

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between the U.S. Department of the Army
and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Chesapeake Bay Activities

PURPOSES

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) provides for coordination and cooperation between the U.S. Department of the Army (Army) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on Chesapeake Bay activities. The MOU reflects the Army commitment to utilize its capabilities and expertise toward protection and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, consistent with the goals, objectives, and commitments of the 1987 Chesapeake Bay Agreement. This MOU supersedes the 21 November 1984 MOU between the Army and the EPA regarding the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP).

UNDERSTANDINGS

A. Army Participation in the Interagency Chesapeake Bay Program

The Army will continue to actively participate in the CBP. The Corps of Engineers Baltimore District Engineer, or his designated representative, will represent the interests of the Army on the Implementation Committee. Army representatives will also actively participate on the Modeling, Monitoring, Living Resources, and other subcommittees or work groups as appropriate.

B. Development of Army Action Plan

The Army will develop an Action Plan to be incorporated in the Federal Agencies Plan prepared by EPA. The Army Action Plan will identify specific Army actions and initiatives to support the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay and the 1987 Agreement. The Action Plan will be updated annually and an annual progress report on Army activities and accomplishments will be submitted to the CBP.

C. Army Role

The Army, within its authorities and legislative mandate, will apply its expertise in areas that will contribute toward Bay restoration and protection. Subject to the availability of funds and manpower, Army expertise can be applied in the following areas:

1. Tidal and Non-tidal Wetlands Protection and Enhancement
2. Shoreline Protection
3. Navigation and Dredged Material Management
4. Physical and Numerical Modeling
5. Water Supply and Drought Contingency Planning
6. Flow Management
7. Management of Army Properties
8. Aquatic Plant Management
9. Flood and Hurricane Damage Reduction
10. Flood Plain Management
11. Monitoring of Army Projects and Activities
12. Communication, Public Awareness, and Public Information Programs
13. Research and Development
14. Planning, Engineering, Design, and Construction

D. Coordination

The Army will cooperate with the states, regional, local and other Federal agencies through the CBP and through other coordination mechanisms to identify separate and joint opportunities for Bay restoration activities. The Army will evaluate its programs with other agencies on a continuing basis to improve effectiveness of Chesapeake Bay activities within the existing national Army framework.

AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Army recognizes the role of the EPA in developing increased Federal participation in cooperative Chesapeake Bay activities. To assist in achieving this objective the Army will support the efforts of the EPA to the extent such actions are consistent with the statutory authorities, responsibilities and policies of the Army. Nothing in this MOU diminishes or expands the administrative authority of each agency in execution of its statutory requirements. The MOU is intended to facilitate those authorities through cooperative mechanisms.

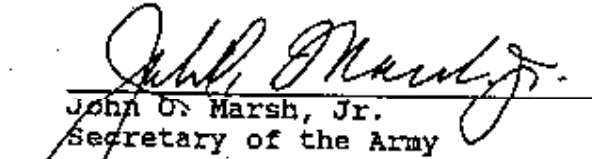
DURATION

This Memorandum becomes effective on the date of signature of both parties. The Memorandum continues in effect until modified by mutual consent or unless terminated within 60 days written notice by either party.



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19 Jan 89
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