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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Revised Implementation Guidance for Section 1116 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2018, Dredge Material Management Plans

1. The Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works approved on 18 April 2019 Section 1116 of WRDA 2018. The attached implementation guidance is posted for internal and external use on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers official WRDA website:
<http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/Legislative-Links/>.
2. Please ensure wide dissemination of this guidance. Questions regarding this implementation guidance should be directed to the Headquarters POC, Sheryl Carrubba, Acting Chief, Navigation Branch, Operations and Regulatory Division, at (202) 761-8648 or sheryl.a.carrubba@usace.army.mil.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Dalton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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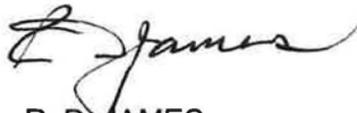
SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 1116 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2018, Dredged Material Management Plans

1. Section 1116 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2018 (WRDA 2018) directs the Secretary to expedite the dredged material management plan (DMMP) process in order that such plans make maximum use of existing information, studies, and innovative dredged material management practices, and avoid any redundant information collection and studies. This guidance applies to DMMPs initiated after the date of enactment of this Act or to existing DMMPs where updates are initiated after the date of enactment. Section 1116 is enclosed.
2. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps') Director of Civil Works (DCW) will develop a draft plan, to include specific actions and guidelines, for an expedited development, review, and approval process for DMMPs. The draft plan will include risk management considerations, maximizing the use of existing information, studies, and innovative dredged material management practices, and avoidance of any redundant information collection and studies. The DCW shall provide a draft plan to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works (ASA(CW)) within 90-days of receipt of this guidance.
3. The DCW will submit the draft report required in Section 1116(b), summarizing the approved plan, to the ASA(CW) within 30 days of receiving ASA(CW) approval of the plan discussed in Paragraph 2.
4. All new DMMP studies and updates to existing DMMPs will follow the normal budget process and will be budgeted in the Investigations account. The development, review, and approval of a DMMP will follow the expedited plan as discussed above. If the expedited process is not practicable, the DCW will submit a waiver request to the ASA(CW). The waiver request will contain sufficient information to document why the expedited process is not practicable and a plan for how the DMMP will be completed.
5. Any Corps Districts developing DMMPs shall consult with the Regional Sediment Management Program, the Engineering Research Development Center, and the Institute for Water Resources to determine if there are any programs related to dredging that would maximize the beneficial use of the dredged material.

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5. This guidance shall be transmitted to the appropriate Corps Division and District Commanders and posted to the Corps' WRDA website within five business days of receipt (written or electronic) from this office. Guidance shall be transmitted and posted as is and without additional guidance attached.

6. Questions regarding this implementation guidance should be directed to Ted Kerr, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works at theodore.e.kerr.civ@mail.mil or 703-697-6985.



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Enclosure

cf: MG Scott Spellmon, Deputy Commanding General, Civil and Emergency Operations
James Dalton, Director of Civil Works

Water Resources Development Act of 2018, Section 1116 - Dredged Material Management Plans

(a) IN GENERAL. For purposes of dredged material management plans initiated after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall expedite the dredged material management plan process in order that such plans make maximum use of existing information, studies, and innovative dredged material management practices, and avoid any redundant information collection and studies.

(b) REPORT. Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on how the Corps of Engineers intends to meet the requirements of subsection (a).