USACE is Seeking Public Input to Proposed Updates to 33 CFR 203

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is seeking public input on proposed updates to 33 CFR 203, the regulation outlining how USACE implements its authority provided in Public Law 84-99. The CFR was last revised in 2003. Since that time, there have been many changes to Public Law 84-99 through legislation passed by Congress. Additionally, USACE programs have evolved to implement lessons learned from many events over the last 20 years. Specifically, USACE is seeking public input on proposed changes that:

- ENCOURAGE the broader use of flood risk management actions to reduce risks.
- PROVIDE flexibility of requirements to protect and restore natural resources.
- SUPPORT risk-informed decision-making as the basis for project operations and maintenance.
- REINFORCE USACE’s commitment to transparency and partnering.

WAYS TO PROVIDE INPUT TO USACE

Provide Comments: Provide comments on the draft updated rule in the Federal Register using a variety of mechanisms below. Comment period will be open for 90 days.

- Electronic submission available at www.regulations.gov
- Send an email to 33CFR203@usace.army.mil
- Send comments through U.S. Postal Service to HQ, US Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: 33CFR203/CECW-HS/3D64 441 G Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20314-1000

Attend a Listening Session: Learn more about the thinking behind the proposed changes, have an opportunity to provide feedback on the program and interact with USACE personnel by attending a listening session. In person ½ day listening sessions will be held in locations around the U.S. as well as 2 virtual options. Attendance is open to all but numbers are limited due to space constraints. Please register at https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/public-law-84-99-rulemaking-outreach-sessions-1299419.

HOW YOUR COMMENTS WILL BE USED

USACE will review comments with a particular eye toward improving efficiency and effectiveness in meeting program goals and improve the stakeholder experience. A summary report of input received will be published online including themes identified and how USACE is addressing feedback in the final rule.

If you are interested in learning more about the PL 84-99 Program and/or your opportunities to provide input to changes to this program please contact Willem.H.Helms@usace.army.mil.