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Use of Government-Owned Plant and Facilities

1. Purpose. This regulation prescribes the policies and procedures to be followed by all elements of the District in connection with the use of Government-owned plant and facilities.
2. Applicability. This regulation applies to all personnel responsible for, or involved in, the use of Government-owned plant and facilities.
3. Reference. ER 1125-2-305.
4. Use of Corps of Engineers plant and facilities.
  - a. Policy. The use of Corps of Engineers vessels, other conveyances, and their facilities will be limited to the actual requirements of authorized and official business. The Resident Engineers, Division Chiefs, and their designated representatives are responsible to insure compliance in the usage of plant assigned to their organizations.
  - b. Guests on board Corps of Engineers vessels. Guests may be permitted on board Government vessels when the vessels are engaged on Government business provided the following conditions are met:
    - (1) That otherwise vacant accommodations are available and no additional cost of any kind or character to the United States is incurred thereby.
    - (2) That accommodations furnished by the Government are not increased in quantity or quality for the benefit of those not in the Government service.
    - (3) That vessels are not diverted from their strict official line of travel.
    - (4) That proper authorization for each trip with guests aboard is obtained from the District Engineer or his authorized representative as provided below:
      - (a) Definitions. For the purpose of this regulation, "Guest" is defined as any person or persons, employees of the Corps of Engineers, or others, not assigned to the vessel or to the work to which the vessel is assigned. Persons considered assigned to the work include: District Engineer, Resident Engineers,

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members of the District Engineer's staff, survey parties when being transported to and from worksites, and other Resident Office employees requiring vessel transportation for accomplishment of their assigned duties. "Vessel" is defined as Little Rock District towboats, tenders, inspection boats, and survey launches.

(b) Authorization to transport guests on Government vessel. Authority to accommodate guests on all vessels will be obtained in writing from the District Engineer, Deputy District Engineer, the Chief, Construction-Operations Division, or the Resident Engineer concerned. The authorization will normally be obtained prior to the trip. However, where oral authority is obtained when circumstances make it impossible to obtain written authority, a letter of authority confirming the oral authority and bearing the date on which oral authority was obtained will be initiated as soon as possible. The letter of authorization will contain the purpose of the trip, organization represented by guests, points of travel, and approximate duration. This information will be furnished by the proposed user in a written request in sufficient detail so that the authorization letter can be prepared. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to Project Operations Branch for filing and a copy will be maintained in a separate file set up for this purpose at the originating office.

c. Inspection trips for Federal and State officials. The Act of July 1947, 61 Stat. 688, 33 U.S.C. 575, provides, "Hereafter no appropriation under the Corps of Engineers shall be available for any expenses incident to operating any power-driven boat or vessel on other than Government business, and that Government business shall be construed to include transportation, lodging, and subsistence on inspection trips of Federal and State officials, having a public interest in authorized or proposed improvements for river and harbor and flood control, and any expenses incurred therefor shall be chargeable to river and harbor and flood control appropriations heretofore or hereafter made under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Chief of Engineers: Provided that such expenditures shall be certified by the Division Engineer as necessary and proper expenditures."

(1) The term, "Federal officials," cited in the above Act, is considered to include members of Congress and Legislature Branch employees of the Federal Government. The term, "State officials," cited in the above Act, is considered to include the Governor, Members of the Legislature and Cabinet, or Commission level personnel of a State.

(2) Pursuant to the above, it is necessary that the District Engineer obtain from the Division Engineer, a certificate of approval in each instance in which transportation, lodging, or subsistence is to be furnished in accordance with the law quoted above.

(3) The following statement will be prepared under the direction of Chief, Construction-Operations Division, for obtaining approval of the Division Engineer. This statement will be filed in the Project Operations Branch.

The following-named individuals are Federal (or State) officials having public interest in authorized or proposed improvements for river and harbor and flood control.

(List names, and whether Federal or State officials.)

Expenses incurred on behalf of these individuals are necessary and proper, and were incurred in connection with Government business during an inspection of the following river and harbor or flood control project.

(List projects inspected, purpose of inspection, and dates involved.)

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d. Use of Corps of Engineers plant in an emergency to save life or property.

(1) The District Engineer is granted the authority to use or loan Government plant when life is endangered by a sudden emergency which does not permit adequate time for preparation of an advance request for approval. This authority is delegated to the Resident Engineers and others who may be in charge of the plant in the immediate vicinity of the sudden emergency. Reimbursement is not required when Corps of Engineers plant is used to save life. Use of Corps plant is also permitted to save private property, provided suitable privately owned plant is not available and the plant can be spared without significant detriment to Corps of Engineers work. When Corps of Engineers plant is used to save private property, the owner will be billed only for "out of pocket" expense incurred by the United States.

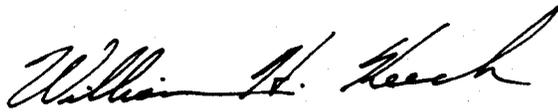
(2) Pilots and others in charge of operating Corps of Engineers vessels are authorized to aid nearby vessels in distress and attempt to save the lives of those endangered, provided that the safety of their plant and crew is not unduly jeopardized.

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(3) If reasonably assured that payment will be received, pilots and others in charge of Corps of Engineers vessels may issue sufficient fuel or supplies to private boat owners to enable them to reach port.

(4) A report, including sufficient details to describe the necessity for use, will be promptly made to the District Engineer each time Corps of Engineers equipment is used or issued to save life or private property so that the required report can be submitted to the Division Engineer. Construction-Operations Division is responsible for submittal of this report.

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