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

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 5081 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 – CALCASIEU SHIP CHANNEL, LOUISIANA

1. Section 5081 requires the expedited completion of a dredged material management plan for the Calcasieu Ship Channel and allows the use of interim measures to increase the capacity of existing disposal areas or to construct new confined or beneficial use disposal areas. A copy of section 5081 is enclosed for your information.

2. The completion of the Dredged Material Management Plan/Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DMMP/SEIS) should be expedited in accordance with ER 1105-2-100, in coordination with the vertical team, and with participation of the project sponsor. The DMMP/SEIS should identify interim dredged material disposal measures needed for routine maintenance of the Calcasieu River and Pass project. Any draft project partnership agreements necessary for implementation should be prepared and submitted following current Corps procedures and guidance. No work may be undertaken until funds are appropriated for such work.

3. Implementation of interim measures shall not begin until the DMMP/SEIS has been approved, funds have been appropriated, and project partnership agreements have been executed for those measures. Development of the DMMP/SEIS and implementation of the expansion or construction of dredged material disposal facilities, including cost sharing, will be in accordance with ER 1105-2-100 and Policy Guidance Letter No. 47, Cost Sharing for Dredged Material Disposal Facilities and Dredged Material Disposal Facility Partnerships.

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5081. CALCASIEU SHIP CHANNEL, LOUISIANA.

The Secretary shall expedite completion of a dredged material management plan for the Calcasieu Ship Channel, Louisiana, and may take interim measures to increase the capacity of existing disposal areas, or to construct new confined or beneficial use disposal areas, for the channel.