



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314-1000

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

01 MAR 2005

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DIVISION (CEMVD-PD-N)

SUBJECT: Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System, Buffalo Cove Pilot Water Management Unit, Louisiana - Project Cooperation Agreement

1. The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) (PDASA(CW)) has approved the project cooperation agreement (PCA) for the Buffalo Cove Pilot Water Management Unit subject to the following condition. The agreement provides for 100 percent Federal funding for construction, but only for the initial construction of the Buffalo Cove pilot unit, as defined in the revised draft agreement, at an estimated cost of \$6,344,073. Any additional alterations or modifications to the project beyond the scope of the initial project as defined by the draft agreement is subject to 25 percent non-Federal cost sharing for construction, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and rehabilitation, with the sponsor receiving credit for any additional lands, easements, rights-of-way and disposal areas provided for such work. This is a one-time waiver that is to be treated as an exception and not as a precedent or policy change. The policy requiring voluntary 25 percent non-Federal cost sharing should be applied to all other fish and wildlife enhancement projects. Copies of the PDASA(CW) approval memorandum (enclosure 1) and the approved PCA (enclosure 2) are enclosed. Signature authority has been delegated to the New Orleans District Commander.
2. You must ensure that the PCA is signed by the sponsor as approved by PDASA(CW), without deviation, not later than 21 calendar days after the date of this memorandum. The New Orleans District should prepare a minimum of four final PCA originals. Upon execution, the district will retain two copies of the executed PCA. The remaining copies of the executed PCAs should be provided to the sponsor. An electronic copy of the executed PCA should be forwarded to CECW-MVD (John Lucyshyn) not later than 14 days after final signature of the PCA.
3. If any deviations to the approved PCA are required, prior to signature by the sponsor, the district will transmit a memorandum notifying CECW-MVD of the reasons for the deviations and requesting approval of the deviations. Only after receipt of written approval from CECW-MVD, will the deviations be incorporated into the approved PCA.
4. If the 21-day suspense will not be met, prior to PCA signature by the sponsor, the

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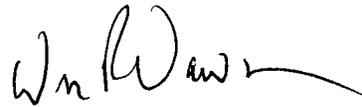
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district will transmit a memorandum notifying CECW-MVD of the reasons for the slip or identifying changed conditions and the recommended course of action.

5. Any questions should be directed to Mr. John Lucyshyn at 202-761-4515.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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