

Teammates, the purpose of this message is to update you on the Corps' preparations for a possible federal government shutdown beginning at 12:01 a.m., Saturday, April 9, with the potential expiration of the Continuing Resolution Authority (CRA), and how you might be affected. I know this is a subject that has been on many of our minds as we wait to see how Congress will fund the federal government for the remainder of fiscal 2011. I thank each of you for the way that you have continued to focus on mission accomplishment even as we've faced the uncertainties of a possible government shutdown multiple times over the past several weeks.

With the very real possibility of a shutdown beginning this weekend drawing ever closer, I want to ensure you are aware of how the Corps will operate during the shutdown and your role. Leaders throughout the Corps have been preparing to implement an orderly shutdown of operations by identifying excepted activities and the personnel required to maintain and support those activities during a shutdown. Excepted activities are those necessary for national security and the protection of life and property, and will be minimally staffed during the shutdown. Additionally, since some of our appropriations are prior year funds, we are reviewing those activities paid by prior year appropriations to determine excepted activities.

If the federal shutdown is implemented on Saturday, all USACE teammates will report to work on the first scheduled duty day following the shutdown to begin executing shutdown activities. This will be on Monday, 11 April, for most of us. Your support is appreciated. (This will be our first of us.

annual leave, compensatory hours or credit hours for this purpose. Leave requests must be requested and approved prior to the end of your first reporting work day after the shutdown, () JTETBT1 0 0 1 2

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