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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, Chicago District

SUBJECT: Review Plan for the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS),  
Focus Area 1: Chicago Area Waterway System, Feasibility Study

1. The attached Review Plan (RP) for the GLMRIS Focus Area 1 Chicago Area Waterway System feasibility study was presented to the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division for approval in accordance with EC 1165-2-209 "Civil Works Review" dated 31 January 2010.
2. The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), in consultation with other federal agencies, Native American tribes, state agencies, local governments and non-governmental organizations, is conducting the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS). In accordance with the study authorization, USACE will evaluate a range of options and technologies (collectively known as "ANS controls") to prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River by aquatic pathways. In this context, the term "prevent" includes the reduction of risk to the maximum extent possible, because it may not be technologically feasible to achieve an absolute solution. As part of this study, USACE will conduct a detailed analysis of various ANS controls, including hydrologic separation.
3. The MSC has reviewed the attached RP and concurs that it describes the scope of review for work phases and addresses all appropriate levels of review consistent with the requirements described in EC 1165-2-209.
4. I concur with the recommendations and approve the enclosed RP for the GLMRIS Focus Area 1 Chicago Area Waterway System feasibility study.
5. The District is requested to post the RP to its website. Prior to posting, the names of all individuals identified in the RP should be removed.
6. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Hank Jarboe, CELRD-PDS-P, at (513) 684-6050.

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