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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS (MSC)

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Documentation of Benefits in Decision Documents

1. Reference. Memorandum for the Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, dated 5 January 2021, Subject: Policy Directive – Comprehensive Documentation of Benefits in Decision Document.
2. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) collaborates with non-federal interests to study and address the water resources needs of our partners and stakeholders across the nation. The Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works (ASA(CW)) memorandum reiterates the importance of meeting a variety of planning objectives, and directs USACE to comprehensively evaluate, analyze, and document project effects across all benefit categories – economic, social, and environmental for all decision documents, including feasibility studies and post-authorization change reports. Project effects in all benefit categories impact decision-making, including the decisions of our partners and stakeholders. The scope of the evaluation and results of the additional analyses will, by necessity, vary based on where each study presently stands in the decision-making process. This directive is effective immediately.
4. All feasibility studies and post-authorization studies will comply with the ASA(CW) memorandum. The requirement to evaluate and document benefits to all four accounts may create challenges that must be overcome for our ongoing studies. The headquarters team is prepared to resolve such challenges collaboratively.
5. I ask that each of you, along with your Planning and Policy Chiefs, engage our project partners and stakeholders regarding the directive, explore its implications on studies, and remain aware and adaptive as together we put this new policy directive into operation. The point of contact for this effort is Eric Bush, HQUSACE Acting Chief of Planning and Policy who can be reached at Eric.L.Bush@usace.army.mil or (404) 562-5220.

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