PD-P file
Lake Pontchartrain
Hurricane Project

LMVPD-E (16 May 78)
SUBJECT: Lake Pontchartrain, LA and Vicinity - Restudy and Revision of EIS

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1. Economic & Social Analysis Branch views follow regarding the actions which are necessary to fully coordinate LMVD review of NOD efforts to meet schedule prepared by NOD for subject restudy.

2. Restudy is unique in two major aspects: a. Deficiencies have been cited by the U.S. District Court, resulting in pressures to remove cited deficiencies which are more imminent than they would otherwise be. This was emphasized by General Marshall in his 1st Indorsement of 24 April 1978 to LMNPD-R letter to LMVPD-R, dated 14 April 1978.

b. Although the project has been under construction for many years, the major input into the restudy is the responsibility of two non-engineering elements of Planning Division in the NOD.

3. The circumstances cited above could result in priorities being established within non-planning elements of NOD which have implications for elements of NOD Planning Division without the restudy having the same degree of priority assigned to it in the overall NOD Planning Division mission.

4. Economic & Social Analysis Branch recommends recognition on the part of LMVD and NOD Planning Divisions of the high priority which must be assigned to this project. Economic & Social Analysis Branch recommends that confirmation of said priority should be obtained by LMVD Planning Division from NOD Planning Division.

5. According to the schedule attached to referenced letter dated 14 April 1978 from LMNPD-R to LMVPD-R, certain tasks of the restudy should already be completed or well underway, i.e., field inventory of project area for economic reanalysis, a Planning Division task. General Marshall, in his 1st Indorsement of 24 April 1978, stated "there can be no acceptable slippage in the recommended schedule."

6. Economic & Social Analysis Branch recommends conferences on a more frequent basis than formal checkpoint conferences among Planning Division counterparts in LMVD and NOD. Conferences should be scheduled among appropriate LMVD and NOD elements preferably at the scheduled completion date of items such as field studies for economic reanalysis (Sep 78), depth damage study (Feb 79).

7. Recommended frequent conferences could accomplish two purposes: a. Provide an incentive to the NOD element to preclude slippage in the schedule.

b. Assure that there is agreement between LMVD and NOD regarding methodologies employed and compliance with current regulations and court decrees. This will preclude a report's coming forward to LMVD about which LMVD has no prior knowledge of the contents and it will accelerate report review.

8. Should slippage in the schedule become apparent to LMVD personnel, Economic & Social Analysis Branch recommends that LMVD Planning Division call for an

immediate conference among LMVD and NOD Planning Division personnel. Personnel in attendance should include the Chiefs and/or Assistant Chiefs of LMVD and NOD Planning Divisions as well as the chiefs of the technical branches directly concerned with the slippage.

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