U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Program: An Overview of Coastal Planning and Policy

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I propose to present an overview of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Policy and Planning as they relate to coastal and marine civil works projects and regulatory functions.

The presentation will begin with a brief background of the Corps' history, functions, organization, and authorities, then cover civil works, touching on navigation, shore protection, and environmental restoration.

The discussion will then move to regulatory functions in the coastal environment, focusing on the Rivers and Harbors Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act. The discussion will conclude with the Corps' proposed Nationwide Permit for Offshore Renewable Energy projects and discuss implications for future policy directions.