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**MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

**SUBJECT:** Inland Navigation Sub-Community of Practice (CoP) teleconference 13 May 2009 from 1130 to 1230 EDT.

1. Becky Moyer (LRD – Senior Economist) John Zimmerman is newly appointed LRD Chief of Planning and Policy. He is off briefing General Temple on PCX funding. His LRD plan formulation tech position is opening.
2. Rebecca Soileau (MVP – Geologist) Waterway conference in St. Paul Crown Plaza Sep 29-30. Denver Toliver (NDSU) is the primary; WWY conference in conjunction with the U. of Mn. Agenda to follow – to include infrastructure and intermodalism – policy and practice. Inland Nav Sub-CoP to piggy back Oct 1. Agenda to follow – workshop on current and pending inland nav work efforts. **PLEASE PUT THESE CONFERENCE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR.**
3. John LaRandeau (NWD – Civil Engineer) Overview of Inland Marine Transportation System (IMTS). O&M initiative with Board of Directors and working groups. Three categories of improvement ideas: human capital (i.e. training of lock staff); system availability (e.g. scheduling major maintenance); operational improvements (e.g. standard lockage policies). Publicly accessible web site:  
<http://operations.usace.army.mil/navigation>
4. Jeanine Hoey (LRP – Project Manager) IMTS Investment Strategy to inform the Bd. Of Directors; issues with IWTF; user board concerned about our funding, project management, acquisition and construction business processes; next meeting will piggy back the McAlpine Lock dedication ceremony. Immediate due out is a recommendation of a prioritized list of projects and revenues this fall.
5. Mark Haab (MVN – RTS Economist) Calcasieu Lock protects the Mermentau River Basin from salt water intrusion and provides flood relief through drainage events. The drainage events cause delays to navigation. The tows delayed during drainage events are not recorded in LPMS. There is a bridge downstream that restricts two-way traffic. The lock itself has reliability concerns involving mechanical structures. There are no alternative water routes around Calcasieu Lock. It processes over 15,000 tows and 40 million tons a year. The study will examine trade-offs between flood control and navigation. 2012 - \$2.5m.
6. Bill Frechione (LRP – RTS Economist for Matthew Hanson NWP – Structural Engineer) John Day (Columbia River) Major Rehab Study is underway. Portfolio Risk Assessment flagged this project, since lock rather than just dam, hence major rehab. Reliability modeling involved. Draft report due out at end of this Calendar year.
7. Adam Fox (LRE ) Great Lakes Supplemental Recon Study recommends maintenance over expansion. ATR currently being conducted. Seven recommendations moving towards feasibility.
8. Larry Bray (UT – Economist) Draft report to Marshall U. next week. Used TVA shipper savings directly into REMI to estimate ORS job and output impacts.

9. Doug McDonald (IWR) Working with the U. of Toledo (UTo) as navigation point-of-interest on the GLNS dock survey. Process and protocol to transfer information working well and web site to follow; also expand methodology to rest of inland system. AIS leveraging free data for QC (flagging where data is missing). Lloyds has 4 satellites. WCSC gets data from many different sources. FILS started 2yrs ago, industry and government had need to standardize (vessels, locations, commodities, etc.).

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