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SUBJECT: USACE Biennial Environmental and Natural Resources Conference, 3-6 May 2005

1. This memorandum introduces the US Army Corps of Engineers Biennial Environmental and Natural Resources Conference, scheduled for 3-6 May 2005 at the Hyatt Hotel (Union Station) in St. Louis, Missouri, and graciously hosted by the Mississippi Valley Division. The conference purpose is foster learning and teamwork that will enable the USACE to contribute to long-term sustainability of the nation's resources, security and economy. The three goals of the conference are:

- Raise the level of synergy between all aspects of the environmental and natural resources management communities of practice at all levels;
- Sharpen our awareness of and capability to respond environmental demands during this period of fiscal constraint;
- Conduct learning about technology and best business practices.

a. The conference will consist of plenary sessions featuring addresses by key environmental policy makers and direction setters, and environmental and natural resource management breakout workshops. The emphasis will be on learning and sharing ideas for how USACE can better serve the Army and the Nation by protecting those natural resources upon which our economy, security and our the needs of current generations depend without compromising the security and economic needs of our Nation's future. In a time of war on terrorism and extremely tight budget resources which will require commitment and ingenuity from all of us.

b. The target audience for the conference is a cross section of district and division leaders whose primary function is delivery of environmental and natural resources products. A second target audience is those individuals who show a strong commitment to the environmental and/or natural resources function. The point is, as resources permit, to have both leaders and future leaders present.

c. You are invited to propose environmental, natural resource and related topics that relate to the three conference goals outlined above. Since we intend to provide continuing education credits for attending the conference, please be sure that your proposed topics are developed with this in mind. Your recommended topics should be submitted to David Koran by 18 February 2005.

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2. Please consider this advance information about the forthcoming learning event when making training plans for yourself and your team. Further information on the agenda, registration, hotel and exhibiting will be provided by way of a dedicated conference website. Please contact David Koran (202-761-0076), George Tabb (202-761-0414), Sharon Cotner (314-260-3915) or Jacqueline Mattingly (314-260-3924) for more information.

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