

FY17 Funding for Section 408 Reviews

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has expended more than 95 percent of the \$3 million appropriated in fiscal 2017 for Section 408 reviews. Current Section 408 review requirements exceed the available remaining funding for fiscal 2017. Additional funding to conduct Section 408 reviews is not expected prior to the beginning of fiscal 2018.

The limited funding available for the remainder of fiscal 2017 will require USACE to delay the review of many Section 408 requests and may also delay some corresponding Regulatory permit decisions.

USACE will reprogram approximately \$500,000 in the fiscal 2017 Operation and Maintenance account to continue the most urgent and compelling Section 408 review activities through the end of this fiscal year.

USACE will continuously monitor, manage and reallocate the remaining available funding for Section 408 reviews through the end of fiscal 2017 to try to lessen impacts on the more urgent and compelling Section 408 activities.

Urgent and compelling Section 408 activities may include those that reduce risks to life safety; are critical to preserve the purpose of the federal project; have significant resource or other impacts if delayed until October (FY18); or affect multiple agencies.

Section 408 requesters may consider the use of funding cooperative agreements (Section 214), if appropriate, to reduce potential disruptions or delays in Section 408 reviews due to lack of federal funding.

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