

All of our work is controversial - we accept that - we're seeking win-win solutions in dealing with economic development and environmental protection - our country owes a great deal to the water resources infrastructure - We can't discount that contribution to our standard of living but we need to recognize the interdependence of life and the physical environment.

Our environmental program has been steadily growing - it's now about 20 percent of all the work we do - We've been working on environmental issues for many years and recently reaffirmed our commitment to environmental stewardship by developing environmental operating principles.

Haven't seen the report, but the Corps is changing

We've opened up our processes and sought independent review -

We've conducted listening sessions

We've initiated a comprehensive planning process that takes a watershed approach that includes all stakeholders

60 percent of our new studies are environmental in primary outputs.

No scientific basis for assertions in report - we rely on sound science and engineering as we integrate economic and environmental needs in a sustainable fashion

We are part of the Army - Our priorities are:

Winning the war against terrorism - folks in the Corps are in Afghanistan today.

Protecting the homeland - our research and development work was crucial to reducing the damage to the Pentagon.

Revitalizing the economy - our Civil Works mission adds value to the nation, contributes to the nation's economic well-being

And the Chief of Engineers would add one more priority - being stewards of the environment.