

CECW-RN

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SUBJECT: Guidance Letter No. 1 New Start Construction Projects-Responsibility for Modification/Alteration of Highway Bridge Foundations--Flood Control

MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE DISTRIBUTION

1. This is the first of a series of letters that will be prepared to provide clarification on issues not fully addressed in EC 1165-2-144, dated 1 June 1987, subject: "Policy Guidance for New Start Construction Projects".
2. For flood control projects, paragraph 7 k.(1) on page 10 of EC 1165-2-144 states in part that: Abutments, pilings, and additional footings of highway bridges which are a structural and integral part of the project would be classified as part of the basic project for cost sharing purposes. The intent of this guidance was to distinguish between those aspects of highway bridge alterations which should be classified as a relocation and which aspects should be classified as part of the basic project.
3. Alteration of highway bridges necessitated by a flood control project is generally considered part of the lands , easements, right-of-ways and relocations (LERR) requirements for the project and, therefore, the responsibility of non-Federal interests. However, alterations to provide for the structural integrity of highway bridge foundations, piers, or abutments that are to remain in place should be included as part of the basic project.
4. Only those costs associated with altering highway bridge foundations, piers, or abutments that are required to maintain the structural integrity of the existing bridge would be considered part of project costs and cost shared between the Federal Government and the local sponsor. For instance, when deepening of channels below footings of existing bridge piers is required, the piers may be reinforced, underpinned, or reconstructed as part of the basic project to be cost shared, provided the Federal Government has been released from any claims for damages. However, new piers required for additional spans in bridge crossings will be provided entirely at non-federal expense as a part of the LERR requirement.
5. As provided in paragraph 5.a.(4) of EC 1165-2-144, please highlight any deviations from current policy, unresolved issues, or issues that need clarification in the cover letter transmitting LCA packages. If you have any other issues that are not adequately addressed in EC 1165-2-144, Please submit them to CECW-RN for clarification.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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