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Partners,

The Kansas City District is currently supporting our State and Federal Partners in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Our team is decisively engaged in the well-being of our workforce, their families, and the successful execution of our District's Mission Essential Tasks.

The District Readiness and Contingency Operations Office leads a daily Crisis Management Team brief that re-enforces my #1 priority of protecting the safety and health of our employees and their families. The Kansas City District is well-trained, well-equipped, and well-disciplined to provide public works and engineering solutions to our Local, State and Federal Partners.

We will continue the execution of our Civil Works, Military Programs, and Environmental Missions through this crisis. For the protection of our workforce we have shifted our work posture to a predominantly virtual work environment except where a physical presence is mission essential. We anticipate that we will experience some inefficiencies and impacts to execution that may cause delays in some projects.

Our Program Managers are working to prioritize our workload and will actively communicate impacts to all of our partners. You can still communicate with all of your district counterparts through email and phone. We have experienced some initial degradation in our systems, but they are improving quickly.

In addition to COVID-19 response, levee rehabilitation remains the top priority for the district. The District will proceed with ongoing levee construction contracts and continue to award new levee rehabilitation contracts in the coming months. Our commitment to levee rehabilitation through contracts, expert advice, and quality assurance remains steadfast.

The District asks that you do your part in keeping to the CDC guidelines and in listening carefully to your local authorities on limitations for nonessential travel or face-to-face meetings. Much of our business is being conducted over computer – email, shared slides, WebEx, etc. We ask that you share that responsibility to do what can be done remotely.

We are all in this together – thank you!

William C. Hannan, Jr. Colonel, EN Commanding