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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 561 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999, Beneficial Use of Waste Tire Rubber

1. This Memorandum provides guidance on implementation of Section 561 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (WRDA 99).

2. Section 561 Provisions. Section 561 of the WRDA 96 states:

(a) IN GENERAL.--- The Secretary shall, when appropriate, encourage the beneficial use of waste tire rubber (including crumb rubber and baled tire products) recycled from tires.

(b) INCLUDED BENEFICIAL USES.—Beneficial uses under subsection (a) may include marine pilings, underwater framing, floating docks with built-in flotation, utility poles, and other uses associated with transportation and infrastructure projects receiving Federal funds.

(c) USE OF WASTE TIRE RUBBER.—The Secretary shall encourage the use, when appropriate, of waste tire rubber (including crumb rubber) in projects described in subsection (b).

3. Policy for Implementing Section 561 of WRDA 99. The beneficial use of waste tire rubber from recycled tires should be considered for use in conjunction with new work projects and for the maintenance of existing Corps owned projects. The use of waste tire rubber must be cost effective, and acceptable to project sponsors, if applicable.

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