



United States Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, D.C 20460



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Washington, D.C. 20314

MEMORANDUM TO THE FIELD

SUBJECT: Partnership Agreement for Watershed Management between the U.S. Department of the Army Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Office of Water)

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that the EPA and the Army, through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, signed a partnership agreement on November 19, 2004, to ensure effective management of the Nation's watersheds (enclosed). Building on existing efforts, we will collaboratively identify initiatives or pilot projects to support watershed restoration, stewardship, and management efforts (which may include interagency guidance on best management practices and innovative market-based approaches such as nutrient and sediment trading).
2. We are working together to promote watershed health, economic sustainability, and community vitality. By combining our organizational strengths and capabilities, this partnership will foster innovative approaches to finding effective answers to the many challenges facing the Nation's watersheds today and in the future.
3. We will establish a framework for coordination and communication between officials and staff at every level and promote staff exchange. We will appoint a headquarters representative and will establish national points of contact to coordinate on research and technology issues.
4. If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please have your staff contact Kathy Hurd in EPA's Wetlands Division at 202-566-1269, or Lisa Morales in the Headquarters' Future Directions Office at 202-761-7141.

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