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## **Fiscal year 2009 President's Budget set**

Today the president released his \$4.741 billion budget for fiscal year 2009 in new federal funding for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works program.

The budget funds the planning, design and construction of projects for the navigation, flood and coastal storm damage reduction and ecosystem restoration projects that provide a high return on the nation's investment.

For the New Orleans District projects, the budget includes \$22 million for General Investigations studies, including \$20 million for continuing the Louisiana Coastal Area Ecosystem Restoration projects; \$121 million for general operation and maintenance of navigation projects; and \$79 million for the Flood Control, Mississippi River and Tributaries projects, including funding for Mississippi River levee maintenance and one investigation new start - Atchafalaya Basin Land Study. The Construction General appropriation is not funded in FY '09.

The president has made an FY '09 emergency request for \$5.761 billion in federal funds for the hurricane and storm damage reduction project for the greater New Orleans area. The budget proposes to authorize the work in greater New Orleans, including certain internal drainage, as a single project to be constructed with the state as a cost-sharing partner and subsequently maintained and operated by the state. Pre-Katrina, storm damage reduction was provided through separately authorized projects, which were designed to different standards, subject to different requirements for nonfederal cost sharing, and managed by different local entities.