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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

CECW-PM

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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division

SUBJECT: Chickamauga Lock and Dam, Tennessee - Guidance for Implementation of Section 455 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2000

1. Citation. Section 455 of WRDA 2000 reads as follows:

SEC. 455. CHICKAMAUGA LOCK AND DAM, TENNESSEE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall use $200,000, from funds transferred from the Tennessee Valley Authority, to prepare a report of the Chief of Engineers for a replacement lock at Chickamauga Lock and Dam, Tennessee.

(b) FUNDING.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Tennessee Valley Authority shall transfer to the Secretary the funds necessary to carry out subsection (a).

2. Background. Chickamauga Lock is part of the inland navigation system on the Tennessee River that was constructed by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under a 1962 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The Nashville District (CELRN) is conducting a support for others study for the TVA to determine the feasibility of replacing the Chickamauga Lock which has a significant structural reliability problem. The TVA and congressional interests want the USACE to assume responsibility for authorization and the funding of the construction of the project. Section 455 of WRDA 2000 provides authority for the USACE to use TVA funds to prepare a Chief of Engineers report that would be the vehicle for seeking authorization for a replacement lock.

3. Guidance. CELRN should accept the transfer of TVA funds to carry out the provisions of section 455. The use of funds transferred from TVA should be limited to those activities necessary to support the future preparation of a Chief's report. The ultimate product necessary to support the preparation of a Chief's report is a feasibility report that meets the requirements of ER 1105-2-100. The report will be reviewed and approved and submitted to Congress following

normal procedures. In this regard, the first action will be to prepare and submit for Washington-level review, documentation in support of an Alternative Formulation Briefing (AFB) (see ER 1105-2-100, Exhibits G-3 and G-4). TVA should be invited to participate in the AFB process. Further guidance on the implementation of section 455 will be provided by Headquarters, in consultation with the ASA(CW), via the AFB Guidance Memorandum.

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