§ 644.3 Appropriation doctrine, no further Federal interest is required for navigation projects in navigable streams below the ordinary high water limit. It is required, therefore, that the acquisition plan consider the extent of the navigational servitude.

(1) ER 1165–2–302 contains the practice and procedures regarding navigation.

(2) The navigational servitude affects abutting uplands, in that the special site value attributable to their location near a navigable stream is non-compensable. However, this has been partially changed by section 111 of Pub. L. 91–611. In all cases where real property is acquired by the United States for public use in connection with any improvements of rivers, harbors, canals or waterways of the United States, the compensation to be paid shall be the fair market value of such real property based upon all uses to which such real property may reasonably be put, including its highest and best use, any of which uses may be dependent upon access to or utilization of such navigable waters. In cases of partial acquisitions of real property, no depreciation in the value of any remaining real property shall be recognized, and no compensation shall be paid for any severance to the remaining real property which results from loss of or reduction of access from the remaining real property to the navigable waters because of the acquisition of real property or the purposes for which the real property is acquired.


(e) Buildings. Buildings for human occupancy, as well as other structures which would interfere with the operation of the project, or which would be substantially damaged by inundation, are prohibited below the guide acquisition line unless otherwise specifically approved by the Chief of Engineers.

(f) Estates. Standard estates for acquisition of land or interests therein are contained in subpart C. Non-standard estates should be submitted to HQDA (DAEN-REA-P) WASH DC 20314 for approval.

§ 644.3 Navigation projects.

(a) Land to be acquired in fee. All lands necessary for permanent structures, construction areas, public access areas and fish and wildlife purposes will be acquired in fee. No interests need be acquired in areas subject to the Government’s right of navigational servitude. Spoil disposal areas may be acquired in fee upon approval of HQDA (DAEN-REA-P).

(b) Lands over which easements are to be acquired. (1) Permanent easements are required for channel improvements, navigation pools, navigation aids, and spoil disposal areas for future maintenance. Requirements for navigation aids should be coordinated by the District Engineer with the local Coast Guard District Commander.

(2) Temporary easements may be acquired for temporary disposal of spoil, and temporary construction and borrow areas.

(3) In navigation-only projects, the right to permanently flood should be acquired in all lands located within the navigation pool and the right to occasionally flood should be acquired in lands above the pool. However, when the area to be occasionally flooded above the navigation pool consists of a narrow band of land, the right to permanently flood may be taken therein, to avoid acquisition of two different estates from the same ownership, and/or to reduce overall costs of acquisition.

§ 644.4 Reservoir projects.

(a) Joint land acquisition policy for reservoir projects. The joint policies of the Department of the Interior and the Department of the Army, governing the acquisition of land for reservoir projects, are published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, dated February 22, 1962, Volume 27, page 1734. On July 2, 1966, the Joint Policy was again published in 31 FR 9108 as follows:

A joint policy statement of the Department of the Interior and the Department of the Army was inadvertently issued as a Notice in 27 FR 1734. Publication should have been made as a final rule replacing regulations then appearing in 30 CFR part 8. The