

19.1. ***Publications***

19.1.1. Engineer Regulations. - ER's contain policy requirements for engineering management. All ER requirements will be considered mandatory unless otherwise indicated within the regulation or as clarified by official correspondence from CECW-E.

19.1.2. Engineer Manuals. - EM's contain policy standards for uniform engineering practice related to civil works projects. Existing EM's contain some mandatory requirements to ensure project safety and function. These requirements shall be identified annually in an ETL. These interim annual lists of mandatory requirements will be in effect until individual EM's are updated. In all new EM's and future revisions of each EM, the HQUSACE proponent shall ensure that the mandatory engineering requirements are specifically identified.

19.1.3. Engineer Technical Letters. - ETL's contain information similar to EM's, and the above policies for EM's are also applicable to ETL's. However, ETL's are intended for temporary use. Their content should be incorporated into appropriate EM's as soon as practical.

19.1.4. Engineer Circulars. - EC's are used for temporary publication of draft content of ER's or EM's, All EC's will clearly state which provisions are mandatory.

19.1.5. Engineer Pamphlets, - EP's are used to distribute general information within USACE or to the public. EP's never establish requirements; this is done other publications. EP's may include discussion of specific mandatory standards.

19.1.6. Guide Specifications.- Each design district is responsible for producing contract specifications for each project. The project specifications must conform to engineering policies established in any of the above types of publications. Guide specifications are useful tools for producing these project specifications, but do not, by themselves, set any mandatory requirements for civil works projects. Where there is a conflict between a guide specification and another publication (ER, EM, EC or ETL), the other publication will govern.