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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, Mississippi Valley Division (CEMVD-PD)

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Sections 1002(a)(5) and 1002(b)(1) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (WRDA 2007) – CACHE RIVER BASIN, GRUBBS, ARKANSAS

1. Section 1002(a)(5) directs the Secretary to conduct a study for a flood damage reduction project for Cache River Basin, Grubbs, Arkansas and authorizes implementation of the project under the section 205 continuing authority if the Secretary determines that the project is feasible. Section 1002(b)(1) allows the use of the section 205 program to pursue the project at Grubbs, Arkansas within the boundaries of the specifically authorized but uncompleted Cache River Basin, Arkansas and Missouri project. Copies of sections 1002(a)(5) and 1002(b)(1) are enclosed for information.

2. The original Cache River Project was authorized by Section 204 of the Flood Control Act of 1950 as a feature of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project. The plan included clearing, realignment, and enlargement of approximately 140 miles of the Cache River channel and 91 miles of work on tributary streams. Approximately seven miles of channel enlargement and realignment were completed before the project was halted in the early 1970s due to environmental challenges. Subsequently, no additional work has been completed due to lack of funding. The completed seven-mile reach is over 100 miles downstream of the currently proposed section 205 work at Grubbs, Arkansas.

3. At such time that section 205 program funds are available for this project, proceed with planning, design, and implementation in accordance with ER 1105-2-100, Appendix F.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Water Resources Development Act of 2007
SEC. 1002. SMALL PROJECTS FOR FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a study for each of the following projects and, if the Secretary determines that a project is feasible, may carry out the project under section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948 (33 U.S.C. 701s):

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(5) CACHE RIVER BASIN, GRUBBS, ARKANSAS.—Project for flood damage reduction, Cache River Basin, Grubbs, Arkansas.

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(b) SPECIAL RULES.—

(1) CACHE RIVER BASIN, GRUBBS, ARKANSAS.—The Secretary may proceed with the project for the Cache River Basin, Grubbs, Arkansas, referred to in subsection (a)(5), notwithstanding that the project is located within the boundaries of the flood control project, Cache River Basin, Arkansas and Missouri, authorized by section 204 of the Flood Control Act of 1950, (64 Stat. 172) and modified by section 99 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974 (88 Stat. 41).