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## Preface

This select bibliography lists the major books, articles, newspaper accounts, government publications, and unpublished materials that address environmental aspects of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' civil works and regulatory programs. It focuses exclusively on 20th-century environmental history with an emphasis on the period after 1969. Therefore, literature describing contributions in western exploration and in establishing and protecting national parks and forests prior to 1900 is not included. While we make no claims for completeness, we have attempted to be comprehensive within these limitations. Our search is current through September 1982.

To some extent, the entire spectrum of the agency's activities has an environmental dimension. For more than 150 years, the Corps has undertaken navigation, flood control, harbor, water supply, and other public works that have modified the natural environment. These projects have been built and operated in accordance with national policies as well as regional and local social and economic needs and expectations. However, the vast literature on the planning, design, construction, and operation of Corps projects extends beyond the scope of this bibliography. We have also excluded environmental impact statements and most technical reports.

Instead, the following list of citations gathers the professional, public, and popular literature that specifically describes or comments on the influence of Corps activities on rivers, estuaries, wetlands, and attendant ecological systems. Especially in the past two decades, the agency's program has been at the center of environmental protests. Once lionized for the broad spectrum of benefits that result from its projects, the Corps has been more frequently cast as an environmental villain. Therefore, the majority of selections in the bibliography deal with controversies and often reflect a pejorative view of Corps undertakings. Nevertheless, many of the citations illustrate efforts by the Corps, particularly in the 1970s, to become more responsive to the changing imperatives and public expectations of the environmental era.

While most technical literature is not included in the bibliography, it is readily obtainable through a variety of reference aids. The widest coverage of technical reports is provided by the National Technical Information Service in its *Government Reports Announcements and Index*. The U.S. Department of the Interior's *Selected Water Resources Abstracts* and the Environmental Protection Agency's *EPA Publications Bibliography Quarterly Abstract Bulletin* contain much material relevant to the Corps. For the period before 1977, see *EPA Cumulative Bibliography*. Online computer data bases such as "Enviroline," "NTIS Bibliographic Data File," and "Fish and Wildlife Reference Service" are also useful. The best source for environmental impact statements is *EIS: Key to Environmental Impact Statements* (January 1977 to June 1979), published by Information Resources Press. The name was changed to *EIS: Digests of Environmental Impact Statements* in July 1979. *EIS Cumulative 1970-1976* covers the earlier period. Finally, *Environment Reporter* should be consulted for changes in federal environmental policies and major environmental court decisions.

The bibliography is divided into generic categories: books, articles, government publications, unpublished items, and newspapers. Individual citations within the first four categories are listed alphabetically and are indexed by subject. The newspaper articles are grouped by state and listed chronologically. In compiling these sources we utilized several computer data bases as well as the more traditional bibliographic finding aids. In addition we perused, issue by issue, the serial publications of the various environmental organizations for anything relating to the Corps. Most newspaper articles were obtained through the Corps' *Daily Clips*. This four-page leaflet is intended to keep the Corps leadership abreast of public opinion concerning the organization by reproducing articles (both pro and con) from newspapers located throughout the United States.

We hope this compilation will be a valuable resource for public officials, environmentalists, scholars, and teachers in the fields of public works and environmental history, as well as Corps personnel who wish to gain perspectives on the environmental aspects of the agency's history. Our thanks go to Ann C. Crumpler, John T. Greenwood, Martin Reuss, Frank N. Schubert, Noel Spain, Rebecca Stine, and Margaret Wales for their help and encouragement. To Dr. Reuss goes our special appreciation for his help in compiling the index.

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