

REVOLUTIONIZE

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works

February 2020: Message from USACE Director of Civil Works

Dear Valued Partner,

I wanted to reach out and introduce myself. My name is Al Lee and I am serving as the new Director of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Civil Works Program. I come to Headquarters USACE directly from Transatlantic Division where I served as Director of Programs and Regional Business. Prior to that assignment, I served as Programs Director for South Atlantic Division covering a large Civil Works region including three mega-projects; Herbert Hoover Dike, the Savannah Harbor Expansion project and the Everglades Ecosystem Restoration Program. I have additional USACE experience at various levels of the agency which provides me with a unique and well-versed background to better serve our partners and the Nation.

I believe it is essential for us to continue the momentum through the Revolutionize USACE Civil Works initiative to better focus on how we do business and deliver high quality infrastructure projects for the nation at a faster rate. I am excited to report that we have been making sustained improvements in a variety of areas that are further highlighted below.

1) Continuing Authorities Program (CAP): We are actively working to implement improvements to the Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) which include delegating decisions and increasing funding flexibilities. These improvements were developed by USACE staff at all levels and take into account feedback we have received from you, our partners.

2) Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS): On January 23, 2020, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of the Army (Army) finalized the Navigable Waters Protection Rule that defines “Waters of the United States” and clarifies the limits of federal control under the Clean Water Act. For more information on the Rule, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/nwpr>.

3) Revolutionize USACE CW Brochure: The team has updated the Revolutionize USACE Civil Works brochure for 2020. The purpose of this update is to share some early success stories on our efforts and provide information on the additional actions we are taking this year to continue to revolutionize Civil Works. The brochure is posted to our website (the link is included below).

We value your partnership and input. Continuous and transparent communication across USACE, including our regional and local offices, and with our partners is essential as we work together to achieve high value outcomes on these efforts to effectively revolutionize the way we do business in Civil Works.

The slides from our December webinars are available on our website at <https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Infrastructure/revolutionize/> as well as an anonymous feedback form to provide another opportunity for feedback. Please feel free to reach out to our Revolutionize USACE Civil Works Team if you would like additional information or to have a team member participate in an upcoming meeting. If you want to add additional staff or to be removed from this email distribution list, please send an email to the team at cw.infrastructure.team@usace.army.mil. If you have any feedback or questions, please contact us via email or call Ms. Angela Freyermuth, Revolutionize USACE Civil Works Acting Strategic Communication Lead, at 309-207-0976.

Thank you again for your continued support as we revolutionize Civil Works.

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