Public Notice

Division Engineer's Approval of Special Emergency Processing Procedures for Activities Subject to E.O. 14156

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that the United States (U.S.) Army Corps of Engineers may employ emergency procedures to process requests to alter a Corps Civil Works project under 33 USC §408 (Section 408) if the request is associated with an activity that facilitates the identification, leasing, siting, production, transportation, refining, and generation of domestic energy sources as directed in Executive Order 14156. In that Executive Order the President declared a national energy emergency and found that expediting certain activities using emergency procedures was necessary to address an unusual and extraordinary threat to our Nation's economy, national security, and foreign policy. Because of that threat, it may be necessary to undertake a review of a Section 408 request within a time period less than the normal time needed to process the request under standard review procedures to minimize the impact of a an immediate, unforeseen, and significant economic hardship and associated threat to national security and foreign policy. For activities meeting the definition of an "energy" or "energy resources" project in EO 14156, the Galveston District may employ emergency procedures to process a Section 408 request, including the procedures approved by Regulatory Division accordance with 33 CFR § 325.2(e)(4) in appropriate circumstances.

The purpose of this public notice is to announce the potential use of special emergency processing procedures to review requests for permission under Section 408 as directed by Sections 2 and 4 of EO 14156. A determination of whether a specific Section 408 request qualifies for emergency procedures in response to the national emergency declared in EO 14156 will be made individually based upon a case-specific evaluation of each request.

If you have any questions concerning these special emergency processing procedures, please contact Charlene Harry at 409-766-3865 or charlene.y.harry@usace.army.mil.