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Dear Dr. Barber,

On behalf of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), I wish to thank the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) for its letter on 21 September 2018 with recommendations and rationale for USACE to revise, approve, publish and disseminate the draft technical guide: *A Systems Approach to Ecosystem Adaptive Management, CP2A 11-x (December 2011)*, by the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center's (ERDC) Environmental Lab. The EAB's review and analysis of technical tools for USACE's implementation of monitoring and adaptive management for aquatic ecosystem restoration and mitigation projects was timely and helpful.

The draft technical guide, ERDC/EL SR-19-9, was significantly revised and subsequently finalized in consideration of the edits and recommendations provided by the EAB. The final technical guide was published in November 2019 and is available at the following website <https://hdl.handle.net/11681/34855>. The EAB's unique perspective and expertise helped produce a final guide that will be instrumental to the USACE to better respond to particular and unique needs of restoration and mitigation projects across the country, realize better long-term success of projects, while meeting the intent and requirements found in statutes. I look forward to the EAB continuing with a second phase of this task, which will provide me recommendations on how the USACE could operationalize monitoring and adaptive management more consistently and integrate it more effectively into planning and policy.

As demonstrated by your report, the value the EAB provides to USACE through your independent perspective is significant and your support to USACE is of utmost importance to us.

*This Appreciate Feedback
on Adaptive Management
Have Incorporated
into our Process!*

Sincerely,

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Commanding