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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Drought Contingency Plan for Kansas City District Reservoirs

1. The following is a brief summary of actions to be taken in the event of drought at the following NWK District reservoir projects; Harlan County Lake, Clinton, Melvern, Pomona, Long Branch, Pomme De Terre, Smithville, and Stockton.

2. Authority:

Section 216 of Public Law 91-611 (84 Stat. 1830), Rivers and Harbors Act of 1970, provides authority to review the operation of completed Corps' projects with a view towards modifying the structures or the operation of said projects for the purpose of improving the quality of the environment in the overall public interest. Section 6 of the 1944 Flood Control Act (PL 78-534) provides authority to allow the sale of water stored in U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) reservoirs deemed surplus. When appropriate, this source of water should/can be considered in providing emergency water assistance for livestock use. Emergency Readiness and Response Act (Public Law 84-99) permits public access to water for human consumption from USACE reservoirs in the event of drought declaration. EM 1110-2-36000, ER 1110-2-240 and ER 1110-2-1941 direct water control managers to continually review and, when appropriate, adjust water control plans in response to changing public needs.

3. Coordination:

Close coordination with the appropriate Federal, State, and local interests during drought is a continuous and ongoing process. Withdrawal of water to alleviate drought conditions would be permitted only following a declaration of emergency by the Governor and after exhaustion of other more traditional sources of supply. As a drought is defined generally as a prolonged period of abnormally low water supply, it is anticipated that conditions leading up to a declaration of drought emergency will be widely known and a topic of discussion between and among the various agencies involved. Therefore, no specific request for assistance will be required prior to initiation of the declared drought emergency. With regard to water supplies from the listed reservoir projects, the following state and federal agencies may be coordinated with during drought, as appropriate, and listed below;

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US Bureau of Reclamation
Kansas River Projects Office
1706 W 3rd Street
McCook, Nebraska 69001
Phone 308-345-4400

Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Water Planning Division
301 Centennial Mall
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
Phone 402-471-2363

Kansas Water Office
109 SW Ninth St, Suite 200
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1215
Phone 913-295-3185

State Board of Agriculture
Division of Water Resources,
109 SW Ninth St., Suite 202
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1215
Phone 913-296-3717

Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Division of Environment
Landon State Office Bldg., Room 901
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1290
Phone 913-296-1535

Missouri Department of Conservation
2901 W Truman Blvd
Jefferson City, MO 65102
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Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Water Resources Center
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102
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4. The water control manual for the projects listed in paragraph 1 are being scheduled for updating. The information in this memo will be incorporated in the updated water control manual. Until the water control manuals are updated this memo meets the requirements of ER 1110-2-1941, "Drought Contingency Plans", dated February, 2018.

5. The POC for this memorandum is [REDACTED] of the Kansas City District, Water Management Section, at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] [@usace.army.mil](mailto:[REDACTED]@usace.army.mil).

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