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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
AND THE
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
PERTAINING TO THE NATIONAL WATER DATA EXCHANGE

The National Water Data Exchange (NAWDEX) is comprised of water-oriented organizations working together to provide convenient access to water data. The NAWDEX mission is to identify sources of water data, to index data holdings of water-oriented organizations, and to provide the linkage between those who acquire and those who use water data.

This memorandum recognizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a participating member of the National Water Data Exchange (NAWDEX). This membership will continue in effect until terminated by mutual agreement or by either agency providing sixty days written notice to the other agency.

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), through its NAWDEX Program Office, will provide the central management of NAWDEX and will serve as a coordinating facility for all NAWDEX activities.

The NAWDEX Program Office will be responsible for:

1. - - - Establishing response and referral mechanisms for handling requests for water data in the files of NAWDEX members.
2. - - - Establishing and maintaining a Master Water Data Index of data holdings of the NAWDEX members and making the index available to all.
3. - - - Establishing and maintaining a Water Data Sources Directory and making this directory available to all.
4. - - - Establishing a nation-wide network of Local Assistance Centers that will provide data search assistance to requestors and aid them in accessing water data held by NAWDEX members.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be responsible for:

1. - - - Taking an active role in the formulation of NAWDEX policies, procedures, and standards and implementing them within its organization as appropriate.