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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

CEPCX-CSDR

18 April 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR: Commander, Mississippi Valley Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Mr. Eddie Belk, 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 Elevation Report

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 Elevation Report 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 2 individuals selected by Battelle with technical expertise in hydraulic and civil engineering. Overall, 6 comments (5 of medium significance and 1 of low significance) were identified and entered into Dr. Checks. The final report of the IEPR panel is entitled, "Final Independent External Peer Review Report – Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System – Design Elevation Report, December 6, 2010." The Dr Checks comment resolution process concluded on 12 April 2011 with all comments considered adequately addressed and closed.
2. Responses to the IEPR comments were prepared by the Design Elevation Report 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 EC1165-2-209, has been fully coordinated with the PCX-CSDR, and the PCX-CSDR endorses the "Final Independent External Peer Review Report - Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System - Design Elevation Report, December 6, 2010."
4. For further information, please contact me at 917-613-3873, Mr. Larry Cocchieri, Deputy Director at (347) 370-4571 or Ms. Amy Guise, PCX IEPR lead at 410-962-2558.

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