

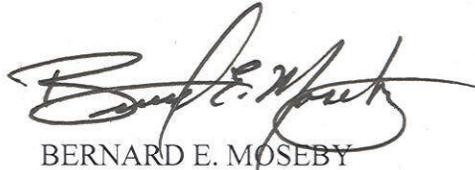
**Completion of Independent External Peer Review
CALCASIEU RIVER AND PASS
Dredged Material Management Plan and
Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
New Orleans, Louisiana
December 2008**

The New Orleans District has completed the Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP) and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Calcasieu River and Pass Project. Notice is hereby given that an Independent External Peer Review (IEPR) has been conducted that is appropriate to the level of risk and complexity inherent in the project. The DMMP and SEIS was reviewed for compliance with established principles and procedures, using clearly justified and valid assumptions. Further, methods and procedures were reviewed to determine the appropriateness, correctness, and reasonableness of results, including determination of whether the project meets the customer's needs consistent with law and existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers policy.

An external panel of independent experts performed this review. The panel was established by an independent outside eligible organization (OEO), Battelle Memorial Institute, that has experience in establishing and administering independent review panels. The Deep Draft Navigation Planning Center of Expertise managed the conduct of this review. The review was initiated on 21 July 2008 and completed on 29 August 2008. The review comments were placed in Dr. Checks by the OEO in September 2008, and evaluations by the Project Delivery Team (PDT) were accomplished in Dr. Checks in October 2008. The review panel assessed the PDT evaluations and the OEO provided a back-check in Dr. Checks in November 2008.

The review panel found that certain aspects of the report, including portions of the plan formulation, technical analysis, economic analysis, and mitigation should be presented more clearly and with a greater level of detail. The panel recommended that the DMMP be revised to address these concerns. For comments that may require more detailed analysis, the panel recommended that the DMMP be revised in five years to address these larger concerns. Overall, the panel found that the Calcasieu River and Pass DMMP and SEIS presents a good overview of the need for the project and met the project objectives of cost-effectiveness, beneficial use of dredged materials, and provision of sufficient disposal capacity. A complete copy of the external peer review report and a copy of the final comment report from Dr. Checks are enclosed.

We certify that the Calcasieu River and Pass DMMP and SEIS Independent External Peer Review was performed as required by Section 2034 (c) (4) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernard E. Moseby", written in a cursive style.

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