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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, Mississippi Valley Division

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 3012 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (WRRDA 2014) – Management of Flood Risk Reduction Projects

1. Section 3012 of WRRDA 2014 provides that upon request by a non-Federal interest, the Secretary shall consider two or more flood damage reduction projects located within the same geographical area for consolidation as a single program for budgetary or project management purposes if the Secretary determines that doing so would not be incompatible with the authorized project purposes. It further provides that if any work on a flood damage reduction project consolidated under this section is required solely because of impacts caused by a navigation project, the cost of carrying out that work will be shared in accordance with the cost-sharing requirements for the navigation project. A copy of Section 3012 is enclosed.
2. The non-Federal interest making the request for consolidation must be the non-Federal sponsor for the projects being considered for consolidation. The non-Federal sponsor must submit, to the appropriate District Commander, a written request which clearly establishes that the flood damage reduction projects are within the same geographical area for consolidation as a single program. To be considered within the "same geographical area," the flood damage reduction projects must be within close proximity of each other. If the projects are not all within the same district, the district receiving the request will notify HQUSACE, which will identify a lead District to manage the request and then budgeting and implementation of the projects if consolidated. The District will screen the request to ascertain whether the projects requested for consolidation are being funded within the same appropriation account, are located within the same geographic area, and are suitable for consolidation as a single program for budgetary or project management purposes, based upon physical and / or hydraulic proximity. After determining the eligibility for consolidation, the District will forward the non-Federal sponsor's request, with the District's analysis and recommendation, through the Division to the HQUSACE Regional Integration Team for coordination with the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works (ASA(CW)) for a final determination.
3. If the ASA(CW) determines that the projects are appropriate for consolidation into a single program, the projects will be considered as a single program for budgetary or project management purposes. The program will be budgeted for and managed as a "Project Funding Pot", defined as a conduit for funding specific programs, projects or activities in accordance with the annual execution Engineering Circular. Work

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Allowances for the Project Funding Pot will be distributed initially to the Master P2 Program code for the Project Funding Pot, and then passed through to the consolidated projects within the Project Funding Pot.

4. For any flood damage reduction project approved for consolidation that requires work solely because of impacts caused by a federal navigation project, the cost of carrying out that work will be shared with the flood damage reduction project sponsor in accordance with the cost-sharing requirements for the federal navigation project. In order to be considered under this authority, the impacts from the navigation project must directly affect the ability of the flood damage reduction project to provide its authorized flood damage reduction purpose. The District must document its analysis and determinations in an appropriate engineering report that will be submitted through the Division to the Regional Integration Team for HQUSACE approval.



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SEC. 3012. MANAGEMENT OF FLOOD RISK REDUCTION PROJECTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—If 2 or more flood control projects are located within the same geographic area, the Secretary shall, at the request of the non-Federal interests for the affected projects, consider those projects as a single program for budgetary or project management purposes, if the Secretary determines that doing so would not be incompatible with the authorized project purposes.

(b) COST SHARE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—If any work on a project to which subsection (a) applies is required solely because of impacts to that project from a navigation project, the cost of carrying out that work shall be shared in accordance with the cost sharing requirements for the navigation project.

(2) USE OF AMOUNTS.—Work described in paragraph (1) may be carried out using amounts made available under subsection (a).