2025 USACE DCS USER REPORT

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257 USACE Navigation Projects \$250B/yr Benefit 12,000 miles navigable channel 50% oil imports 67% of US consumer goods





400 USACE Reservoir Projects

132 multi-use water resource projects
Avg. \$162B/yr flood damage reduction
75 hydro-electric plants
24% of US hydro-power generation
9M ac/ft of water storage
Recreation, water supply, fish, etc.
4B gal/day used from USACE projects

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- Water Management and Water Quality
- 12k miles of commercial inland waterways
- 257 navigation dams
 - 98% overseas trade by weight
 - \$1.47 trillion pass through USACE projects annually
- 926 coastal, 400+ water supply, flood control, and levee safety projects
 - 25% of nations hydro-power capacity, 326.9 million acre-feet of lake water supply storage
 - \$162B/yr flood damages prevented; 13:1 return on investment
- Great Lakes and Harbors water quality monitoring
- Daily operational decision support, emergency response, modeling, and flood control
- \$2 trillion annual economic impact

WHAT IS THE WATER CONTROL DATA SYSTEM?



"The data acquisition, management, modeling and decision support system that serves the Corps water control missions." - HEC: Water Control Data System (WCDS) Past, Present and Future; 1995

Data Collection (DCP and instrumentation)

Data Acquisition and Distribution (DRGS, HRIT, LRGS)

Decoding, Validation and Transformation (OpenDCS Computation Processor – CCP)

Dissemination

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Corps Water Management System (CWMS)/COOP/Cloud Migration

Software development

Modeling

CWMS PATH TO CLOUD MIGRATION



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WCDS DATA PATH OVERVIEW



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Northwest Division – 409/466

- South Pacific Division 216/238
- Southwest Division 325/387
- Mississippi Valley Division 748/826
- Lakes and Rivers Division 658/740
- North Atlantic Division 103/107

South Atlantic Division – 325/387 Total: ~2784 active platforms (using standard group nomenclature): increase of 58 from 2024



- Water Control Data System Cloud Migration
 - Consolidating 30+ distributed servers
 - Data Acquisition Plan Formulation
 - 20+ HRIT's
 - 8 DRGS Installations
- DCP POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service) Migration: DoD security req./telecoms abandoning underused lines
- DRGS Sites

- All sites active
- Running Microcom DAMS-NT as a background service
- No disruptive RFI detected: AWS-3 transmitters (above 1695 MHz) coming online soon (e.g., DISH)
- MVR DAMS-NT Channel Expansion and Automatic Fail-Over
- CS2 Platform Deployment
 - Working to complete upgrade by Spring 2026
- Significant Flood Event April 2025 Ohio and Lower Mississippi Rivers Entered Phase 2 (levee inspections)
- Looking forward to DCP Commanding, more frequent transmissions, and decoding repository





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