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26 August 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR: Commander New Orleans District, (CEMVN-PM-O/Tutashinda Salaam) 7400 Leake Ave. New Orleans, LA 70118

SUBJECT: CSRМ-PCX Transmittal of Independent External Peer Review (IEPR) Report for the Decision and Implementation Documents for Environmental Mitigation for West Bank and Vicinity, New Orleans, Louisiana, Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System, Statement of Completion

1. Reference:

- a. EC 1165-2-214, Civil Works Review, 15 December 2012.
- b. CEPCX-CSRМ Memorandum, dated 28 July 2014, subject: CSRМ-PCX Transmittal of Final Independent External Peer Review (IEPR) Report Decision and Implementation Documents for Environmental Mitigation for West Bank and Vicinity, New Orleans, Louisiana, Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System

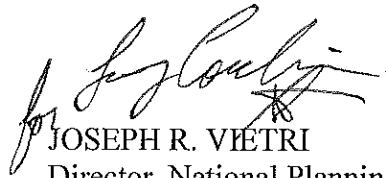
2. The review phase of the subject IEPR has been completed. The CSRМ-PCX coordinated the IEPR, which was conducted by the Battelle Memorial Institute (Battelle) through a contract with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Institute for Water Resources. Battelle selected and managed an IEPR panel of experts with technical expertise in civil works planning and biology/ecology.

3. The IEPR panel comments are documented in the Battelle report titled, Final Independent External Peer Review (IEPR) Report Decision and Implementation Documents for Environmental Mitigation for West Bank and Vicinity, New Orleans, Louisiana, Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System dated 24 July 2014. Overall, 4 IEPR final comments were developed by the panel, none of which were identified as having high significance. New Orleans District prepared responses to the panel comments and concurrence was reached with the panel on all 4 responses.

4. The New Orleans District should prepare a written proposed response to the final IEPR report detailing any actions undertaken or to be undertaken in response to the report and the reasons those actions are believed to satisfy the key concerns stated in the review report (if applicable). The response should also explain why specific recommendations of the panel were not adopted and the potential implications of not adopting those recommendations. The proposed response should be coordinated with the MSC District Support Team and HQUSACE, in accordance with EC 1165-2-214, to ensure consistency with law, policy, project guidance, ongoing policy and legal compliance review, and other USACE or National considerations.

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5. For further information, please contact Mr. Larry Cocchieri, Deputy Director, CSRМ-PCX at (347) 370-4571, or Ms. Anastasiya Kononova, CSRМ-PCX IEPR lead at (410) 962-2558.



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