USACE Priorities

- Support the Warfighter
- Transform Civil Works
- Respond to Disasters
- Prepare for Tomorrow
USACE Contributions to the Economy and the Environment

¼ of Nation’s Hydropower: $1.5B + in power sales

#1 Federal Provider of Outdoor Recreation; Stewards of 11.7M Acres of Public Lands; 370 Million Visitors/yr

12,000 miles of Commercial Inland Waterways transport goods at 1/2 the cost of rail or 1/10 the cost of trucks

~12,700 Miles of Levees for Flood Risk Reduction

926 Shallow & Deep Draft Harbors

137 Major Environmental Restoration Projects

US Ports & Waterways Convey > 2.2 billion Tons Commerce
Corps Maintained Ports Provide Strategic Deployment Capability
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund collects $1.3 billion revenue
National Water Resource Challenges

- Climate Change
- Energy
- Aging Infrastructure
- Environmental Values
- Governance
- Federal Budget
- Legislative Changes
- Demographic Shifts
- Persistent Conflict
- Increasing Demand for Water
- Declining Biodiversity
- Disaster Preparedness and Response
- Globalization
The 20th Century “Golden Age” of Infrastructure Construction
Our Nation’s Infrastructure GPA: D+
CIVIL WORKS TRANSFORMATION

- Planning
- Infrastructure Strategy
- Budget Development
- Methods of Delivery
PL 84-99 Eligibility

- Provides interim criteria for eligibility until final policy is developed with revisions to 33 CFR Part 203.
- Focus is on encroachments and stability.
- Items chosen to determine eligibility do not create incentives for public sponsors to take actions that might negatively impact natural resources or Tribal rights.
- Vegetation management is no longer an eligibility requirement but is still an O&M responsibility.
- System-wide Improvement Frameworks (SWIFS) are still an option for Reclamation Districts interested in a longer-term, worst-first prioritization of O&M.
EPA Clean Water Act Proposed Rule

• **Purpose:** Define the scope of waters protected under the Clean Water Act (CWA), in light of the U.S. Supreme Court cases—
  • *U.S. v. Riverside Bayview, Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (SWANCC)*
  • *Rapanos v. United States (Rapanos)*.

• **Goals:**
  • Enhance protection for the nation’s public health and aquatic resources
  • Increase Clean Water Act predictability and consistency by increasing clarity as to the scope of “waters of the United States” protected under the Act.

• Public review ongoing through July 21, 2014 through the Federal Register.

Questions