
Thomas M. Verna

Mr. Verna began his professional career with the Memphis District, Corps of Engineers in 1974. From 1978 to 1985, he served as Chief, Dredging-Navigation Section managing dredging and marine construction operations along 355 miles of the lower Mississippi River and tributaries. He joined the staff of the Dredging Division, Water Resources Support Center in 1985 providing staff management and direction for all Civil Works dredging activities. Mr. Verna served as a senior policy advisor in HQUSACE and had staff responsibility for the Corps navigation mission, dredging program, marine construction and floating plant activities providing policy guidance and management within Civil Works. In January 2004 as a result of USACE 2012, he was also assigned to the Lakes and Rivers Regional Integration Team (RIT) and the Operations and Regulatory Community of Practice (COP). He has written various technical and regulatory publications on such topics as dredge instrumentation, hydrographic surveying, dredging program management and operations, cost engineering and dredging safety. Since 1985 he has been the dredging course proponent and instructor. Mr. Verna is a member of the Western Dredging Association and serves as an officer on the Board of Directors. He chartered the WEDA Safety Commission and served as the first Chairman. He also was the co-chairman of the Corps/Industry Dredging Safety Management Program Joint Committee. Mr. Verna was selected as the 2002 WEDA's "Dredger of the Year" for the Western Hemisphere. In November 2006, Mr. Verna retired from federal service. He is currently working at the USACE Navigation Data Center as Senior Policy Advisor for Civil Works Navigation and Floating Plant Operations.

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