



Dear Valued Partner,

I am providing another update on Revolutionize USACE Civil Works as I am committed to keeping you informed about our activities on a frequent basis.

I want to thank you for your continued support as we work to ‘Revolutionize’ the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Program (USACE CW). We have been working diligently to implement actions that accelerate project delivery, transform project financing and budgeting, and improve permitting. Below is a brief summary of some recent actions:

- 1) **USDA Report:** On August 28, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works R.D. James joined U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Sonny Perdue in St. Louis, MO for the release of the USDA Report “Importance of Inland Waterways to U.S. Agriculture”. The report and the event highlighted the significant value and cost savings inland waterways provide to the agriculture industry and the need for additional investment in the waterways. For more information about the report, please visit USDA’s website at: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/transportation-analysis/inland-waterways-report>.
- 2) **Continuing Authorities Program:** We continue to explore ways to streamline our processes and improve delivery. We currently have a team taking a deep dive into the Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) and I am encouraged with the preliminary recommendations for improvements. The team will be providing our senior leaders with full recommendations before the end of September.
- 3) **Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS):** USACE is currently working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on a two-step process to rescind the 2015 WOTUS rule (Step 1) and codify a revised WOTUS definition (Step 2).
- 4) **WRDA Implementation Guidance:** The implementation guidance for recent Water Resources Development Acts (2014, 2016, and 2018) are complete. You can find further information on the USACE’s website at: <https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/Legislative-Links/>.
- 5) **Partner Feedback:** We have posted the feedback we received to date on Revolutionize USACE CW to our website at https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Infrastructure/revolutionize/rev_feedback/. We will be updating this website with the positive actions we are taking to address this feedback in the near term.

We value your partnership and look forward to continuing to collaborate with you in the future. Please feel free to reach out to our Revolutionize USACE CW 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 Revolutionize USACE CW Team at cw.infrastructure.team@usace.army.mil. If you have any feedback or questions, please contact the Team via email or call Ms. Lauren Leuck, Revolutionize USACE CW Strategic Communication Lead, at 303-963-4522.

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