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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

CECW-MVD/RIT

12 AUG 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Commander Mississippi Valley Division
Commander Southwestern Division
Commander South Atlantic Division

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 5022 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (WRDA 2007) – Hypoxia Assessment

1. Section 5022 of WRDA 2007 provides discretionary authority for the Secretary to participate with Federal, State and local agencies, non-Federal and non-profit entities, regional researchers and other interested parties to assess hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico. A copy of section 5022 is enclosed for your information.

2. The Environmental Protection Agency established the Hypoxia Task Force (HTF) under the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, Title VI of Public Law 105-383, section 604(b), enacted on 13 November 1998. The HTF, in which the Corps is a participant, has produced two Action Plans (2001 and 2008). The Action Plans and other useful HTF information may be found at the web site http://www.epa.gov/msbasin/. Subject to the availability of funds, the Corps may continue to participate in the assessment of hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico as a member of the Task Force.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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SECTION 5022. HYPOXIA ASSESSMENT.

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