Levee Safety and Requests to Alter USACE Projects

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Complementary Activities

Traditional USACE Levee Safety Activities

Mutually Beneficial Activities that are Both Authorized & Appropriated

Deferred Activities
1) National Committee on Levee Safety and a National Program
2) National Guidelines
3) Reports to Congress
4) State and Tribal Programs
5) Grants to States
6) Levee Rehab Fund
7) National Stakeholder Engagements
SPECIAL PROJECTS OPERATION TEAM (SPOT)
POC: Noah Vroman (USACE – MVD DLSPC)

Special Projects Operations Team (SPOT):
Formed Oct 2015 to support HQUSACE Levee Safety Program (LSP) on unique levee safety initiatives related to guidance, training, portfolio management, and coordination with internal and external stakeholders.

USACE Levee Portfolio Report – Agency report on the USACE Levee portfolio including pertinent data and findings to inform portfolio management activities.

Risk Communication Support – Support the Agency on risk communication initiatives through access to experts, training, and materials. Risk characterization data for USACE Levee Systems are shown below is as of April 2016.

Levee Review (Inspection and Risk Assessment) – Lead the Agency in nationwide pilots efforts with states, tribes, and other federal agencies to expand the National Levee Database and share best practices for levee inspections and risk screening.

USACE Levee Safety Guidelines Database – Support HQ USACE to inventory, assess, and categorize internal and external documents utilized by the Levee Safety Community of Practice.

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Other Regional Dam & Levee Safety Production Centers

Public Awareness and Communication Team (PACT)

USACE Districts & Divisions

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Levee Inventory & Review Pilots Non-Fed Levee Dataset in NLD

- **Background:** Conduct full scope of I&R on select levees
- **Goals:** Capture lessons learned & best practices
- **Process:**
  - Select levee systems for pilot
  - Secure resources & confirm participant commitment
  - Hold Kick-off Meeting
  - Conduct Training
  - Complete Inspection
  - Accomplish Screening
  - Conduct Outreach on FEMA Programs
  - Gather Lessons Learned

*Extended team may include State Silver Jackets Lead, USACE Subject Matter Experts and/or Contractors*
Developing a Strategy

Communication & Engagement Planning

District Wide

Groups of Systems

Per System

groups of systems.
3. Risk Communication Workshops

St. Louis Team

Role Playing Challenging Conversations

Rock Island Team

Stretching our Comfort Zones - SWD
Risk Framework

Risk-Informed Decision Making

- Risk Assessment
- Risk Management
- Risk Communication
Section 408 - WRRDA 2014

- Section 1006: Policy for accepting funds under Section 214 of WRDA 2000 will be updated.

- Section 1007:
  - Post process for public comment within one year
  - Establish specific timelines
  - Create a public database for tracking

- Section 1008: Provision for expedited hydropower projects
Section 408 Policy Revision

- Current policy valid for another year.
- Website, federal register notices, feedback sessions
- Considering –
  - Delegation of authority
  - Categorical permissions
  - Streamlining NEPA, Real Estate, Regulatory
  - Clarity sponsor role and when Section 408 applies