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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, Great Lakes & Ohio River Division

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 4077 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA 2007) of 2007 -- Western Pennsylvania Flood Damage Reduction

1. Section 4077 of WRDA 2007 authorizes the Secretary to conduct a study of structural and nonstructural flood damage reduction, stream bank protection, storm water management, channel clearing and modification, and watershed coordination measures in the Mahoning River basin, Pennsylvania, the Allegheny River basin, Pennsylvania; and the Upper Ohio River basin. The purpose of the study is to provide not less than 100-year level of protection to prevent future losses to communities located in these basins such as occurred in September 2004. In addition, Section 4077 identifies priority communities to be considered.

2. Using funds provided in the FY2009 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, the Pittsburgh District shall identify a local project sponsor, prepare a reconnaissance report, complete a project management plan and negotiate a feasibility cost sharing agreement in accordance with existing policies and procedures. Priority for the initial study, due to limited funding, will be given to those communities that show a specific interest in the program. Additional studies may be undertaken at such time that funds become available.

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AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION

SEC. 4077. WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION.
(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a study of structural and nonstructural flood damage reduction, stream bank protection, storm water management, channel clearing and modification, and watershed coordination measures in the Mahoning River basin, Pennsylvania, the Allegheny River basin, Pennsylvania, and the Upper Ohio River basin, Pennsylvania, to provide a level of flood protection sufficient to prevent future losses to communities located in such basins from flooding such as occurred in September 2004, but not less than a 100-year level of flood protection.
(b) PRIORITY COMMUNITIES.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall give priority to the following Pennsylvania communities: Marshall Township, Ross Township, Shaler Township, Jackson Township, Harmony, Zelienople, Darlington Township, Houston Borough, Chartiers Township, Washington, Canton Township, Tarentum Borough, and East Deer Township.