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David A. Stawick,
Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resources Implementation Studies; Availability of Proposed Principles and Request for Comments

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Announcement of availability of proposed Principles and request for comments.

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The Corps is now asking interested individuals and organizations to submit comments on the proposed Principles. Comments on any aspect of the proposal are welcome.

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