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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND DISTRICTS; CHIEFS, CONSTRUCTION-OPERATIONS DIVISIONS AND ENGINEERING DIVISIONS

SUBJECT: Invasive Species Leadership Team Meeting, 16 and 17 October 2007, for Policy Development

1. On 16 and 17 October 2007, the third Invasive Species Leadership Team (ISLT) Meeting will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I request that your team representatives (See Enclosure 1) participate in this meeting and extend my appreciation for their participation in previous meetings. The focus of the meeting will be the development of a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Invasive Species Policy.
2. Invasive species are a serious threat to U.S. ecosystems. They decrease biodiversity, out-compete native plant communities, jeopardize endangered, threatened and special status species, impact human health, and impose enormous costs (approximately \$140 billion/year) on the United States economy. Invasive species are of concern in execution of Corps Water Resources, Environment, Infrastructure, Homeland Security, and War-fighting Missions. Currently, the Corps Operations and Maintenance (O&M) program alone expends approximately \$88 million annually to combat invasive species in relation to operational maintenance and stewardship of harbors, federal navigation projects, hydropower operations, locks and dams, flood control structures, recreation and land management areas. It is expected the cost will increase \$6-8 million each year into the foreseeable future.
3. Currently, there is not an overall Corps invasive species policy; therefore, there is no nationwide consensus among Corps Project, District, Division, and HQ personnel about Corps policy concerning invasive species. Strategies to address these concerns require a coordinated effort to include all organizational levels within the Corps.
4. The ISLT was formed in July of 2005 at the direction of the HQUSACE Chief of Operations. As part of that responsibility the ISLT is tasked with the development of an overall Corps policy for invasive species. Your Division/District team representatives were selected to be team members due to their extensive capabilities and experience in dealing with invasive species resources. Their participation is critical and will ensure this effort is successful.

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5. Team Members can make their lodging reservations at Drury Inn and Suites (15-18 October), Albuquerque, New Mexico, (505) 341-3600, Group Information 2006877 - US Army Corps of Engineers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don T. Riley", is written over a printed name.

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