Connecticut - http://dep.state.ct.us/olisp/cleanmarina/index.htm
(this web link is to a news release which has a point of contact at the bottom)
Delaware - http://www.dnrec.state.de.us/dnrec2000/divisions/soil/dcmp/ipcleanmarina.htm
Florida - http://www.dep.state.fl.us/law/Grants/CMP/default.htm
Georgia - http://www.uga.edu/cleanmarina/
Louisiana - mikelif@lsu.edu
Maryland - http://www.dnr.state.md.us/boating/
Massachusetts - http://www.state.ma.us/czm/macleanmarineguide.htm
Michigan - http://www.michigan.gov/minewswire/0,1607,7-136-3452-71230--,00.html
New Hampshire - http://www.des.state.nh.us/nhppp/marinas.htm
New Jersey - http://www.visitmonmouth.com/area12/submanasquan/reports/cleanmarina/cleanmarinabrochure.pdf
New York - dgw9@cornell.edu
North Carolina - http://dcm2.enr.state.nc.us/Marinas/clean.htm
Ohio - http://www.sg.ohio-state.edu/HIGHLIGHTS/CLEANMARINAS/index.htm
South Carolina - tuttles@mdr.dnr.state.sc.us
Texas - http://www.cleanmarinas.org/
Virginia - http://www.deq.state.va.us/vacleanmarina/
District of Columbia - julia_hewitt@nps.gov

If your State is not listed above, in Google you can do an initial seach on "clean marina" then on the 1st page go to the bottom an click on "Search within results" and then type in

the name of your State – this should bring up anything that is out there for your State under clean marina.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) - http://www.tva.gov/environment/water/boating.htm
NOAA - http://cleanmarinas.noaa.gov/
NOAA page with links to some State programs - Http://cleanmarinas.noaa.gov/marinalinks.html

OTHER PROGRAMS

Clean Boating – http://www.cleanboating.org/

A National Workshop - http://www.cleanboating.org/campaign/default.html **- was held in Sept 2002 in Mystic, Connecticut, and was a co-operative effort between State, Federal, and private entities.**

Dear

As leaders in providing recreation activities at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lakes throughout the United States, I want to take this opportunity to tell you about an exciting new development in marina operations around the country and the world. It is called "Clean Marinas."

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Building on the solid foundation of our Environmental Operating Principles and in implementation of our Civil Works Strategic Plan, the Corps of Engineers strongly endorses the Clean Marina Program. For additional information on the Clean Marina Program in general, contact your lake resource manager or the District Real Estate Division.

Sincerely,

Operations Project Manager