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Wise Use of Floodplains (2010)

Status: **Project Manager:**

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Purpose: The Wise Use of Floodplains study is being conducted for the purpose of better understanding the effects of USACE programs and policies in different policy and watershed contexts on floodplain management choices affecting flood risk, and to describe options for policy, legislative or program reforms. It will identify any procedural or legislative changes that may be warranted to allow the Corps of Engineers to be more effective in working with other Federal agencies, states and local governments, and stakeholders in the management of flood risk.

Objective: The objectives of this program are to understand the impact of USACE programs and policies, working in conjunction with other interrelated programs and policies, on the floodplain management choices that affect flood risks, and to describe options for policy, legislative or program reforms. This effort will also identify a risk assessment framework and processes and tools for organizing and presenting information to analyze relative flood risks in the U.S. at large spatial scales.

Benefits: This study provides a conceptual and empirical basis for identifying policy, programmatic or legislative changes that would allow USACE to more effectively contribute to improving management of the nation's flood risks.

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