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the discharge of fill material into waters of the U.S., except that the procedures of part 336 of this chapter will be used in those cases where the discharge of fill material is also the discharge of dredged material, i.e., beach nourishment, within banks disposal for erosion control, etc.

(b) After construction of Corps Civil Works water resource projects, certain operations and maintenance activities involving the discharge of fill material require evaluation under the CWA. These activities generally include lake-shore management, installation of boat ramps, erosion protection along the banks of navigation channels, jetty maintenance, remedial erosion control, etc. While these activities are normally addressed in the existing environmental impact statement for the project, new technology or unexpected events such as storms or high waters may require maintenance or remedial work not fully addressed in existing environmental documents or state permits. In determining compliance with the applicable environmental laws and regulations the district engineer should use the CWA exemptions at 404(f) and NEPA categorical exclusions to the maximum extent practicable. If the district engineer decides that the changes have not been adequately addressed in existing environmental documentation, the procedures of this part should be followed.

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#### **§ 338.2 Activities involving the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S.**

(a) Generally, fill activities conducted by the Corps for operations and maintenance of existing Civil Works water resource and navigation projects are routine and have little, if any, potential for significant degradation of the environment. District engineers are encouraged to develop general authorizations in accordance with section 404 of the CWA and 104 of the ODA following the procedures of § 337.5 of this chapter for categories of such routine activities. The general authorization should satisfy all compliance requirements including water quality certifications and, if applicable, coastal zone consistency determinations. For ac-

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tivities which are not conducive to the development of general authorizations or are more appropriately evaluated on an individual basis, the following procedures should be followed.

(b) A public notice should be issued using the procedures § 337.1 of this chapter.

(c) Water quality certifications should be requested and, if applicable, coastal zone consistency determinations should be provided using the procedures of § 336.1(b) (8) and (9) of this chapter.

(d) The discharge site should be specified through the application of the section 404(b)(1) guidelines.

(e) The procedures of 40 CFR part 230 should be used to determine the NEPA compliance requirements.

(f) The factors of § 336.1(c) of this chapter should be followed when evaluating fill activities.

(g) Upon completion of all required coordination and after receipt of the necessary state certifications, the district engineer should prepare an SOF in accordance with § 337.6.

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#### **PART 384—INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

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### § 384.1 What is the purpose of these regulations?

(a) The regulations in this part implement Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," issued July 14, 1982 and amended on April 8, 1983. These regulations also implement applicable provisions of section 401 of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968.

(b) These regulations are intended to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened Federalism by relying on state processes and on state, areawide, regional and local coordination for review of proposed federal financial assistance and direct federal development.

(c) These regulations are intended to aid the internal management of the Corps of Engineers, and are not intended to create any right or benefit enforceable at law by a party against the Corps of Engineers or its officers.

### § 384.2 What definitions apply to these regulations?

*Order* means Executive Order 12372, issued July 14, 1982, and amended April 8, 1983 and titled "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

*Responsible Corps official* means a District Engineer, Division Engineer, or the Chief of Engineers, or a designated representative, who is considering a decision or recommendation on a proposed Federal action and is responsible for coordinating such action with the state process under the provisions of this regulation.

*State* means any of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is-

lands, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

### § 384.3 What programs and activities of the Corps of Engineers are subject to these regulations?

The Chief of Engineers publishes in the FEDERAL REGISTER a list of the Corps of Engineers Civil Works programs and activities that are subject to these regulations.

### § 384.4 [Reserved]

### § 384.5 What is the Corps of Engineers' obligation with respect to Federal interagency coordination?

Responsible Corps officials, to the extent practicable, consult with and seek advice from all other substantially affected Federal departments and agencies in an effort to assure full coordination between such agencies and the Corps of Engineers regarding programs and activities covered under these regulations.

### § 384.6 What procedures apply to the selection of programs and activities under these regulations?

(a) A state may select any program or activity published in the FEDERAL REGISTER in accordance with § 384.3 of this part for intergovernmental review under these regulations. Each state, before selecting programs and activities shall consult with local elected officials.

(b) Each state that adopts a process shall notify the appropriate Division Engineer of the programs and activities selected for that process.

(c) A state may notify the appropriate Division Engineer of changes in its selections at any time. For each change, the state shall submit to the Division Engineer an assurance that the state has consulted with local elected officials regarding the change. The Division Engineer may establish deadlines by which states are required to inform the Corps of Engineers of changes in their program selections.

(d) The Corps of Engineers uses a state's process as soon as feasible, depending on individual programs and activities, after the Division Engineer is notified of its selections.