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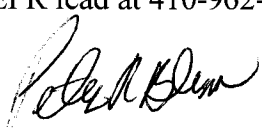
31 January 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR: Commander, Mississippi Valley Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Mr. Jim Hannon, CEMVD-RB, P.O. Box 80, Vicksburg, Mississippi, 39181-0080

SUBJECT: PCX-CSDR Endorsement of Final Independent External Peer Review Report - Independent Peer Review of Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (GNOHSDRRS): Crossings with I-10 and I-310, Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity (LPV) 03.2a and 06e.2

1. The National Planning Center of Expertise for Coastal and Storm Damage Reduction (PCX-CSDR) managed the Independent External Peer Review (IEPR) of the I-10 and I-310 Crossings of the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (GNOHSDRRS) 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 2 individuals selected by Battelle with technical expertise in hydraulic and structural engineering. Overall, 39 comments, 7 being flagged as critical, were entered into Dr. Checks. All comments were closed, however, several comments were not considered resolved and were further annotated with recommendations by the reviewers. The final report of the IEPR panel is entitled, "Final Independent External Peer Review Report - Independent Peer Review of Greater New Orleans Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (GNOHSDRRS): Crossings with I-10 and I-310, Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity (LPV) 03.2a and 06e.2, December 15, 2010."
2. Responses to the IEPR comments were prepared by the New Orleans I-10 and I-310 Crossings Project Delivery Team and results of this process should be communicated by the team 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 GNOHSDRRS Design Guidelines 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 - Independent Peer Review of Greater New Orleans Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (GNOHSDRRS): Crossings with I-10 and I-310, Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity (LPV) 03.2a and 06e.2, December 15, 2010
4. For further information, please contact me at 917-613-3873, Mr. Larry Cocchieri, Deputy Director at (347) 370-4571 or Ms. Amy Guise, PCX IEPR lead at 410-962-2558.

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