

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Policy Guidance Letter No. 45 (PGL 45), Responsibility for Alterations of Railroad Bridges - Flood Control

1. Reference: Rescission of Policy Guidance Letter No. 2 (PGL 2), New Start Construction Projects - Responsibility for Alterations of Railroad Bridges - Flood Control, 4 November 1993 (enclosure).
2. The purpose of PGL 45 is to provide clarification of policy regarding new railroad bridges needed because of the construction of flood control projects.
3. Section 3 of the Flood Control Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 642, 33 U.S.C. 701p), authorized the inclusion at Federal expense of necessary alterations to railroad bridges and approaches in connection therewith. The referenced policy rescission letter contains the current policy which is: (1) to assign the cost of railroad bridge alterations as a project construction cost rather than a locally provided lands, easements, rights-of-way or relocation (LERR), and (2) to assign the cost of constructing new railroad bridges over flood control channels constructed in fast lands or new channel alignments as a project construction cost.
4. Since section 3 is directed to bridge alterations, without specific reference to new railroad bridges, there is concern about the application of the policy to new bridges. Therefore, in order to apply the policy to new bridges over flood control channels constructed in fast lands or new channel alignments, authorizing documentation for new project proposals must reflect the policy by recommending the cost of the new railroad bridges as project construction costs.

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