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1. We endorse New Orleans District's request, as stated in basic memorandum, for variance from the time and money limits of Planning Guidance Memorandum 99-01. PM-E

2. We see the key to the District's request in their statement (bottom of paragraph 6) that the geographic and hydrodynamic complexity of the area necessitates consideration of alternatives other than simply raising elevations of existing structures. The District's desire to entertain a variety of alternatives that can be more environmentally advantageous over such a broad and complex area gives the Corps a chance to show that it can be an exemplary steward of our Nation's resources. The District's need to coordinate the study across what have been five separate projects is an important component of this request also.

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