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1. Construction Bulletins (CBs) were first introduced in 1987 as an effective means of providing timely guidance and information to the field on various construction topics. Numerous CBs have been issued over the years, but we have not made much use of this valuable media in recent years. For a period in the mid-1990's a number of useful Engineering Bulletins (EBs) were also published.
2. Building on the success and value of the previous bulletins, and reflecting the merger of engineering and construction at HQUSACE and at many locations throughout the Corps, Engineering and Construction Bulletins will now be issued instead of CBs or EBs. This change in publication format does not imply a lessening of the importance of either construction or engineering. Instead, the joint bulletin format is intended to improve the communication between engineering and construction personnel through the sharing of common information.
3. Like the CBs, the ECBs will have three levels of applicability: directive, guidance and information. This first ECB illustrates the format. The ECBs will be numbered sequentially within the calendar year (e.g. 2002-1). They will be dated the first day of a month, and will expire automatically two years later. Expired guidance or directive ECBs that are still pertinent will be either be updated and reissued, or the material incorporated in an Engineering Regulation (ER), Engineering Circular (EC) or Engineering Pamphlet (EP). The bulletins will be distributed by e-mail using the CDL-All-Construction and CDL-All-Engineering distribution lists, as well as posted on the CECW-E website. Construction and engineering managers will ensure that the ECBs reach the appropriate team members.
4. ECBs will provide a very effective and quick means to issue important information, policy and guidance. This media will be more structured and accessible than e-mail messages, but less formal and time consuming than ERs, ECs and EPs. I hope that you will find the ECB concept appropriate and useful.

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