

CEMVD-PM-D (CEMVN-PM-E/30 Jan 01) 1<sup>st</sup> End Kuhn/lr/634-5286  
SUBJECT: General Investigations, Hurricane Protection K Kuhn/lr/5286  
Louisiana, Reconnaissance Study, Request for Time and Cost PM-E  
Exception of Planning Guidance Memorandum 99-01,  
Reconnaissance Phase Guidance

CDR, Mississippi Valley Division, Vicksburg, MS 39180-0080  
Arnold PM-E

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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.

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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