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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 1132 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (WRDA 2016), Post Authorization Change Reports

1. Section 1132 of WRDA 2016 was completed and signed on 5 February 2018. The implementation guidance is posted in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers website: <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/Legislative-Links/>.
2. Questions regarding this implementation guidance should be directed to Wesley Coleman, Chief, Office of Water Project Review at (202) 761-4102 or Wesley.E.Coleman@usace.army.mil.

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDING GENERAL U.S. ARMY CORPS OF
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SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 1132 of Water Resources
Development Act of 2016 (WRDA 2016), Post Authorization Change Reports

1. Section 1132 of the WRDA 2016 Act provides for the submittal of post authorization change reports to the Congress by the Secretary of the Army. The purpose of this memorandum is to establish standard operating procedures, in accordance with Section 1132, for the submission and review of post authorization change reports recommending modifications to water resources projects and the provision of recommendations of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works (ASA(CW)) to Congress. Section 1132 is enclosed.
2. For the purposes of Section 1132, post-authorization change reports include general reevaluation reports, limited reevaluation reports, validation reports, and any other report prepared by the Corps of Engineers (Corps) that recommends the modification of an authorized water resources development project requiring Congressional authorization. This guidance does not apply to post-authorization change reports that recommend modification of an authorized water resources development project within the Chief of Engineers' discretionary authority.
3. Upon completion of a post authorization change report by the Corps headquarters, the post authorization change report will be provided to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, and to the ASA(CW) within three business days. The post authorization change report will be provided to the ASA(CW) as an enclosure to the Chief's Report package in the case of a general reevaluation report, or under the cover of a Director's Report for all other reports requiring ASA(CW) approval.
4. Post-authorization change reports will be completed as expeditiously as possible based on policies prevailing prior to the completion of the report. Completion of the reports will not be delayed to synchronize with potential changes that the Administration may be considering to Civil Works policies or to the way that it prioritizes projects for Budget development.
5. Prior to the ASA(CW) submitting a report to Congress recommending modification of a water resources development project, the ASA(CW) will coordinate the report with the

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Office of Management and Budget, if appropriate, for a determination if the project is consistent with Administration policy.

6. The ASA(CW) shall review the post authorization change report and provide, no later than 120 days after the date of completion of the report, any recommendations regarding modification of the applicable water resources development project to the Congress.

7. Questions regarding this implementation guidance may be directed to Gib Owen, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works at gib.a.owen.civ@mail.mil or 703-695-4641. Technical questions may be directed to Wesley Coleman, Chief, Office of Water Project Review, Planning and Policy Division, 202-761-4102 or Wesley.E.Coleman@usace.army.mil.

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SECTION 1132. POST-AUTHORIZATION CHANGE REPORTS.

(a) IN GENERAL. The completion of a post-authorization change report prepared by the Corps of Engineers for a water resources development project

(1) may not be delayed as a result of consideration being given to changes in policy or priority with respect to project consideration; and

(2) shall be submitted, upon completion, to

(A) the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.

(b) COMPLETION REVIEW. With respect to a post-authorization change report subject to review by the Secretary, the Secretary shall, not later than 120 days after the date of completion of such report

(1) review the report; and

(2) provide to Congress any recommendations of the Secretary regarding modification of the applicable water resources development project.

(c) PRIOR REPORTS. Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, with respect to any post-authorization change report that was completed prior to the date of enactment of this Act and is subject to a review by the Secretary that has yet to be completed, the Secretary shall complete review of, and provide recommendations to Congress with respect to, the report.

(d) POST-AUTHORIZATION CHANGE REPORT INCLUSIONS. In this section, the term "post-authorization change report" includes

(1) a general reevaluation report;

(2) a limited reevaluation report; and

(3) any other report that recommends the modification of an authorized water resources development project.