THE RISK MANAGEMENT CENTER OVERVIEW
The mission of the Risk Management Center is to support Civil Works by providing expertise and services to HQUSACE and MSCs for managing and assessing risks for dams and levee systems across the USACE, support the development and maintenance of USACE technical competency, to support dam and levee safety activities throughout the USACE, to assist in the development of policies, and to develop methods, tools, and systems to enhance those activities.

The Risk Management Center is an organization in the USACE Institute for Water Resources, a HQUSACE Field Operating Activity. IWR performs activities under the direction of the Director of Civil Works, working closely with the Chief of Engineering and Construction.
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The RMC was established by the USACE Deputy Commanding General on 20 November 2008. The RMC is a national center of expertise that provides technical advice, oversight, and review of projects at the request of HQUSACE as well as program and decision support for the HQUSACE Dam and Levee Safety Programs. A comprehensive listing of roles and responsibilities for the RMC is included in ER 10-1-55.

RMC Structure

The Corps of Engineers maintains a three-level decentralized organization, HQUSACE, MSCs (Regional), and Districts. The RMC is a center under the Institute for Water Resources (IWR), which is a Headquarters Field Operating Activity (FOA). IWR and RMC’s primary purpose is to advise HQUSACE. The RMC is under the command and control of the Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations (DCG-CEO) through the Director of Civil Works (DCW) Director of the Institute of Water Resources. The HQUSACE proponent for the RMC is the USACE Chief of Engineering and Construction.

Major RMC Responsibilities

- **Program Management** – The RMC manages USACE dam and levee safety activities on behalf of HQUSACE.
- **Risk Assessment** – The RMC provides technical guidance and expertise to complete risk assessments for all stages of dam and levee safety activities.
- **Quality and Consistency** – The RMC coordinates reviews for products associated with dams and levees including risk assessments and the review of designs, plans, and specifications. The RMC is the Review Management Organization (RMO) for projects that affect life safety.
- **Development and Technical Competency** – The RMC leads and coordinates training for RMC staff, district technical resources, and district and MSC dam and levee safety program staff.

Core RMC Mission Areas

1. Risk Management and Risk Assessment for USACE Dams and Levees
2. Technical Support to HQ for Dam and Levee Safety Activities
3. Program Management for Safety Program Activities
4. Dam and Levee Safety Technical Competency and Training
5. Quality Management for Safety Program Activities
6. Dam and Levee Data Management
7. Policy Development

Other RMC Responsibilities

1. Technical Support for HQ outside Dam and Levee Safety
2. Quality Management outside Dam and Levee Safety
3. Technical Competency and Training outside Dam and Levee Safety
4. MSC Technical and Programmatic Support
5. District Technical and Programmatic Support