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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

CEPCX-CSDR

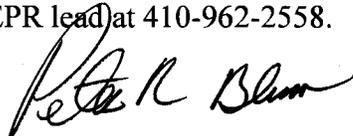
16 June 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR: Commander, Mississippi Valley Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Mr. Jim Hannon, CEMVD-RB, P.O. Box 80, Vicksburg, Mississippi, 39181-0080

SUBJECT: PCX-CSDR Endorsement of Independent External Peer Review for the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System - Design Guidelines

1. The National Planning Center of Expertise for Coastal and Storm Damage Reduction (PCX-CSDR) managed the Independent External Peer Review (IEPR) of the Design Guidelines for the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (GNOHSDRRS) for Task Force Hope (TFH). The IEPR was conducted by Battelle Memorial Institute through their contract with the Army Research Office. The IEPR panel consisted of 10 individuals selected by Battelle with technical expertise in geotechnical, structural, hydraulic and civil engineering. The review was conducted on the 10 February 2009 version of the guidelines. Overall, 538 comments, 6 being flagged as critical, were entered into Dr. Checks. All comments were resolved; however concurrence was not reached with all comments. The final report of the IEPR panel is entitled, "Final Independent External Peer Review Report - Independent External Peer Review of Greater New Orleans Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction System Design Guidelines, June 14, 2010."
2. Responses to the IEPR comments were prepared by the Design Guidelines Project Delivery Team and results of this process should be communicated by the team to MVD. TFH should post the enclosed report on their website and the PCX-CSDR, MVD, and CECW-P should establish links to this website.
3. In summary, the IEPR for the GNOHSDRRS Design Guidelines was conducted in accordance with EC1105-2-410, has been fully coordinated with the PCX-CSDR, and the PCX-CSDR endorses the "Final Independent External Peer Review Report - Independent External Peer Review of Greater New Orleans Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction System Design Guidelines, June 14, 2010."
4. For further information, please contact me at 917-613-3873, Mr. Larry Cocchieri, Deputy Director at (718) 765-7071 or Ms. Amy Guise, PCX IEPR lead at 410-962-2558.

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