

REVOLUTIONIZE

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works

April 2020: Message from USACE Director of Civil Works

Dear Valued Partner,

For the past few weeks, we have been monitoring the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) throughout the United States. We have been following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Defense to ensure we have the right plans and resources in place to safeguard everyone's health and well-being.

At this time, a large portion of our workforce has been sent home and teams are working remotely. We assure you we are doing all we can to make sure our staff around the world continues to be ready and available to assist you. As always, the Corps' number one priority is the safety of the American public and we stand ready to support our Nation in the fight against COVID-19.

As you might have heard, the Corps is working with multiple states to help design and build care sites. To learn more about Alternative Care Sites, visit our website at: <https://www.usace.army.mil/Coronavirus/Alternate-Care-Sites/>. We stand ready to accomplish this critical mission for the safety of the American public.

Additionally, we are committed to continuing key functions (continuity of operations) for essential Civil Works missions. These missions include our navigation, hydropower, and flood risk management functions. For example, we continue to push forward with authorized and appropriated programs and projects, construction projects (where practical), and maintenance of critical infrastructure and waterways to ensure channels and ports can remain open for the benefit of the global economy. In support of these efforts, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has published a memorandum identifying essential critical infrastructure workers during the COVID-19 response. This memorandum is a guide to government leaders and our commanders as they work to provide essential services, protect the workforce, and contribute to the national effort to mitigate the spread of the virus.

In addition to providing support for the fight against COVID-19, the Corps Civil Works Planning team is continuing its efforts to deliver the program. Work continues on the completion of Chief's Reports in anticipation of the eventual passage of a Water Resources Development Act in 2020. At this time, we remain on track to complete 20 Chief's Reports between now and the end of May and an additional 13 by the end of the calendar year. Additionally, work continues on the approximately 50 emergency supplemental studies.

While the transition to virtual workstations has been challenging, we have upgraded our critical Information Technology components and are now able to maintain more efficient and effective communication channels. This allows all levels of the Corps to proactively communicate and engage with our internal and external partners like you.

In these uncertain times, we are here to serve you and are working hard to stay on top of the situation in an effort to keep everyone safe and provide the best service possible. We greatly appreciate your continued support and look forward to working with you and others as we combat the spread of COVID-19. Above all, please continue to take care of yourself, your families and your co-workers.

If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to reach out to us at CW.Infrastructure.Team@usace.army.mil or contact your local Corps staff member.

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

AI

ALVIN B. LEE
Director of Civil Works



US Army Corps
of Engineers®