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ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Implementation of Section 217 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (WRDA 99) – Disposal of Dredged Material on Beaches

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide implementation guidance on section 217 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999. The following provisions took effect upon enactment on 17 August 1999.

2. Subsection (a) amends section 145 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1976 (33 U.S.C. 426j) relative to cost sharing for placement of beach – quality, sand dredged in constructing and maintaining navigation inlets and channels, on adjacent beaches of the state.

a. The cost sharing change is applicable to projects approved by the Secretary after 17 August 1999.

b. The change in cost sharing reduces the state or a political subdivision of the state share from 50 percent to 35 percent. This cost sharing percentage is applied to the increased cost of placement of dredged material on adjacent beaches of the state above the cost required for the least costly, environmentally acceptable alternative of disposing of sand dredged in constructing and maintaining navigation inlets.

3. Subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) of section 217 pertain to authorization of sand placement under section 145 at two specific locations (b and e), and authorization of shore protection projects, including sand placement under section 145 at two other locations (c and d). Preparation of decision documents necessary to support project implementation of the authorized projects (section 217(c) and section 217(d)) may proceed as policy and budgetary authority allows. The section 145 portion of these activities may proceed subject to current policies and procedures for approval of section 145 projects.

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