

ATTACHMENT 8

**COMPLETION OF INDEPENDENT TECHNICAL REVIEW
10 APRIL 2000 AND 21 JUNE 2007**

**YAZOO BACKWATER AREA
MISSISSIPPI
REFORMULATION REPORT
STATEMENT OF TECHNICAL AND LEGAL REVIEW**

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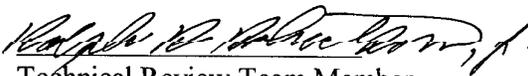
The U S Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, has completed the Reformulation Study of Yazoo Backwater Area, Mississippi. Notice is hereby given that an independent technical review has been conducted that is appropriate to the level of risk and complexity inherent in the project, as defined in the Quality Control Plan. During the independent technical review, compliance with established policy principles and procedures, utilizing justified and valid assumptions, was verified. This included review of assumptions, methods, procedures, and material used in analyses; alternatives evaluated; the appropriateness of data used and level of data obtained; and reasonableness of the results, including whether the product meets the customer's needs consistent with law and existing Corps policy. An independent district team accomplished the independent technical review.


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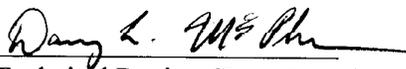
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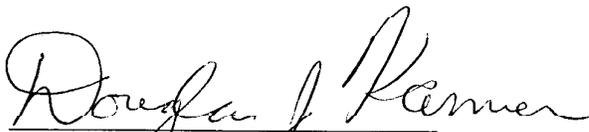
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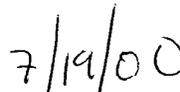
Significant concerns and the explanation of the resolution are as follows:

Technical review revealed inconsistencies in data, which were corrected. No significant civil, structural, or mechanical design deficiencies were encountered. The study team in developing the recommended plan followed the directives for reformulation. The report was revised to incorporate comments of the Technical Review Team.

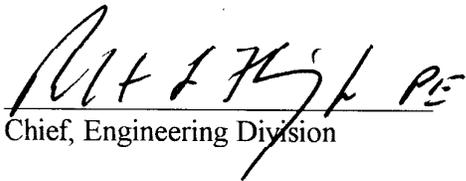
As noted above, all concerns resulting from independent technical review of the project have been considered. The report and its appendixes have been fully reviewed.



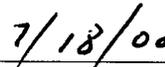
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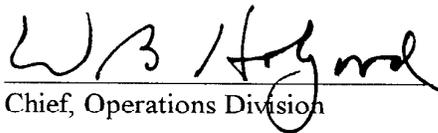
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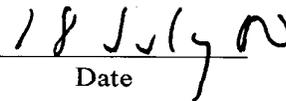
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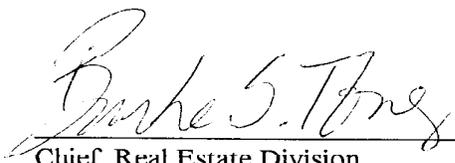
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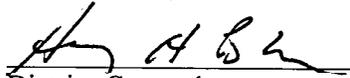
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CERTIFICATION OF LEGAL REVIEW:

The report for Yazoo Backwater Area Reformulation, Mississippi, and its appendixes have been fully reviewed by the Office of Counsel, Vicksburg District and are legally sufficient.


District Counsel


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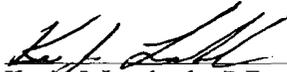
MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Yazoo Backwater Area Reformulation Draft Report, February 2007, Certification of Independent Technical Review Completion

1. The Yazoo Backwater Area Reformulation Draft Report, February 2007, Certification of Independent Technical Review has been completed. All ITR issues have been resolved.
2. The following table lists the ITR members who completed the subject ITR.

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3. Prior to close-out of the ITR process, Dr. Goldman retired from the Corps of Engineers and was no longer available to complete the ITR certification. A final back-check was performed by the remaining Hydrology and Hydraulics reviewers to ensure that there were no outstanding issues requiring attention.
4. MVR Form 44 was used as the primary method of documenting ITR comments and responses. Attached to this Memorandum are all ITR comments and responses. All comments have been resolved.


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1. No significant concerns exist for the Yazoo Backwater Area Reformulation Draft Report. The document has been fully reviewed, and all comments resulting from the Independent Technical Review (ITR) of the subject document have been addressed. This ITR Certification Documentation is accompanied by biographies for each participating ITR Team Member.



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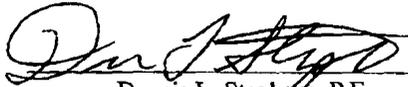
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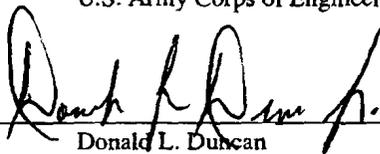
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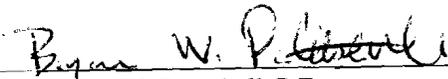
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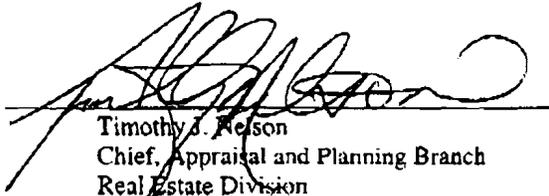
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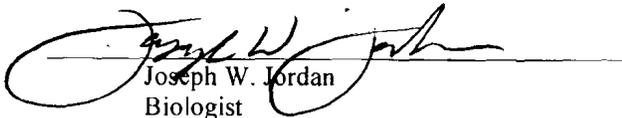
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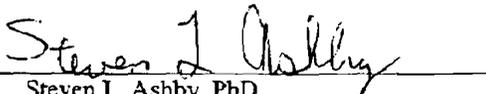
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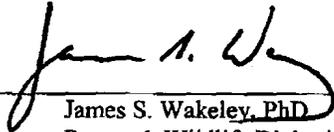
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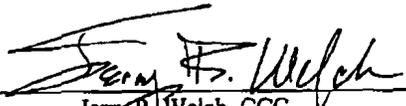
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