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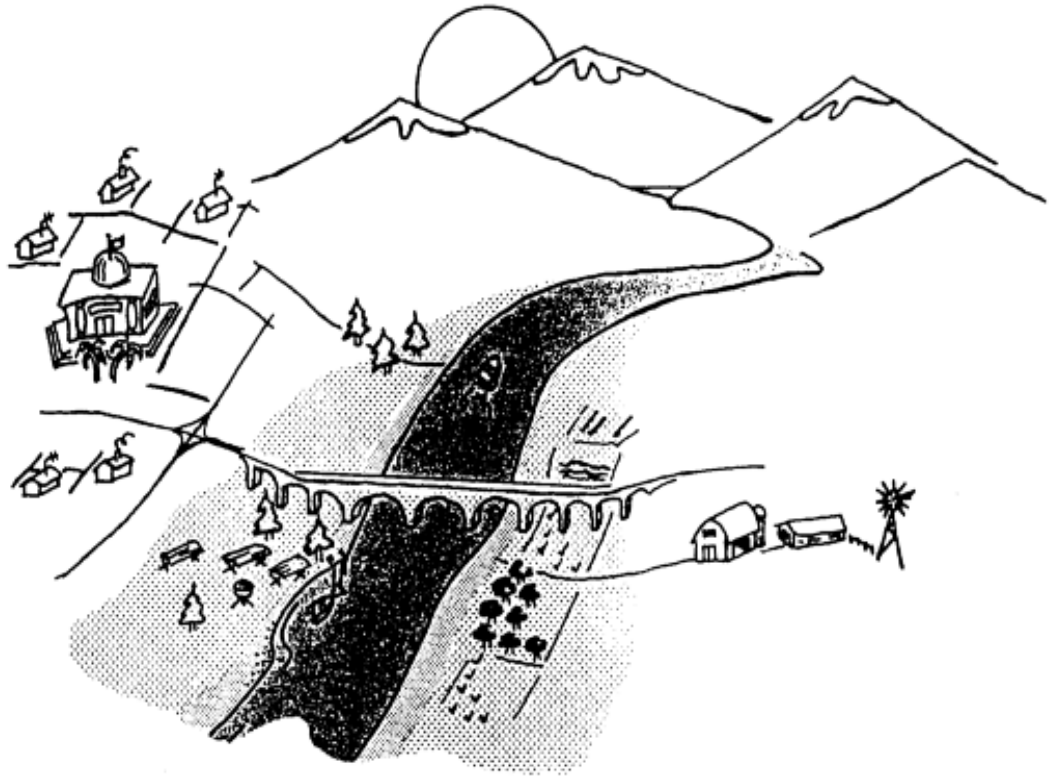

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' River Analysis System (HEC-RAS) is software that allows you to perform one-dimensional steady and unsteady flow river hydraulics calculations.

HEC-RAS is an integrated system of software, designed for interactive use in a multi-tasking, multi-user network environment. The system is comprised of a graphical user interface (GUI), separate hydraulic analysis components, data storage and management capabilities, graphics and reporting facilities.

The HEC-RAS system will ultimately contain three one-dimensional hydraulic analysis components for: (1) steady flow water surface profile computations; (2) unsteady flow simulation; and (3) movable boundary sediment transport computations. A key element is that all three components will use a common geometric data representation and common geometric and hydraulic computation routines. In addition to the three hydraulic analysis components, the system contains several hydraulic design features that can be invoked once the basic water surface profiles are computed.

The current version of HEC-RAS supports Steady and Unsteady flow water surface profile calculations. New features and additional capabilities will be added in future releases.

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Software Distribution and Availability Statement

The HEC-RAS executable code and documentation are public domain software that were developed by the Hydrologic Engineering Center for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The software was developed at the expense of the United States Federal Government, and is therefore in the public domain. This software can be downloaded for free from our internet site (www.hec.usace.army.mil). HEC cannot provide technical support for this software to non-Corps users. See our software vendor list (on our web page) to locate organizations that provide the program, documentation, and support services for a fee. However, we will respond to all documented instances of program errors. Documented errors are bugs in the software due to programming mistakes not model problems due to user-entered data.

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Foreword

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' River Analysis System (HEC-RAS) is software that allows you to perform one-dimensional steady and unsteady flow river hydraulics calculations. The HEC-RAS software supersedes the HEC-2 river hydraulics package, which was a one-dimensional, steady flow water surface profiles program. The HEC-RAS software is a significant advancement over HEC-2 in terms of both hydraulic engineering and computer science. This software is a product of the Corps' Civil Works Hydrologic Engineering Research and Development Program.

The first version of HEC-RAS (version 1.0) was released in July of 1995. Since that time there have been several releases of this software package, including versions: 1.1; 1.2; 2.0; 2.1; 2.2; 2.21; and now version 3.0 in January of 2001.

Version 3.0 of HEC-RAS is a major advancement over the previous 2.21 version. This new version (3.0) includes unsteady flow routing, as well as split flow optimization for steady flow modeling.

The HEC-RAS software was developed at the Hydrologic Engineering Center (HEC), which is a division of the Institute for Water Resources (IWR), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The software was designed by Mr. Gary W. Brunner, leader of the HEC-RAS development team. The user interface and graphics were programmed by Mr. Mark R. Jensen. The steady flow water surface profiles module was programmed by Mr. Steven S. Piper. The unsteady flow equation solver was developed by Dr. Robert L. Barkau. The routines that import HEC-2 and UNET data were developed by Ms. Joan Klipsch. The cross section interpolation routines were developed by Mr. Alfredo Montalvo. The routines for modeling ice cover and wide river ice jams were developed by Mr. Steven F. Daly of the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL).

Many of the HEC staff made contributions in the development of this software, including: Vern R. Bonner, Richard Hayes, John Peters, and Michael Gee. Mr. Darryl Davis was the director during the development of this software.

This manual was written by Mr. Gary W. Brunner.