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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

CEPCX-CSDR

10 January 2012

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 Independent External Peer Review of West Bank and Vicinity LA (WBV) 14e.2 V-Line Levee, East of Vertex Project

1. The National Planning Center of Expertise for Coastal and Storm Damage Reduction (PCX-CSDR) managed the Independent External Peer Review (IEPR) of the WBV 14e.2 – V-Line Levee, East of Vertex Project 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 geotechnical and civil engineering. Overall, 7 comments, 2 being flagged as critical, were entered into Dr. Checks. All comments were resolved. The final report of the IEPR panel is entitled, “Final Independent External Peer Review Report – Independent External Peer Review of Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System WBV 14e.2 – V-Line Levee, East of Vertex – Phase 2, November 2, 2011.”
2. Responses to the IEPR comments were prepared by the Protection Restoration Office (PRO) and results of this process should be communicated by the PRO 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 WBV 14e.2 V-Line Levee, East of Vertex Project was conducted in accordance with EC1165-2-209, has been fully coordinated with the PCX-CSDR, and the PCX-CSDR endorses the “Final Independent External Peer Review Report – Independent External Peer Review of Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System WBV 14e.2 – V-Line Levee, East of Vertex – Phase 2, November 2, 2011.”
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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CPD Reading File

CENAB-PL-P (Guise)

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