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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

CEPCX-CSDR

3 August 2012

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

SUBJECT: PCX-CSDR Endorsement of Independent External Peer Review of the Armoring  
Research Summary and Armoring Guidance Manual

1. The National Planning Center of Expertise for Coastal and Storm Damage Reduction (PCX-CSDR) managed the Independent External Peer Review (IEPR) for the Armoring Research Summary and Armoring Guidance Manual 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 hydraulic engineering, civil/geotechnical engineering, and agronomy. Overall, 16 comments were identified. At the conclusion of the review, all comments were closed although concurrence was not reached on two comments. The final report of the IEPR panel is entitled, “Final Independent External Peer Review Report – Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System – Armoring Research Summary and Armoring Guidance Manual, June 29, 2012.” This final report documents and summarizes the results of the IEPR.
2. Responses to the IEPR comments were prepared by team members and subject matter experts of the Armoring Research and Armoring Guidance Manual 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 Armoring Research Summary and Armoring Guidance Manual was conducted in accordance with EC 1165-2-209, 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 – Armoring Research Summary and Armoring Guidance Manual, June 29, 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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