

APPENDIX. F

Public Accidents

1. Reportability. The reportability of public accidents is as follows:.

a. Accidents resulting in fatal or permanent totally disabling injuries to recreational visitors at USACE-owned or -operated property or facilities must be reported.

b. Any accident, caused by USACE operations, to recreational or non-recreational visitors at USACE-owned or -operated property or facilities.

c. Accidents resulting in other than fatal or permanent totally disabling injuries to recreational visitors at USACE-owned or -operated property or facilities (e.g., cyclist injured after running into pothole in bike path) may be reported at the discretion of the FOA commander if such reporting would be of benefit in accident trend analysis or defense of tort claims or result in improvements to the facility*s design safety. If reported, such accidents will be entered into the SIMS.

d. Accidents resulting in injury to non-recreational visitors at USACE-owned or -operated property or facilities (e.g., driver of vehicle proceeding through Corps* property injured when car ran off road and into ditch during heavy rainstorm) may be reported at the discretion of the FOA commander if such reporting would be of benefit in accident trend analysis or defense of tort claims or result in improvements to the facility*s design safety. If reported, such accidents will be entered into the SIMS.

e. Geographical limits for reporting:

(1) Within lake project boundaries.

(2) On run-of-the-river projects where person(s) was/were using or attempting to use a Corps facility (e.g., boat ramp, picnic facility).

(3) Below dams to the point where the maximum discharge reaches maximum elevation (typically 300 - 1,000 feet below the structure) or at any distance when the discharge is a direct cause of the accident.

(4) Upstream of hydraulic structures to the point where warning devices are placed (typically 1,000 feet).

f. Incidents of criminal acts (e.g., murder, suicide,

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assault) not involving a government employee will be reported through security and law enforcement, not safety and occupational health, channels and will not be included in SIMS.

2. Recordability. Only those accidents resulting in fatal or permanent totally disabling injuries to recreational visitors at USACE-owned or -operated property or facilities are required to be recorded in HQ-SIMS.