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The updated ESF #3 Field Guide dated June 2009 is attached. This edition supersedes the previous guide dated June 2006. Upon receipt of this guide, please complete the information below and return this transmittal sheet to the following address:

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Foreword

The “Emergency Support Function #3 (ESF #3) Field Guide” provides the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with information on tools and initiatives to improve disaster response operations. This field guide should serve as a readily accessible resource with information and guidance that is up to date and easy to find. The field guide contains checklists, fact sheets, policy memos, as well as other materials, and is an essential tool for disaster response operations under the National Response Plan. The field guide is also designed as a training guide to provide a base knowledge for future response operations.

The field guide was first developed in 1999 and revised in 2001, 2002, 2006, and 2009 since it has proven to be a valuable source of information. We received constructive feedback from USACE personnel and have incorporated their comments and suggestions into this revised version. The field guide is a reference guide that can be used for the Emergency Response Team - Advance (ERT-A) and in the Joint Field Office (JFO), Recovery Field Office (RFO), Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC), and the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC).

ESF #3 Team Members play critical roles during disaster response and recovery operations. When a major disaster occurs, our #1 priority will be to respond to the public’s needs. It is crucial to have complete and accurate information at our fingertips to ensure our success.

When the next major disaster occurs, the President, Secretary of Homeland Defense, the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the American people will expect and deserve a rapid and successful response from the Corps of Engineers. The ESF #3 Team members will be instrumental in making the USACE response a success. You are encouraged to use the ESF #3 Field Guide as a source for information to assist you in your response and recovery efforts.

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