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The Bureau of Indian Affairs today announced the assignment of new supervising engineers for two major Indian irrigation projects w_ the Navajo project on the New Mexico side of the reservation, and the nearly completed Wapato project on the Yakima Reservation at Wapato, Wash.

J. Y. Christiansen, 44, a native of Monroe, Utah, has been named Supervising General Engineer for the Navajo project. He will serve as liaison between the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs and its Bureau of Reclamation which is performing the construction work. The project as authorized would supply up to 508,000 acre-feet of water annually from Reclamation is Navajo Reservoir to irrigate 110,000 acres of Navajo Reservation lands south of the San Juan River.

Christiansen began his BIA service in 1952 at the Yakima Agency in Washington. He has since held engineering posts at Albuquerque, N.M.; Parker, Ariz.; and most recently at the Wapato Irrigation Project. His appointment became effective Feb. 5, 1967.

He holds a degree in civil engineering from Utah State University at Logan, Utah, is married and has four children.

Lew Judd Allsop, 42, succeeds Christiansen at Wapato, Wash., effective Feb. 5, 1967. Allsop began his BIA career in 1953 at the United Pueblos Agency, Albuquerque, N.M. where he supervised the installation of domestic water systems for Pueblo communities. He has since served at the Colorado River Reservation in Arizona and the Missouri River Basin Investigations Project, Billings, Mont.

Last year he was selected by the Bureau to attend a middle management training course in the Washington, D.C. central office. The course began on Sept. 1, 1966 and ended January 27, 1967, just prior to his reassignment.

A native of Smithfield, Utah, Allsop received a BS degree in civil engineering from Utah State University in 1952. He is married and has eight children.