

Public Notice

**US Army Corps
of Engineers**

Albuquerque District
4101 Jefferson Plaza, NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Date: October 6, 2008

Comments Due: October 31, 2008

In reply, please refer to: "Colorado Initiative"

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program in the State of Colorado

The South Pacific Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is in the process of reviewing its Regulatory Program in the State of Colorado. Currently, the program is administered by three Corps Districts (Albuquerque, Sacramento, and Omaha), with oversight from two Corps Divisions (South Pacific and Northwest). The South Pacific Division is seeking input from interested parties concerning options that may improve future administration of the Regulatory Program in Colorado within the South Pacific Division area of responsibility (see figure 1).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For over 25 years, the Albuquerque District has served as the "lead district" among the three districts in Colorado for the Regulatory Program. The lead district is responsible for consistent, interpretation of technical guidance and policy, developing and coordinating state-wide strategies, establishing regional conditions for the Nationwide Permits Program, and serving as a single point of contact for the State. The South Pacific Division believes the Regulatory Program lead district concept has generally been successful in Colorado.

The South Pacific Division is evaluating whether additional improvements should be implemented that might further increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Regulatory Program in Colorado. One option is to have the Albuquerque District increase its scope and responsibility in Colorado by assuming that portion currently administered by the Sacramento District (i.e., the Western Slope). Under this scenario, the Sacramento District's Grand Junction and Durango Regulatory offices would be moved to and managed by the Albuquerque District. The Sacramento District would retain other Corps missions in Colorado, such as the Civil Works program. This option would not affect the Northwest Division or Omaha District missions in Colorado.

Key to the South Pacific Division's assessment is receiving comments from interested parties, including local, state and federal agencies and the regulated public regarding the effectiveness and efficiency of the Regulatory Program in Colorado. As such, this notice serves to inform interested parties of the review and to solicit comments on the proposal to consolidate the South Pacific Division Regulatory mission in Colorado under the Albuquerque District.

SUBMITTING COMMENTS: Please submit your written comments, with reference to "Colorado Initiative," to the office listed below by October 31, 2008.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Pacific Division
ATTN: Wade Eakle, Regulatory Program Manager
1455 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

We also ask that you send a copy of your written comments to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District
ATTN: Donald Borda, Regulatory Division Chief
4101 Jefferson Plaza NE, Room 313
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District
ATTN: Michael Jewell, Regulatory Division Chief
1325 J Street, Room 1480

Sacramento, California 95818

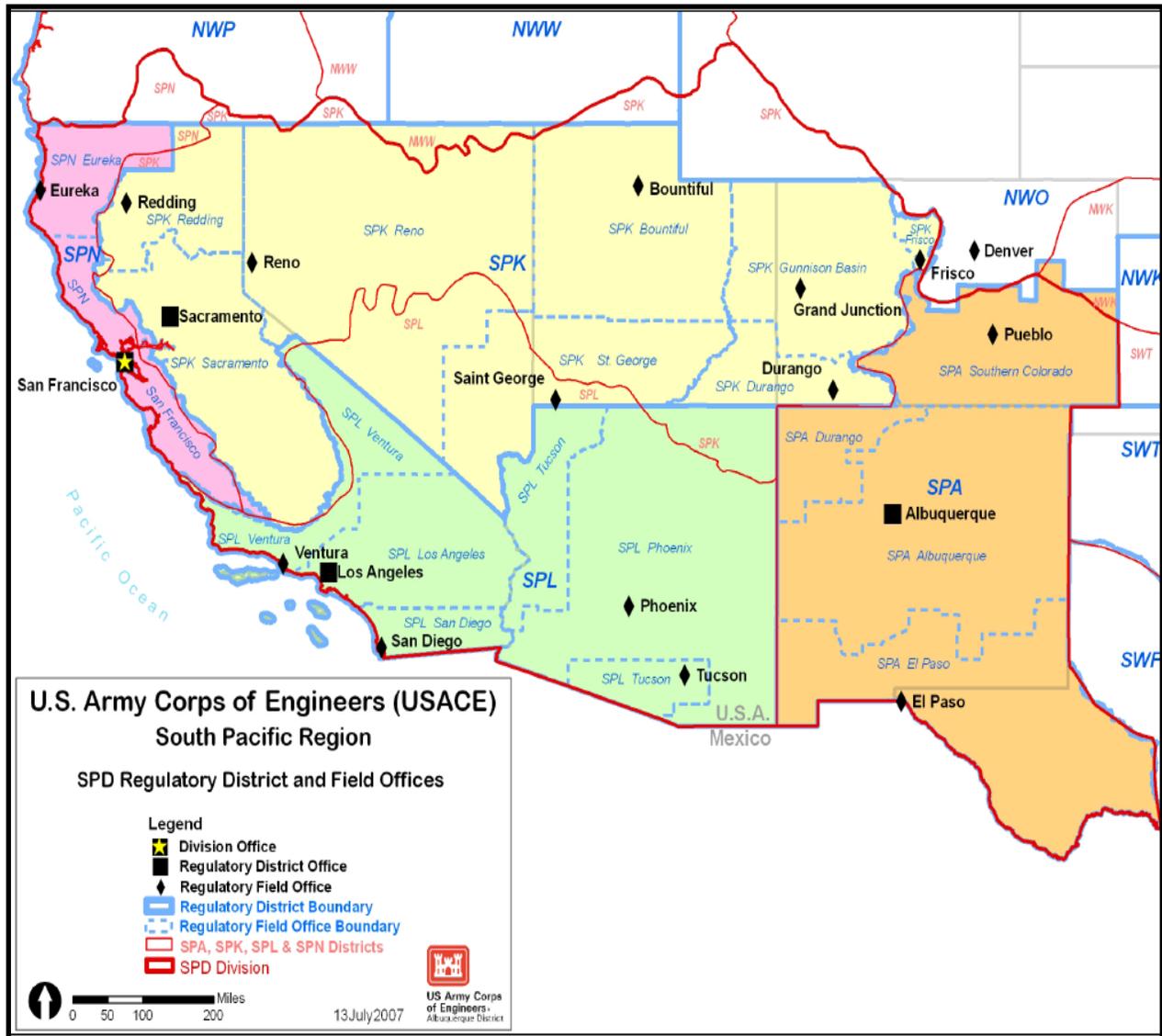


Figure 1. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Pacific Division, Regulatory Program area of responsibility. The Sacramento District (SPK) and Albuquerque District (SPA) are shown in yellow and gold, respectively. Please note the Frisco Regulatory Office was closed in May 2008.