



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: An Agency Mired in Scandals

- **Upper Mississippi River Navigation Expansion** – Army Inspector General and National Academy of Sciences (NAS) found senior Corps officials manipulated the economic model used to justify the project. Follow up reviews by the NAS found the Corps continues to ignore less costly alternatives to manage river traffic.
- **Yazoo Backwater Pump** – The *Deer Creek Pilot*, a local newspaper, ran a series of articles that revealed there were no homes in the primary area that the Corps claimed would be protected from flooding.
- **Columbia River Deepening** – The Portland *Oregonian* exposed numerous flaws in the economic analysis that showed the project would not return a net economic benefit to American taxpayers.
- **Delaware River Deepening** – General Accounting Office revealed “miscalculations, invalid assumptions, and outdated information” in the Corps’ economic analyses. Follow up analysis by outside economists found errors in the Corps’ subsequent economic justification.
- **Chesapeake & Delaware Canal Deepening** – Citizens uncovered miscalculations and invalid assumptions in the Corps’ analysis, which eventually forced the Corps to cancel the project.
- **Dallas Floodway Extension** – Office of Management and Budget found that the Corps ignored lower cost alternatives to reduce flood damages.
- **Oregon Inlet Jetties** – General Accounting Office and independent economists concluded that the Corps’ economic analysis was unreliable.
- **Sham “Pause”** - After announcing that it would stop to reanalyze more than 150 pending water projects, the Corps turned around 16 days later and cleared all but eight projects to proceed as previously planned.
- **Secret “Grow the Corps” Plan** – *Washington Post* exposed secret plan by Corps Headquarters and Division leaders to go around Administration in attempts to grow the Corps’ budget by 50% over five years.
- **Wichita River Chloride Control** – Independent economists reveal the economic analysis relies on unrealistic assumptions regarding the benefits of reducing water salinity.