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MEMORANDUM THRU Commander, New Orleans District

FOR Commander, Mississippi Valley Division (CEMVD-PD-N/ Mr. Rayford Wilbanks)

SUBJECT: Independent External Peer Review (IEPR) of Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (GNOHSDRRS): Armoring Research Summary and Armoring Guidance Manual

1. Task Force Hope (TFH) has reviewed the enclosed 29 June 2012, "Final Independent External Peer Review Report - Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System - Armoring Research Summary and Armoring Guidance Manual" (Encl 1).
2. As outlined in the enclosed Coastal and Storm Damage Reduction (CSDR) Planning Center of Expertise (PCX) endorsement CEPCX-CSDR Memorandum dated 03 Aug 2012 (Encl 2), this review was conducted in accordance with procedures described in Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, guidance Peer Review of Decision Documents (EC 1105-2-410) dated 22 August 2008; CECW-CP Memorandum dated 30 March 2007; and Engineering and Design, Quality Management (ER 1110-1-12) dated 21 July 2006; and Engineering and Design, DrChecks (ER 1110-1-8159) dated 10 May 2001, and has been fully coordinated with the PCX-CSDR. Task Force Hope will post this report publicly on the New Orleans District website and request that the PCS-CSDR, MVD, and CECW-P establish links to this website.
3. The Armoring PDT reviewed IEPR comments and questions and resolutions of those comments and questions are enclosed in the Summary Report (Encl 3). Of the 16 comments submitted by the IEPR Panel, 14 were resolved and closed. Revised HSDRRS hydraulic analyses rendered one of the unresolved comments not applicable. The PDT non-concurred with the IEPR Panel comment regarding flood side erosion, on the basis of IPET findings following Hurricane Katrina. Finally, the Executive Summary of the IEPR Final Report included observations of the Panel for which explanations were deemed appropriate, which have been included in the Summary Report accordingly. The DrChecks comments are included in enclosure 1. The PDT agrees with the conclusion and results of this review.
4. TFH requests Division concurrence and approval to proceed with posting the final IEPR Summary Report to the New Orleans District website.

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5. If you have any questions or need additional information concerning this matter, the point of contact for the project is Mr. Dean Arnold, TFH, at (504) 862-2674. The point of contact for IEPRs of the Greater New Orleans HSDRRS is Mr. Thomas Podany, PRO, at 504-862-2502.



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