

# Accident Classification

Accident Classification. Accident classes are used to determine the appropriate reporting, investigating, and recording procedures. USACE accident classifications are as follows:

Class A Accident. A USACE accident in which the resulting total cost of USACE or USACE contractor property damage is \$2,000,000 or more; an USACE aircraft is destroyed, missing, or abandoned, or an injury and/or occupational illness results in a fatality or permanent total disability to USACE Military or Civilian personnel or Contractor personnel. Persons who are missing and/or presumed dead as a result of an accident shall be reported as fatalities. Class A accidents are recordable and require a Preliminary Accident Notification, a Report of Serious Accident, an accident investigation report, and a Board of Investigation.

Class B Accident. A USACE accident in which the resulting total cost of USACE or USACE contractor property damage is \$500,000 or more, but less than \$2,000,000; an injury and/or occupational illness results in permanent partial disability to USACE Military or Civilian personnel or contractor personnel, or when three or more personnel are hospitalized as inpatients as the result of a single occurrence. Class B accidents are recordable and require a Preliminary Accident Notification, a Report of Serious Accident, an accident investigation report, and a Board of Investigation.

Class C Accident. A USACE accident in which the resulting total cost of property damage is \$50,000 or more, but less than \$500,000; a nonfatal injury or occupational illness to USACE Military or Civilian personnel or contractor personnel that causes one or more days away from work or training beyond the day or shift on which it occurred, or disability at any time (that does not meet the definition of Class A or B and is a lost workday case). Class C accidents are recordable and require a Preliminary Accident Notification and an accident investigation report.

Class D Accident. A USACE accident in which the resulting total amount of property damage is \$2,000 or more, but less than \$50,000; a non-fatal injury or occupational illness to USACE Military or Civilian personnel or contractor personnel resulting in restricted work, transfer to another job, medical treatment greater than first aid, needle stick injuries and cuts from sharps that are contaminated from another person's blood or other potentially infectious material, medical removal under medical surveillance requirements of an OSHA standard, occupational hearing loss that meets OSHA recordability criteria, or a work-related tuberculosis case. Class D accidents are recordable and require a Preliminary Accident Notification and an accident investigation report.

Recordable Public Fatality. An accident which results in the death of one or more members of the public who are recreating at USACE-owned or operated areas where CFR Title 36, Chapter III, Part 327, "Parks, Forests, and Public Property" is applicable. These accidents are recordable and require a Preliminary Accident Notification and an accident investigation report.

Other Reportable Accidents.

a. Any other accident that results in injury or illness to a member of the public or damage to private/public property due to Corps or Corps contractor (on-site) operations which results in a total cost of property damage of \$500,000 or more or an injury and/or illness results in a fatality or permanent total disability. These accidents are recordable and require a Preliminary Accident Notification, accident investigation report, and BOI.

NOTE: Public recreation accidents are not included in this classification but rather under the guidance included in paragraph 2-10 above.

b. USACE accidents which result in any injury, illness, or property damage other than those listed above in this section which the local Commander determines may be beneficial in accident trend analysis or may result in improvements to the facility's design safety by conducting an accident investigation. These accidents may be reported and documented with a Preliminary Accident Notification, an accident investigation report and/or BOI at the discretion of the local Command.