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**Environmental Quality
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (PE) PROGRAM**

1. Purpose. This Engineer Manual (EM) provides specific guidance, procedures, criteria, and tools for implementation of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Performance Evaluation (PE) Program. Performance evaluation of analytical chemistry laboratories is recommended to ensure that technically competent and reliable laboratories are employed to generate analytical data of acceptable quality. This EM is intended for use by USACE personnel as a critical companion document to ER 1110-1-263.

2. Applicability. This EM applies to HQUSACE elements, major subordinate commands, districts, laboratories, and field operating activities having responsibility for hazardous, toxic, and radioactive waste (HTRW) projects. This includes, but is not limited to, execution of the following programs: Defense Environmental Restoration Programs; Base Realignment and Closure; Superfund; Civil Works; Military Construction; installation environmental compliance; Defense Logistics Agency; Department of Energy; work for others; and any construction projects involving hazardous, toxic, and radioactive waste.

3. Distribution Statement. Approved for public release and unlimited distribution.

4. References. References are provided in Appendix A.

5. Discussion. This EM provides guidance for performance evaluation of analytical chemistry laboratories before contract awards and/or during sample analysis. The manual provides detailed guidance on design, preparation, certification, and use of PE samples needed to ensure fulfillment of the requirements of analytical chemistry aspects of the USACE Environmental Quality Assurance (QA) Program as prescribed in ER 1110-1-263 and ER 1180-1-6.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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