



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314-1000

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

15 DEC 1999

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MEMORANDUM FOR Commanders, Major Subordinate Commands

SUBJECT: Implementation of Section 225 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 – Recreation User Fees

1. Section 225 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (WRDA 99) permits the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to withhold from the special account in the Treasury established under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended, 100 percent of the recreation user fees collected in excess of \$34 million during each fiscal year from 1999 through 2002. The amounts withheld will be retained for use without further appropriation for certain expenditures in support of the Corps recreation program. The amounts will remain available for expenditure until 30 September 2005.
2. Recreation use fees collected in Fiscal Year (FY) 99 amounted to \$32.5 million, which is below the \$34 million baseline established by the legislation. Therefore, there are no funds available to the Corps pursuant to this authority at this time.
3. A modification to Section 225 of WRDA 99 is currently being recommended for incorporation in WRDA 00. This modification would change the inclusive effective dates of the authority to fiscal years 2001 through 2004. It would also permit amounts withheld to remain available for expenditure until 30 September 2007.
4. Specific procedures for implementing this authority when the baseline is exceeded are being developed and will be provided at a later date.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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