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Approximately 13 years have gone by since the first edition of the manual was published, and technology, methodology, and missions have changed significantly. This second edition incorporates many modifications and additions. The Global Positioning System (GPS) has revolutionized how we survey and locate ourselves in the field, computers are used extensively to collect and evaluate data, and computer aided modeling, design, and drafting are almost universal. Reclamation's current mission places greater emphasis on maintenance and safety of infrastructure, dam safety analyses and modifications, and water resource management than on design and construction of new hydraulic structures. Techniques for these activities are reflected in this edition.

A few of this edition's most significant changes to the manual are the addition of a section on water testing for grouting, an expanded chapter on permeability testing, a chapter on the global positioning system, a significantly modified chapter on rip rap, a chapter on foundation preparation, treatment, and cleanup, a chapter on waxing, preserving, and shipping samples, and an index to facilitate finding relevant information. Many other suggested revisions and improvements collected since the manual was first published also are incorporated. Volume I contains material commonly needed in the field, and Volume II includes reference and supplementary information and materials.

As in the first edition, the *Engineering Geology Field Manual* presents the practices for the collection of geologic data obtained by the Bureau of Reclamation. The manual establishes common guidelines, procedures, and concepts for the collection, evaluation, and presentation of geologic information. The analysis of geologic conditions, the

preparation of designs and specifications, and effective monitoring of construction require consistent, comprehensive, and timely geologic information. The use of these guidelines by all Reclamation engineering geologists collecting, documenting, evaluating, and presenting geological and geotechnical data promotes consistency, helps assure that the required evaluations and data are complete, and promotes integration and coordination of geological and engineering activities.

The *Engineering Geology Field Manual* forms the basis for the mutually beneficial exchange of ideas by geologists and engineers. Experienced geologists will find useful reminders, new procedures, and special techniques, while less experienced engineering geologists and those from other disciplines can use the manual to expand their familiarity with geology as practiced in the geotechnical field.

Review and comments on the manual are encouraged, and if you have comments or suggested additions, please forward them to the Engineering Geology Group at Reclamation's Technical Service Center.

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