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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

CEPCX-CSDR

26 June 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR: Commander, New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
ATTN: Mr. Walter Baumy, CEMVN-ED, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

SUBJECT: PCX-CSDR Endorsement of Independent External Peer Review of the LPV 109.02a
– New Orleans East Levee, Southpoint to CSX Railroad

1. The National Planning Center of Expertise for Coastal and Storm Damage Reduction (PCX-CSDR) managed the Independent External Peer Review (IEPR) for the LPV 109.02a project 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 4 individuals selected by Battelle with technical expertise in geotechnical, structural, civil and hydraulic engineering. Overall, 48 comments, 23 being flagged as critical, were entered into Dr. Checks. All comments were resolved at the conclusion of the review. The final report of the IEPR panel is entitled, “Final Independent External Peer Review Report - Independent External Review of the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System LPV 109.02a – New Orleans East Levee, Southpoint to CSX Railroad, April 18, 2012.”

2. Responses to the IEPR comments were prepared by the LPV 109.02a Project Delivery Team, New Orleans District, and results of this process should be communicated by the PDT 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 LPV 109.02a project was conducted in accordance with EC 1165-2-209 and has been fully coordinated with the PCX-CSDR. Therefore, the PCX-CSDR endorses the “Final Independent External Peer Review Report - Independent External Review of the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System LPV 109.02a – New Orleans East Levee, Southpoint to CSX Railroad, April 18, 2012.”

4. For further information, please contact me at 917-613-3873, Mr. Larry Cocchieri, PCX-CSDR Deputy at (347) 370-4571 or Ms. Amy Guise, PCX IEPR lead at 410-962-2558.

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