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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

CESAM-PD-D 10 April 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR MS. T. CHERYL JAYNES (CESWF-PEC-PF) U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, GALVESTON DISTRICT, 2000 FORT POINT ROAD, GALVESTON, TEXAS 77550

SUBJECT: Review Plan (RP) Endorsement, Corpus Christi Ship Channel (CCSC), Texas - La Quinta Expansion, Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment (EA)

1. The subject document (Enclosure 1) has been presented to the Deep Draft Navigation Planning Center of Expertise (DDNPCX) for its review and endorsement in accordance with Engineer Circular 1165-2-217, Review Policy for Civil Works, dated 20 February 2018.

2. The CCSC – La Quinta Expansion study will evaluate potential channel deepening and widening improvements. Dredged material placement options to be assessed include expansion of existing placement areas and beneficial use. An EA will be prepared.

3. Exclusion from Type I Independent External Peer Review (IEPR) will be pursued by the District. The District's risk informed assessment leading to that conclusion is documented in Sections 5 and 6.E. of the RP. Based upon the information presented, it appears as though the study does not meet any of the mandatory triggers requiring Type I IEPR. Further, no other circumstances have been identified that would warrant determination from the Chief of Engineers that IEPR is needed. Accordingly, the DDNPCX supports the District's request for a waiver from Type I IEPR. Upon conclusion of the IEPR exclusion request process, the study's RP should be updated to reflect the results of that coordination.

4. The RP was reviewed for technical sufficiency and policy compliance by the undersigned. The RP checklist that documents that review is provided as Enclosure 2.

5. The DDNPCX recommends the RP for approval by the Major Subordinate Command (MSC) Commander. Following approval, please provide the DDNPCX with a copy of the MSC Commander's Approval Memorandum and a link to where the RP is posted on the District website. Prior to posting, the names of individuals identified in the RP should be removed (Attachment 1 of the RP).

6. Thank you for the opportunity to assist in the preparation of the RP. Please coordinate any review related efforts outlined in the RP with the undersigned at (251) 694-3842.

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