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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, Mississippi Valley Division (CEMVD-PD)

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 1001(25) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (WRDA 2007) – PORT OF IBERIA, LOUISIANA

1. Section 1001(25) authorizes the project for navigation, Port of Iberia, Louisiana in accordance with the Report of the Chief of Engineers at a total cost of \$131,250,000. Additionally, the Secretary, in consultation with Vermillion and Iberia Parishes, Louisiana, and consistent with the mitigation plan in the report, shall use available dredged material and rock placement on the south bank of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and the west bank of the Freshwater Bayou Channel to provide incidental storm surge protection that does not adversely affect the mitigation plan. A copy of section 1001(23) is enclosed for your information.
2. In consultation with Vermillion and Iberia Parishes, assess whether dredged material and rock placement are available and whether use of such material in the two specified locations will be consistent with and not adversely impact the mitigation plan or the cost of the project. Determine whether additional environmental analyses and documentation would be necessary regarding such use. If recommended actions could significantly change the authorized project features, project costs, or impact the environment in ways not previously considered, then additional investigations and documentation will be necessary prior to the signing of a project partnership agreement to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, existing policies, and to determine appropriate cost sharing provisions.
3. Any recommendations to modify features described in the Report of the Chief of Engineers shall be coordinated with CECW-MVD and OASA (CW) to verify that such changes are consistent with the current project authorization.
4. Congress added \$738,000 in Fiscal Year 2008 Investigations appropriations for preconstruction engineering and design of this project. These funds should be used to begin the assessments described above. The information on project changes will be documented in a post authorization document, which will include the views of the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other appropriate resource agencies regarding the impact of any changed conditions on the mitigation plan. No work shall be undertaken to

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implement construction until either an Administration position is established supporting the revised project and funds are available, or Congress provides Construction funds specifically to commence such work.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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Section 1001(25) PORT OF IBERIA, LOUISIANA

The project for navigation, Port of Iberia, Louisiana: Report of the Chief of Engineers dated December 31, 2006, at a total cost of \$131,250,000, with an estimated Federal cost of \$105,315,000 and an estimated non-Federal cost of \$25,935,000; except that the Secretary, in consultation with Vermillion and Iberia Parishes, Louisiana, and consistent with the mitigation plan in the report, shall use available dredged material and rock placement on the south bank of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and the west bank of the Freshwater Bayou Channel to provide incidental storm surge protection that does not adversely affect the mitigation plan.