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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

CEHNC-CT

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SUBJECT: CEHNC ESS SUPPORT INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAL VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

To All ESS V and VI MATOC Partners:

As you all know and are experiencing, the rapidly developing COVID-19 situation is creating enormous disruption in our communities, in our country, and around the world. As we all work together to see our country thru this pandemic, communication is going to be key to both operating during this outbreak as well as recovering from any impact to our ESS Task Orders.

The following is USACE Director of Contracting (DOC) guidance that will be adhered to by ESS Contracting Officers:

1. The possible closures of installations are currently being monitored. When official notification of installation closure is received, and it affects the performance of your firm's contract, your firm will be notified. Your firm is also encouraged to monitor possible installation closures and re-openings.
2. The possible closing of installations is an act of the sovereign and the Government will not be issuing stop-work orders. Please reference the excusable delay sections of FAR Clauses 52.249-8(c)&(d) and 52.249-14 in your firm's base contract for more information.
3. Direct all COVID-19 concerns/questions to your respective ESS Contracting Officers. Direction only comes from the Contracting Officer and he/she must be contacted directly.

We continue to monitor the ever-changing situation and thank our dedicated Industry Partners for their vigilance and commitment to keeping themselves and everyone we serve safe. We will get through this together.

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