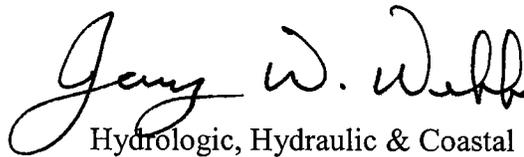


SUBJECT: Update-Hydrologic, Hydraulic and Coastal (HH&C) Community of Practice

1. I established an Executive Advisory Committee in 2004 to help me develop our Community of Practice. The Executive Committee has representation from all MSCs, ERDC, and HEC. The committee meets monthly to address issues and track progress of initiatives. I want to report that we have made a lot of progress over the last year in establishing a foundation from which to build up our Community.
2. We have a Charter that was signed by Mr. Don Basham (HQ, Chief E&C) in October 2005. Attachments to the Charter include (1) HH&C Areas of Expertise, (2) Roles and Responsibilities, and (3) Leaders and Principal Officials.
3. Communication within our Community of Practice is key to our success. To that end, the committee has focused attention on developing the Technical Excellence Network website hosted by Headquarters. Development of the TEN has been steady as we make the website functional for our community's purposes. We want the website to be a place where you can find the information that is important to you and your job, where you can communicate with your colleagues, and learn about important issues in the disciplines of our community.
4. One aspect of TEN in which we have made major strides is identifying a Subject Matter Experts (SME's) list. This list is available on TEN and can be queried to find identified experts from across the Corps in the many sub-disciplines of the HH&C community. Experts have been identified in MSCs, Districts and laboratories. We have also established a lead POC for each of the technical Areas of Expertise to help maintain the SME list.
5. The executive committee has been working with the community to develop the Science & Engineering Technology (SET) inventory of software used by the community. This inventory is a requirement from Headquarters. More information will be forwarded soon regarding SET initiatives.
6. We incorporated HH&C Community discussions into the Infrastructure Conference held in St. Louis, August 2005 and will again at the 2007 Conference (see below). We held a coastal CoP meeting June 2006 in Vicksburg. These discussions have helped me identify what is important to you in your work.
7. Current issues that the Executive Committee is addressing or tracking include:
 - a. HH&C support to Katrina/Rita recovery efforts and the IPET process
 - b. FEMA map-modernization and levee certification programs
 - c. Developing the TEN framework and populating it with pertinent information
 - d. Establishing SME lists for areas of expertise
 - e. Implementing/enhancing field input to the R&D program
 - f. Performing SET inventory of HH&C software and evaluating model application/certification
 - g. Addressing the impacts of continuing budget cuts on the Corps' Water Management capabilities
 - h. Developing / maintaining a capable technical HH&C workforce
 - i. Providing support to the Dam Safety Portfolio risk assessments

8. The next national meeting of the HH&C CoP will be incorporated in the Infrastructure Conference tentatively scheduled for June 2007. More information will be coming on the location and actual dates in the near future. Please mark your calendars and place this in your training program.
9. If you have CoP questions or issues concerning our community, please contact myself, Gary House or Dave Shepp here at HQ. The Chair of the Executive Advisory Committee is currently Joe Evelyn SPL and the vice-chair is Jack Davis ERDC-CHL-MS, or any member of the Executive Committee. We all welcome any comments/suggestions that you may have for the good of the CoP.
10. As the Charter shows we are making use of all the established structure within our Community of Practice to accomplish the mission. I serve as the overall CoP leader, but I depend heavily on the Executive Advisory Committee, the established national technical committees and the identified POC's within each organizational component. I welcome your input and seek your support as the HH&C CoP moves forward under USACE 2012.
11. I have attached a copy of the Charter and attachments for your information.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry W. Webb". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

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