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

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, Pacific Ocean Division (CEPOD-PDC)

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 4012 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (WRDA 2007) – Valdez Harbor, Alaska

1. Section 4012 directs the Secretary to conduct a feasibility study of navigation improvements at Valdez, Alaska. It further directs the Secretary to construct the project at a total cost not to exceed $20,000,000 if it is determined to be feasible. A copy of section 4012 is enclosed for your information.

2. The Section 905(b) Reconnaissance Analysis, Valdez Small Boat Harbor, Alaska dated October 1998 determined that there were sufficient benefits to support a Federal interest in proceeding to a feasibility study. A draft integrated feasibility report and environmental assessment dated November 2007, tentatively identifies a feasible plan for constructing a harbor to moor 320 vessels east of the Ship Escort Response Vessel Systems (SERVS) dock south of the existing harbor. The current estimated cost for the General Navigation Features (GNF) is $16,440,000. The total project cost including Local Service Facilities is $31,057,000.

3. The feasibility study should be completed consistent with existing Corps planning policies and procedures, including the Washington level review for post authorization decision documents included in ER 1105-2-100 Appendix H. If a feasible project is confirmed, it may be considered for implementation in accordance with existing budgetary policies and procedural guidance.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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SEC. 4012. VALDEZ, ALASKA.

The Secretary shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility of carrying out a project for navigation, Valdez, Alaska, and if the Secretary determines that the project is feasible, shall carry out the project at a total cost of $20,000,000

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