

MEMORANDUM FOR: Commanders, U.S. Army corps of Engineers, ATTN: Resource Managers and Finance and Accounting Officers

SUBJECT: USACE Finance Center (UFC) On-Line Payments and Collections (OPAC) Implementation

1. OPAC is a U.S. Treasury standardized interagency billing and collection procedure that has evolved to be the primary method of transferring funds within the government. OPAC eliminates the process of issuing U.S. Treasury checks between government agencies. The UFC is beginning to negotiate OPAC Trading Partnership Agreements (TPAs) with other government agencies. The TPAs will be Unilateral Agreements allowing other agencies to pay USACE billings through OPAC. The UFC will process the collections in CEFMS. In preparation for the high volume of OPAC transactions anticipated, the CEFMS Development Team has automated the calculation of line 2.80 on the STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTABILITY (SF1219). Beginning 1 July 1999 any certified collection with a remittance line item citing OPAC as the **PAYMENT METHOD CODE** will automatically update line 2.80 of the SF1219 when generated. The OPAC payment method code has been added to all CEFMS databases. The following guidelines should be used when OPAC collections are generated:

a. All collection vouchers (COV) citing OPAC payment method for supported activities will be entered by the UFC.

b. Any Receiving Office Voucher (ROV) entered by a supported activity that has OPAC as the payment method code on a remittance line item will not be certified. The supported activity will be contacted to update the ROV accordingly.

c. OPAC payment method should not be co-mingled with other payment methods on the same collection voucher.

d. The UFC is testing OPAC on the CIVIL Disbursing Station Symbol (DSSN). **OPAC activity on the Military DSSN is not approved at this time; therefore any military COV or ROV citing OPAC as the payment method on a remittance line item will not be certified.** All supported activities will be notified when that capability is available.

2. All activities supported by the UFC should follow these operating instructions. Activities that will be supported by the UFC in the future should use these operating instructions for OPAC collections. **This message is provided to the Transatlantic Program Center (TAC) and Pacific Ocean Division (POD) for information only, however all Disbursing Stations will have to incorporate these CEFMS program changes to properly update the SF1219 for OPAC activity.**

3. The UFC point of contact for OPAC TPAs is Mr. Pete Brown, CEFC-AF. If any supported activity is contacted requesting an OPAC agreement please refer the requesting agency to Mr. Brown at 901-874-8591. The UFC point of contact for OPAC collections is Mr. Lucius Othmann, CEFC-AD, 901-874-8648.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas L. Brockman Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

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