
MEETING AGENDA

AGC – USACE Meeting

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Welcome and Introductions

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AGC Questions for USACE

1. Newly Revised EM385-1-1

AGC and its members firmly believe that construction employees are the most important asset the industry has. Ensuring the safety of those workers is of utmost importance. As such, sound and reasonable safety policies must be in place to protect workers and ensure the job can be completed in a safe, efficient, and timely manner. To that point, AGC and USACE spent significant time during the most recent Safety and Health Requirements Manual (EM 385-1-1) revision collectively reviewing each provision of the manual and discussing the pros and cons of various provisions and suggested reforms. The separation of the previous edition (2014) Section 1 Program Management into two sections: Chapter 1 SOH for USACE Personnel and Chapter 2 SOH Management for Contractors provides clarity to both USACE personnel and contractors. The new and consistent lay-out of the revised manual is well-done and the work put behind this is appreciated. AGC encourages AGC members to become familiar with chapter 1 and chapter 2.

Questions:

- A. AGC appreciates our partnership with USACE and opportunities to discuss concerns before USACE finalized new safety policies, as was done during the [latest EM 385-1-1](#) revision. For example, there appears to be as many underlined words indicating there are a lot of changes in the 863-page document.
 - i. Are there any new policies or EM 385-1-1 revisions that you are considering? If so, what should industry be aware of and how will outreach be accomplished?
- B. If some type of training (educational overview) will be provided by the USACE, what is the type of training to be offered, where and when will this be offered?
 - i. AGC's Safety and Health DoD Working Group welcomes an in-person overview of the revised EM385-1-1. This overview could be conducted at one of AGC's Safety and Health Conference meetings.

2. USACE Safety

EM385-1-1 is available on iOS and Android platforms for referral, especially in field environments where quick reference is often needed. Some AGC members have struggled when submitting in the App and the consistency of getting them approved even when following the APP Checklist. Also, some AGC members have expressed frustration when submitting an Accident Prevention Plan (APP) on the same base or military facility because some APP's are approved with very few corrections, while at the same base or facility that same APP and its format is returned for revision and re-submitted several times. This can have a negative effect when trying to start a new project and developing a positive partnership with our USACE.

Questions:

- A. What actions can a contractor take when these conflicts occur early on in a project?
- B. What is the anticipated USACE App release date for the revised edition? Will this be in 2023 or later in 2024?

General Questions

Open questions from the floor?