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

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 7006(d) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 – Louisiana Coastal Area - Construction

1. Section 7006(d) authorizes the Secretary, substantially in accordance with the 31 January 2005 report of the Chief of Engineers, to implement a program for the beneficial use of dredged material from federally maintained waterways in accordance with the Louisiana Coastal Area program at a total cost of $100,000,000. A copy of Section 7006(d) is enclosed for your information.

2. The report of the Chief of Engineers dated 31 January 2005 recommends that the beneficial use of dredged material program be cost shared in accordance with Section 204 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1992. Section 204 has been modified by Section 2037 of WRDA 2007. In accordance with Section 2037(c) all work under the beneficial use of dredged material program will be cost shared at 65% Federal and 35% non-Federal.

3. Section 7006(d) directs that in carrying out the program the Secretary shall consider the beneficial use of sediments from the Illinois River System for wetland restoration in coastal Louisiana. The use of dredged material from the Illinois River System shall be evaluated and documented in the Louisiana Coastal Area Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Report that is submitted for review and approval.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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7006. LOUISIANA COASTAL AREA - CONSTRUCTION

(d) BENEFICIAL USE OF DREDGED MATERIAL.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, substantially in accordance with the restoration plan, shall implement in the coastal Louisiana ecosystem a program for the beneficial use of material dredged from federally maintained waterways at a total cost of $100,000,000.
(2) CONSIDERATION.—In carrying out the program under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall consider the beneficial use of sediment from the Illinois River System for wetlands restoration in wetlands-depleted watersheds of the coastal Louisiana ecosystem.