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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, Southwestern Division (CESWD-PDT)

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 3136 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (WRDA 2007) - Red River Chloride Control, Oklahoma and Texas.

1. Section 3136 directs the Secretary to operate and maintain all features of the Red River Chloride Control project, Oklahoma and Texas, at Federal expense. A copy of Section 3136 is enclosed.
2. The Red River Basin Chloride Control project is located in northwest Texas and southwest Oklahoma. This project was initiated in the 1950's to improve water quality for municipal, industrial, and agricultural use. This project would directly benefit communities in four states along the Red River, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana. Over the last 40 years, the Corps of Engineers has completed construction efforts on a significant portion of the project (Area V, Area VIII, Truscott Lake, and Area X collection facility) and is currently operating and maintaining those completed features at full Federal expense.
3. In accordance with Section 3136, the Corps will continue 100% Federal O&M responsibilities for the completed features of the project and will assume 100% Federal O&M responsibilities for the remaining features of the Red River Chloride Control project as they are completed. O&M for completed and remaining features will continue to be budgeted in accordance with existing budget policies and procedures (including prioritization based on limited funding).
4. Corps participation in project construction is inconsistent with Administration policy as the control of chlorides to improve water quality for municipal, industrial, or agricultural irrigation is not a supported project purpose. As such, no portion of the Red River Chloride Control Project is eligible for inclusion in the Army Civil Works annual Construction budget requests. No work may be undertaken to implement this project unless Construction funds are specifically appropriated by Congress for such work.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Director of Civil Works

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SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 3036 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (WRDA 2007) – Red River Chloride Control, Oklahoma and Texas.

Enclosure

Water Resources Development Act of 2007

SEC. 3136. RED RIVER CHLORIDE CONTROL, OKLAHOMA AND TEXAS.

The project for water quality control in the Arkansas and Red River Basin, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, authorized by section 203 of the Flood Control Act of 1966 (80 Stat. 1420) and modified by section 1107(a) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (100 Stat. 4229) is further modified to direct the Secretary to provide operation and maintenance for the Red River Chloride Control project, Oklahoma and Texas, at Federal expense.