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To provide for recovery efforts relating to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
for Corps of Engineers projects.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 14, 2005

Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. JEFFORDS) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and
Public Works

NOVEMBER 17, 2005

Reported by Mr. INHOFE, with amendments

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A BILL

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Katrina and Rita for Corps of Engineers projects.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT-TERM ASSESSMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army, acting
5 through the Chief of Engineers (referred to in this Act
6 as the “Secretary”), shall conduct, at full Federal expense,

1 a comprehensive assessment of Corps ~~infrastructure~~ of
 2 *Engineers projects and studies* in the State of Louisiana
 3 affected by *either* Hurricanes Katrina ~~and~~ *or* Rita, *or both*
 4 *of those hurricanes*, to determine whether opportunities
 5 exist for project modifications or project integration that
 6 may—

7 (1) reduce future hurricane impacts; ~~or~~

8 (2) further other project purposes; *or*

9 (3) *provide efficiencies in the implementation of*
 10 *hurricane protection, flood control, navigation, or eco-*
 11 *system restoration projects by the Corps of Engineers.*

12 (b) CONTENT.—The assessment under subsection (a)
 13 shall *not be constrained by any cost-benefit analysis and*
 14 *shall* include, at a minimum—

15 (1) a description of means of providing an in-
 16 creased level of hurricane protection using a com-
 17 bination of structural and nonstructural features;

18 (2) a review of the use of a combination of
 19 structural means (such as levees and floodgates) and
 20 nonstructural means (such as wetlands and beaches)
 21 in providing hurricane protection;

22 (3) a prioritization of actions that should be
 23 taken to improve the level of hurricane protection
 24 provided; and

1 (4) such other information as the Secretary de-
 2 termines to be appropriate.

3 (c) REPORT.—Not later than January 15, 2006, the
 4 Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Environment
 5 and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on
 6 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
 7 resentatives a report describing the results of the assess-
 8 ment.

9 (d) FUNDING.—Of the amounts made available by
 10 the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act,
 11 2006, for investigations by the Corps of Engineers, the
 12 Secretary may use not more than \$1,000,000 to carry out
 13 this section.

14 **SEC. 2. COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ANALYSIS, DESIGN, AND**
 15 **DEVELOPMENT.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Using the results of the assess-
 17 ment reported under section 1(c), the Secretary shall, *at*
 18 *full Federal expense and* in consultation with the State of
 19 Louisiana, conduct a comprehensive, integrated water re-
 20 sources analysis ~~to design and develop~~, *design, and devel-*
 21 *opment of* a full range of flood control, navigation, eco-
 22 system restoration, and hurricane protection measures for
 23 southern Louisiana.

24 (b) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after
 25 the date of submission of the report under section 1(c),

1 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Environ-
 2 ment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee
 3 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
 4 Representatives an initial report detailing an integrated
 5 approach to category 5 *hurricane protection*, flood control,
 6 navigation, and ecosystem restoration for the Gulf Coast
 7 region of the State of Louisiana that includes—

8 (1) a description of an overall approach for fu-
 9 ture *Corps of Engineers* spending in that region;

10 (2) an identification of specific changes to ongo-
 11 ing projects *and studies*, as well as proposals for fu-
 12 ture projects, in that region; and

13 (3) a consideration of potential future projects,
 14 including projects involving—

15 (A) the ~~replacement~~ *restoration, protection,*
 16 *or enhancement* of barrier islands;

17 (B) coastal restoration;

18 (C) the closing of the Mississippi River
 19 Gulf Outlet;

20 (D) the filling in of canals; and

21 (E) the relocation ~~of~~ *and protection of*
 22 ~~pumping stations to areas that are less threat-~~
 23 ~~ened by rising water and drainage infrastruc-~~
 24 *ture.*

1 (c) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than ~~2 years after the~~
2 ~~date of submission of the report under section 1(e)~~ *Novem-*
3 *ber 15, 2007*, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee
4 on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the
5 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
6 House of Representatives a final technical report for an
7 integrated approach to category 5 *hurricane protection*,
8 flood control, navigation, and ecosystem restoration for
9 the Gulf Coast region of the State of Louisiana.

10 (d) FUNDING.—Of the amounts made available by
11 the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act,
12 2006, for investigations by the Corps of Engineers, the
13 Secretary shall use not more than \$8,000,000 to carry out
14 this section.

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