

Inland Waterways - Developing a Long-Term Capital Investment Strategy

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- The Corps is still working on the capital investment strategy
- Want to ensure that it will be useful going forward as a framework for evaluating investments and setting priorities.
- The goal is to produce a strategy that is grounded in criteria and assumptions that will lead to the development of a portfolio of investments (and their sequencing and timing) that will, together, produce the best overall return to the Nation from available funds over time.



General Summary of Comments

- Examples of questions under consideration include:
 - ▶ From a performance perspective, what are the main challenges facing the inland waterways?
 - ▶ How much emphasis should we place on improving the reliability of those inland waterways with a high level of commercial traffic, using risk-informed analysis?
 - ▶ How should we address major work that is likely to be a priority in the future, but is now still in the project planning stage or not yet authorized?
 - ▶ How should we address the difficulty of forecasting the potential work over a 20-year planning horizon?
 - ▶ How much funding should we assume will be available to finance future capital investments?



Questions?

