

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314-1000REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR Commanders, Major Subordinate Commands

SUBJECT: Guidance on Application of Office of Management and Budget Procedures
Concerning Levee and Associated Restoration Projects

1. Reference memorandum, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), subject: Floodplain Management and Procedures For Evaluation and Review of Levee and Associated Restoration Projects, February 18, 1997.
2. During the past several years, an increasing number of disasters have occurred, including severe flooding that has impacted both urban and agricultural areas throughout the country. An important tool in development of the Administration's policy related to the Federal flood response and floodplain management was the interagency task force created to deal with the 1993 Midwest flooding. In that regard, OMB has issued new guidance (enclosure 1) that designates the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as the lead agency.
3. The information in the OMB guidance provides that the Corps, and other Federal agencies, will ensure the proper consideration of all relevant options for repair, reconstruction, and other alternatives (i.e., nonstructural alternatives) for flood control works (FCW) damaged by flood events. This consideration also extends to relevant community organizations so that they may also have the opportunity to comment on projects and suggest appropriate modifications. The overall goal is to achieve a rapid and effective response to the damaged FCW that will minimize risk to life and property, ensure a cost-effective approach to flood damage mitigation and floodplain management, and protect important environmental and natural resource values. To address the requirements of OMB, a generic charter (enclosure 2) was developed. The charter outlines the goals and procedures necessary to accomplish the purpose of the task force as discussed in the OMB guidance letter. Please become familiar with the guidance and charter in preparation for future recovery efforts. The charter and process are currently in place in the South Pacific and North Pacific Divisions to address ongoing recovery activities.
4. The point of contact for this action is Mr. Paul Dobie, (202) 761-5306.

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