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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEFS, OPERATIONS AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
MANAGEMENT DIVISIONS AND DISTRICTS AND OPERATIONS PROJECT  
MANAGERS

SUBJECT: Visitation Lockdown in the Operations and Maintenance Business Information Link (OMBIL), Visitation Estimation & Reporting System (VERS) Modernization

1. In March 2009, we determined that a VERS modernization was necessary and it is currently underway. The modernization objectives include furthering standardized methods to improve consistency; focusing primarily on visitation monitoring at Corps-managed recreation areas; and creating an institutional framework to help achieve and sustain a more consistent visitation estimate. This modernization effort is to be implemented in FY 2013.
2. Historically, inconsistencies in project recreation visitation have existed between Corps databases (OMBIL, WebVERS, RecSTATUS, and RecBEST). The VERS modernization effort presents the perfect opportunity to designate WebVERS as the single official Corps visitation database and eliminate visitation reporting discrepancies.
3. Transition to WebVERS as the single visitation database requires the following actions. On 30 June 2011, all direct input of recreation visitation into OMBIL will cease. The OMBIL data fields for visitation (Project Site VERS Summaries, Project Site Area Periodic Information, and Visitor Center Periodic Information) will be locked down and no longer be editable by the end user. From that point on, these fields will only populate from the WebVERS OVERSync process. All projects currently inputting visitation directly into OMBIL must contact Sammy Franco, ERDC, at (601) 634-4205, for inclusion in the WebVERS program before 30 June 2011.
4. On 1 July 2011, editing of meter readings in WebVERS will be allowed from FY 2010 (began 1 October 2009) through 31 January 2012. Beginning 1 February 2012, editing capabilities will only be allowed within the current FY.

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5. Questions regarding OMBIL/Recreation may be directed to POCs and User's Group members [https://ombil.usace.army.mil/systems/RefLinks/RecreationFiles/OMBIL\\_POCs24Jan2011.docx](https://ombil.usace.army.mil/systems/RefLinks/RecreationFiles/OMBIL_POCs24Jan2011.docx). Visitation questions may be directed to Sammy Franco, ERDC, (601) 634-4205. The point of contact for OMBIL/Recreation and Visitation in CECW-CO is Pep Persio, (202) 761-0036.



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