TRANSPORTATION REPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 100-YEAR HURRICANE AND STORM DAMAGE RISK REDUCTION SYSTEM

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Summary

This document describes and characterizes the environmental impacts of alternatives for transporting the materials necessary to construct the 100-year Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) for New Orleans, Louisiana. The analyses address the effects of using the public highways, railways, and waterways to supply earthen borrow, structural steel (e.g., sheetpile, pipe pile, H-pile), ready-mix concrete, concrete pile, aggregate, and rock to over 100 different construction projects for the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity and West Bank and Vicinity Projects. These construction projects are scheduled for completion by 2011 at a total cost of over \$15 billion. The database of projects used to analyze effects contains 105 projects that include material quantities shown below in table S-1.

Table S-1. Major Materials Quantities

The CEMVN is separately preparing a Comprehensive Environmental Document (CED) to address the overall cumulative impacts of construction and future operations and maintenance for the HSDRRS. This analysis is more limited in scope, but will support the CED.

Alternatives

Four transportation alternatives have been developed to provide a range of meaningfully different alternatives for assessing. They are maximum truck use, maximum barge use, maximum rail use, and the likely scenario identifying the actions most likely to occur.

When considering the differences among the alternatives, it is important to note that the majority of all trips necessary to construct the HSRRS are for the transportation of borrow (earthen fill) and this material cannot be economically transported by rail or barge. Borrow can only be transported by truck because the source sites lack the infrastructure to accommodate the use of rail or barge and significant costs accrue when borrow is handled multiple times (the loading and unloading of material). For this reason, multiple modes of transportation (e.g., truck to rail to truck and truck to barge to truck) of borrow were not evaluated.

Figures S-1 through S-4 show truck deliveries per day for all project materials distributed across a master schedule, beginning on 1 January 2009.² The figures consistently show daily borrow deliveries of:

- over 1,000 for 100 weeks;
- \bullet over 2,000 for 60 weeks;
- over 3,000 for 40 weeks; and
- over 4,000 for 10 weeks.

Most importantly, the figures show that differences in the number of trips between the four alternatives are negligible because the vast majority of trips are made for the delivery of borrow, which is transported exclusively by truck in each of the four alternatives.

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¹The master schedule was established based on CEMVN's milestone database as of July 2009.

²The period of analysis includes roughly 380 weeks. Construction at a select few sites began as early as July 2007, and the number trips associated with deliveries to those sites does not exceed 300 per day. Figures S-1 through S-4 show the trips beginning on 1 January 2009 and proceeding for 180 weeks.

Figure S-2 Truck Trips Distributed Across Schedule Maximum Barge Scenario

Figure S-3 Truck Trips Distributed Across Schedule Maximum Rail Scenario

Figure S-4 Truck Trips Distributed Across Schedule Likely Scenario

Assessment

Transportation impacts were evaluated by attaching the number of truck trips per day, over the course of each project construction, to each road segment traversed, by the route carrying materials, from the material origin to the roadway exit point, and returning to the origin. For each road segment used in each of the four alternative transportation scenarios, the number of trucks traversing each road segment during each week of the construction project was summed. This quantification provided the total number of trucks traversing any part of the transportation network at any time in the project schedule. This allows the estimation of the effects to traffic congestion, infrastructure degradation, accident risks, and diesel emissions.

Findings

The environmental consequences for transportation were modeled using materials quantities from ongoing construction designs in various stages of completion, with associated schedule changes, based on standardized truck, rail, and barge loading factors, and transported along unspecified routes to construction projects. This analysis depicts what the effects would be if there were no design or schedules changes after July 2009, and all of the simplifying assumptions described in this report were uniformly correct. Predicting traffic or road surface conditions on a particular segment of route, on a given day in the project schedule is not a realistic expectation from this analysis.

However, these limitations should not diminish the value of the analysis or the validity of the alternatives comparison. Each of the four alternatives (Max Truck, Max Barge, Max Rail, and Likely Scenario) is evaluated to compare the effects to traffic congestion, infrastructure

degradation, accidents, and emissions. The similarities and limited differences between the alternatives are valuable for the consideration of transportation alternatives. There are slight differences in some of the metrics (e.g., truckloads) because of different rounding assumptions as the data were manipulated; this does not diminish the value of the assessment to decision makers.

Congestion

The alternative-specific transportation routes developed were parsed into approximately 8,000 route segments. These route segments, along with schedules for delivery and the demand-driven truck trips, formed the basis for the calculation of incremental changes to the Regional Planning Commission's Congestion Management Index. These changes provide a relative assessment of the predicted changes in traffic. Over 3 million separate changes in the CMI were calculated for the transportation route segments, for the six DOTD classes of roads in greater New Orleans, for each of the 380 weeks of the project analysis period, for each of the four alternatives, moving more than 2 million truckloads.

Table S-2 presents the maximum calculated change in the CMI for any of the 8,000 segments within the six DOTD road classifications. These data indicate no discernable difference between the alternatives with respect to the effects on congestion.

Table S-2. Alternative Comparison – Maximum Change in CMI

An additional method was used to increase the understanding and improve the communication of truck congestion resulting from materials delivery. This method was based on the need to identify individual, highly utilized roads for community-level planning and public awareness. A key component of the analysis was the establishment of truck traffic thresholds. The thresholds, shown in table S-3, were used as a proxy to suggest the level of truck traffic at which the roadway users and adjacent property owners would likely perceive an increase.

Table S-3. Truck Frequency Thresholds by Functional Road Class

To better understand the overall effect on single roadways, multiple segments (of the 8,000 route segments) were dissolved into single road segments where both name and functional classification were shared. By consolidating segments in this fashion, the most impacted roads of each functional classification could be identified within the materials transportation routes. These roads were then examined to determine how many of the roads exceeded the functionalclass specific traffic thresholds under each of the four alternatives. Table S-4 summarizes the number of roads, by functional classification, that are predicted to exceed the thresholds.

Figure S-5 shows the roads included in the routing of project materials deliveries under the likely scenario. Figure S-6 shows the locations of roads that are expected to exceed frequency thresholds for the likely scenario.

Figure S-5. Road Network Used for Project Materials Delivery (Likely Scenario)

Figure S-6. Roads Exceeding Thresholds (Likely Scenario)

The following four tables (S-5 through S-8) identify the functional class-specific roads that exceed the truck frequency thresholds shown in table S-3. For the identified roads, the tables

provide the number of months the threshold would be exceeded, the minimum number of trucks per day that triggered the first exceedance, the maximum number of trucks per day, and the average number of trucks per day. The roadways are sorted in descending order by the number of months the truck thresholds are exceeded. Roads listed in these tables are those predicted to be most affected by increases in truck traffic and the durations for which these effects are expected.

Table S-5. DOTD Road Class 3 Number of Days Threshold of 360 Material Delivery Trucks Per Day Exceeded

Statistics for Days on Which Materials

Table S-6. DOTD Road Class 4 Number of Days Threshold of 240 Material Delivery Trucks Per Day Exceeded

Table S-7. DOTD Road Class 5 Number of Days Threshold of 150 Material Delivery Trucks Per Day Exceeded

Statistics for Days on Which Materials Delivery Truck Count Threshold is Exceeded

Table S-8. DOTD Road Class 8 Number of Days Threshold of 50 Material Delivery Trucks Per Day Exceeded

Infrastructure Degradation

The relatively small number of train and barge trips defined in the alternatives would not be expected to have any discernable effects to the rail or marine terminal infrastructure in greater New Orleans. Therefore, the discussion of the effects to infrastructure focused exclusively on the effects of truck transportation.

As show in table S-9, regardless of which alternative was implemented, between 1,100 and 1,300 lane miles of roadway within greater New Orleans would be traversed with between 2.19 and 2.35 million truck trips; the cost to infrastructure is estimated at between \$550 and \$650 million dollars for all of the alternatives. These similarities derive from the fact that the extent of truck transportation within greater New Orleans under each of the alternatives is substantially the same, because earthen fill accounts for more than 85-percent of all trips for each of the alternatives. There are no stark contrasts between the alternatives with respect to the number of lane miles potentially affected by the project within greater New Orleans.

Table S-9. Alternative Comparison – Infrastructure Degradation

Transportation Risks

As show in table S-10, Maximum Truck reflects the greatest collective accident risk for all three types of accidents. This is because of the significantly larger distance of truck travel (150 million miles traveled vs. less than 70 million) required under the Maximum Truck alternative

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 $3 \text{ Cost of approximately } $500,000 \text{ per lane mile based on cost per lane mile from the Submerged Road Program.}$ (RPC, 2009a).

when compared to the other three alternatives. The accident risks for the other three alternatives are substantially the same and primarily derive from the approximately 60-70 million miles of truck travel that is unavoidable. When transporting materials from remote locations to greater New Orleans by rail or barge, accident risks decrease.

| Mode | Estimated Miles | Projected Accidents | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|--|------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| | Traveled | Property Injury Only Damage Only | | Fatality | | | |
| Max Truck | 150,426,000 | 230.2 | 76.9 | 3.1 | | | |
| Max Barge | 60,395,160 | 111.1 | 31.3 | 1.3 | | | |
| Max Rail | 62,030,650 | 104.6 | 34.5 | 2.0 | | | |
| Likely Scenario | 68,943,520 | 106.2 | 35.1 | 1.4 | | | |

Table S-10. Alternative Comparison - Projected Accidents

Emissions

Table S-11 shows the estimated alternative-specific emissions. While the Max Truck alternative requires significantly more miles to be traveled, the per mile emissions from truck transportation are considerably less than emissions from tugboats or locomotives. Therefore, the alternatives that include the usage of barge or rail transportation have greater emissions of VOCs, NOx, CO, and PM than when truck transportation alone was assumed.

Table S-11. Comparison of the Alternatives – Diesel Emissions (tons)

| Alternative | Miles (millions) | Gallons of Diesel (millions) | VOCs | NOx | CO ₂ | CO | PM _{2.5} | PM_{10} | SO ₂ | NH ₃ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|-------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Max Truck | 150.4 | 23.4 | 76.8 | 1,393 | 265,362 | 371.0 | 27.9 | 30.3 | 2.5 | 4.4 |
| Max Barge | 60.4 | 25.6 | 166.4 | 3,957 | 278,718 | 433.5 | 73.3 | 79.7 | 335.8 | 1.8 |
| Max Rail | 62.0 | 17.3 | 98.0 | 2,046 | 192,379 | 328.5 | 44.7 | 47.6 | 94.4 | 1.8 |
| Likely Scenario | 68.9 | 22.3 | 131.9 | 3,062 | 244,557 | 373.5 | 57.1 | 62.0 | *239.8 | 2.0 |

*No separate emission factor used for SO_2 for tug emissions. Reported as SO_x .

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The construction-related negative effects resulting from providing the 100-year level of hurricane damage risk reduction for these projects may potentially represent the largest cumulative environmental consequences in the New Orleans region for the next 4 to 7 years. Cumulative impacts for the actions considered in all of the IERs will be incorporated into the CED. In order to construct the HSDRRS, substantial quantities of building materials need to be brought to and transported within greater New Orleans. Quantifying the cumulative environmental effects from the transportation of these materials to, and within, New Orleans is the focus of this study.

This analysis has been prepared with the engineering design reports for many of the projects not yet finalized. As such, the analysis of transportation effects has been performed prior to the completion of final design and is based on materials quantities estimated to construct the HSDRRS. Estimates were developed from design calculations, best professional judgment, and design reports completed for similar levee and floodwall alignments nearby. The description of the projects, materials, and transportation analysis does not represent a formal commitment to final design, equipment for use, vendors for supply of materials, or methods of construction, but gives an approximation of how the materials needed could be transported to the necessary construction projects.

1.1 Purpose and Need for Corps Action

On 29 August 2005, Hurricane Katrina caused major damage to the Federal and non-Federal flood control and Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) in southeast Louisiana. Hurricane Rita followed this storm on 24 September 2005, and made landfall on the Louisiana-Texas state border, causing damage to the HSDRRS in southern Louisiana. Since the storms, the USACE has been working with state and local officials to restore the Federal and non-Federal flood control and HSDRRS projects and related works in the affected area.

To date, approximately 60 percent of the New Orleans population has returned to the area. Many residences and businesses are waiting to see positive improvements in the level of protection before returning to the area. A USACE goal of June 2011 has been set for completion of much of the work that will raise the level of protection in the New Orleans area to a new standard and provide a level of security to residents and businesses that will allow and encourage them to return to the area.

The purpose of the proposed action is to construct and maintain 100-year risk reduction for greater New Orleans within the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity (LPV) and West Bank and Vicinity (WBV) Projects. The proposed action results from a defined need to reduce flood risk and storm damage to residences, businesses, and other infrastructure from hurricanes (100-year storm events) and other high water events. The completed HSDRRS would lower the risk of harm to citizens, and damage to infrastructure during a storm event. The safety of people in the region is the highest priority of the CEMVN.

The LPV Project (IERs #1-11) extends approximately 125 miles in length from the La Branch Wetlands Levee in St. Charles Parish to the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Floodgates in Orleans and St. Bernard Parishes. The LPV Project provides risk reduction to the East Bank of New Orleans. The WBV project, (IERs #12-17) extends approximately 66 miles in length from the Western Tie-in (IER #16) in St. Charles and Jefferson Parishes to the Hero Canal Levee and Eastern Terminus in Plaquemines Parish (IER #13).

1.2 Authority for the Projects

The authority for the proposed actions was provided as part of a number of hurricane protection projects spanning southeastern Louisiana, including the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity (LPV) Hurricane Protection Project and the West Bank and Vicinity (WBV) Hurricane Protection Project. Congress and the Administration granted a series of supplemental appropriations acts following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to repair and upgrade the project systems damaged by the storms that gave additional authority to the USACE to construct 100-year HSDRRS projects.

The LPV project was authorized under the Flood Control Act of 1965 (P.L. [Public Law] 89-298, Title II, Sec. 204) which amended, authorized a "project for hurricane protection on Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana...substantially in accordance with the recommendations of the Chief of Engineers in House Document 231, Eighty-ninth Congress." The original statutory authorization for the LPV Project was amended by the Water Resources Development Acts (WRDA) of 1974 (P.L. 93-251, Title I, Sec. 92) 1986 (P.L. 99-662, Title VIII, Sec. 805 1990 (P.L. 101-640, Sec. 116); 1992 (P.L. 102-580, Sec. 102), 1996 (P.L. 104-303, Sec. 325); 1999 (P.L. 106-53, Sec. 324); and 2000 (P.L. 106-541, Sec. 432); and Energy and Water Development Appropriations Acts of 1992 (PL 102-104, Title I, Construction, General); 1993 (PL 102-377, Title I, Construction, General); and 1994 (PL 103-126, Title I, Construction, General).

The WBV project was authorized under the WRDA, as cited previously. The Westwego to Harvey Canal Hurricane Protection Project was authorized by the WRDA of 1986. The WRDA of 1996 modified the project and added the Lake Cataouatche Project and the East of Harvey Canal Project. The WRDA 1999 (P.L. 106-53, Section 328) combined the three projects into one project under the current name.

The Department of Defense, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, and Pandemic Influenza Act of 2006 (3rd Supplemental - P.L. 109-148, Chapter 3, Construction, and Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies) authorized accelerated completion of the project and restoration of project features to design elevations at 100 percent Federal cost. The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery of 2006 (4th Supplemental - P.L. 109-234, Title II, Chapter 3, Construction, and Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies) authorizes construction of authorized a 100-year level of protection; the replacement or reinforcement of floodwalls; and the

construction of levee armoring at critical locations. Additional Supplemental Appropriations include the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 H.R. 2206 (pg. 41-44) Title IV, Chapter 3, Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies, (5th Supplemental), General Provisions, Sec. 4302.

1.3 Requirement for Evaluation

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires CEMVN to consider the environmental consequences of their major federal actions and to make informed decisions. One component of examining the consequences of decision-making is a consideration of the effects to the human environment from transportation of construction materials. When transportation is such a major component of a proposed action, the environmental impacts of such transport should be analyzed, even when CEMVN is not directly responsible for the transportation.

The CEQ regulations require that in preparing an EIS, an agency consider three types of impacts on the environment: direct, indirect, and cumulative. Indirect impacts are defined as those "which are caused by the action and are later in time or farther removed in distance, but are still reasonably foreseeable" (40 CFR §1508.8). A cumulative impact is defined as an "impact on the environment which results from the incremental impact of the action when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions regardless of what agency (Federal or non-Federal) or person undertakes such other actions. Cumulative impacts can result from individually minor but collectively significant actions taking place over a period of time" (40 CFR §1508.7).

This study quantifies the effects from transportation of large quantities of materials, over the same transportation routes, to and within greater New Orleans. These successive trips, through the same geographic areas, may result in cumulative effects on infrastructure, traffic congestion, air quality, and accident risks to the public.

Both NEPA and the CEQ regulations require that CEMVN consider and evaluate appropriate alternatives to proposed actions that will effect the environment. Section 102(2)(E) of NEPA provides that all agencies of the Federal Government shall "study, develop, and describe appropriate alternatives to recommended courses of action in any proposal which involves unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources."

1.4 Cargo Capacity Assumptions

The dimensions of units used to transport freight vary widely within each of the three modes (rail, truck, and barge) of transportation evaluated in this report. In order to facilitate a meaningful cross-modal comparison, standard dimensions of the units used by each mode were defined. In comparing the modes, the capacity of the unit of transport were analyzed, not the average load. In this manner, all three modes could be evaluated on the same scale.

1.4.1 Truck Transport

The typical bulk commodity truck's body type, axle configuration, fuel, gross, tare, and cargo weight used in this study were developed based on interviews with various trucking entities and comparison to similar studies (e.g., MARAD, 2007). The typical truck for this study is a Heavy Duty Diesel Vehicle with a GVWR of 80,000 lbs providing 40,000 lbs (20 tons) of cargo weight for the transport of steel and concrete pile, 22.5 tons for the transport of rock and aggregate, and 14.5 cubic yards of borrow. The typical axle configuration is that of a typical tractor-trailer truck (i.e., an 18-wheeler) with a steering axle and two tandem axles, or five total axles.

1.4.2 Barge Transport

The most common dimension of shallow draft barges carrying dry bulk are approximately 200 feet long by 35 feet wide. The average cargo capacity for barges of approximately this size is approximately 1,757 short tons (MARAD, 2007), rounded down to 1,200 tons for use in this study in most cases. For direct delivery of rock and concrete pile to Lake Pontchartrain project sites, barges were assumed to be light loaded at 500 tons. The analysis also assumes that barges would not be transported singly by a tug, but would be part of a barge fleet where 10 barges (2 x 5) were moved per tug.

1.4.3 Rail Transport

There is significant variation in railroad carload capacities depending on the specific material being hauled. According to the Association of American Railroads, the average carload for coal was 112.5 tons in 2006 and general-purpose tank cars carry up to 125 tons (MARAD, 2007). For this study, the standard rail car load was assumed to be 110 tons. The standard train was assumed to consist of 100 railcars and three locomotives.

1.4.4 Comparison of Mode Capacity

The standard capacities for the various freight units, across all three modes of transportation are summarized in table 1-1. Table 1-2 provides a comparison of the carrying capacity of each mode of transportation. Table 1-3 provides the standard cargo capacity comparison when considering a shipping unit of a trainload or barge tow that includes multiple railcars or barges within the shipping event.

Table 1-2. Number of Units Needed to Move 1,500 Tons of Material

Table 1-3. Standard Cargo Capacity Comparison

1.5 Materials Delivery Assumptions

The primary objectives in the transportation and traffic impact analysis were to determine the logical path for delivering construction materials from the respective origins to the project sites (destinations) and assess the impact of this transportation. To assist in this analysis and assessment effort, the LaDOTD highway classification scheme and the Congestion Management Index data from the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission were mapped to the existing street data.

The determination of the logical path of travel required the identification of construction materials source locations (borrow pits, concrete plants, etc.) and locations where project vehicles would leave the roadway to gain access to the construction sites. GIS roadway routing software was used to determine the fastest round-trip route from each material source location to each project roadway exit point, except for borrow. Government-furnished borrow source location and roadway exit point locations were explicitly paired to link origins and destinations. Round-trip route paths were modeled such that routes using divided highways and one-way streets used separate street segments for return paths. Multiple material source locations were modeled for steel and concrete, thereby providing alternative source locations depending on the means of bringing these materials into the greater New Orleans area.

These alternative source locations include New Orleans marine terminals, rail yards, and I-10, if transported by barge, rail, or truck, respectively. From the list of all possible routes, the shortest route for each material to each roadway exit point for each transportation mode was selected as the most likely origin location to be used for each roadway exit point (destination). These most

likely routes were matched to the materials used at each project to determine which routes would be presumed to transport materials to each project. This process of matching routes to project materials requirements was performed for all projects and all major materials.

The transportation and traffic impact assessment was conducted by attaching the number of truck trips per day over the course of each project's construction timeframe, to each road segment traversed by the route carrying each type of material from the origin to the destination and returning to the origin. For each road segment used, the number of trucks traversing each road segment during each week of the construction project was aggregated. This quantification provided the total number of trucks traversing any part of the transportation network at any time in the project schedule.⁴ These values represent the added traffic load anticipated as a result of project construction.

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⁴ Construction start date and duration were established based on CEMVN's milestone database as of July, 2009.

2 Projects and Quantities

Sections 2.1 through 2.17 provide quantity estimates for material needed to construct the projects evaluated in all 17 IERs.

The database of projects used to analyze quantities, trips, and timing of trips contains 105 projects, which were analyzed in 17 IERs. In total, 105 projects account total materials quantities of:

For each IER, seven separate tables provide details about the materials used to construct the HSDRRS. The tables reflect quantities data collected from design documents, project management reports, borrow tracking reports, milestone reports, and project management scheduling output.

Tables designated as "a" summarize the quantities and type of materials needed for each of the construction projects associated with that IER. For each project, the "a" tables show the quantities of earthen fill, concrete, aggregate, sheet pile, H-pile, pipe pile, concrete pile, and rock

Tables "b" through "g" provide the scheduled demand for each project's earthen fill, steel, concrete, aggregate, concrete pile, and rock. Information on duration (in calendar days) and the expected Notice to Proceed (NTP) for each project is also included.

Tables "b" through "g" show demand separated into three equal time periods:

- first third;
- second third:
- and final third.

Separating a project demand schedule into thirds allows a more realistic depiction of the uneven demand for materials during construction. For example, during the first third of any earthen levee project, 10 percent of the earthen material required for construction is assumed to be delivered to the site. This assumption allows time for site preparation and earthwork prior to full-scale production of the earthen levee. Similar assumptions have been made for all other types of materials and projects.

The assumed proportions of materials required for construction during each project third is shown below.

Note that the data shown for steel in the "c" tables, and concrete pile in the "f" tables do not match the data for quantities shown in the "a" tables. Steel is shown in the "a" tables in square feet for sheet pile, and linear feet for H-pile and pipe pile. Similarly, concrete pile is shown in the "a" tables in linear feet. This is because the quantities shown in the "a" tables are taken from design documents, and provide a traceable link to the data sources. Tables "b" through "f" show materials after any necessary conversion to tons for truckloads.

2.1 IER #1 - La Branche Wetlands Levee, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana

The proposed actions for IER #1 include raising approximately nine miles of earthen levees, replacing over 3,000 feet of floodwalls, rebuilding or modifying four drainage structures, closing one drainage structure, and modifying one railroad gate in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. Details of the proposed action are available in the Final IER at www.nolaenvironmental.gov. Individual contracts included in IER 1 are listed below, and figure 2-1 provides an overview of the projects.

Figure 2-1. IER #1 Project Area

| Reach | Earthen Fill (CY) | Concrete (CY) | Aggregate (Tons) | Sheet Pile (SF) | Н Pile (LF) | Pipe Pile (LF) | Concrete Pile (LF) | Rock (Tons) |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| LPV03d.2 | 202,000 | | | 500 | | | | |
| LPV04.1 | 1,312,000 | | | | | | | |
| LPV04.2A | 408,000 | | | | | | | |
| LPV04.2B | 620,000 | | | | | | | |
| LPV05.2A | 440.000 | | | | | | | |
| LPV05.2B | 1,200,000 | | | | | | | |
| LPV06a.2 | 10,000 | 4,800 | 7,300 | 127,100 | 72,300 | | | |
| LPV06e.2 | | 14,300 | 21,600 | 54,800 | 41,600 | 2,200 | | |
| LPV06f.2 | 14,000 | 1,000 | 1,500 | 36,600 | 12,000 | | | |
| LPV07b.2 | | 1,900 | 2,800 | 37,300 | 38,300 | 4,100 | | |
| LPV07c.2 | 180,000 | 1,800 | 2,800 | 41,200 | 34,700 | 3,700 | | |
| LPV07d.2 | 20,000 | 1,800 | 2,800 | 37,300 | 32,400 | 5,600 | | |

Table 2-1a. Materials Quantities for Construction Reaches in IER #1

Table 2-1b. Earthen Fill Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #1

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| LPV03d.2 | 200 | Feb-10 | 10 | LT10 | | | | |
| LPV04.1 | 730 | Jul-07 | | | | | | |
| LPV04.2A | 420 | Sep-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV04.2B | 420 | Oct-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV05.2A | 420 | Nov-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV05.2B | 530 | Sep-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV06a.2 | 310 | Sep-09 | 5,760 | 60 | | | | |
| LPV06e.2 | 390 | Nov-09 | 3,090 | 20 | | | | |
| LPV06f.2 | 370 | $Jan-10$ | 1,260 | 10 | | | | |
| LPV07b.2 | 510 | Dec-09 | 2,700 | 20 | | | | |
| LPV07c.2 | 500 | Jan-10 | 2,600 | 20 | | | | |
| LPV07d.2 | 270 | Aug-09 | 2,540 | 30 | | | | |

Table 2-1c. Steel Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #1

Table 2-1d. Concrete Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #1

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| LPV03d.2 | 200 | Feb-10 | | | | | | |
| LPV04.1 | 730 | Jul-07 | | | | | | |
| LPV04.2A | 420 | Sep-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV04.2B | 420 | Oct-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV05.2A | 420 | Nov-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV05.2B | 530 | Sep-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV06a.2 | 310 | Sep-09 | 1,470 | 10 | 2,930 | 30 | 2,930 | 30 |
| LPV06e.2 | 390 | Nov-09 | 4,320 | 30 | 8,650 | 70 | 8,650 | 70 |
| LPV06f.2 | 370 | Jan-10 | 310 | LT10 | 620 | LT10 | 620 | LT10 |
| LPV07b.2 | 510 | Dec-09 | 560 | LT10 | 1,120 | LT10 | 1,120 | LT10 |
| LPV07c.2 | 500 | Jan-10 | 550 | LT10 | 1,100 | LT10 | 1,100 | LT10 |
| LPV07d.2 | 270 | Aug-09 | 550 | LT10 | 1,100 | 10 | 1,100 | 10 |

Table 2-1e. Aggregate Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #1

None of the projects require concrete pile, or rock for construction. Tables 2-1f and 2-1g have been omitted.

2.2 IER #2 – West Return Floodwall, Jefferson-St. Charles Parish, Louisiana

The proposed actions for IER #2 is the replacement of approximately 3.4 miles of floodwalls: West Return Floodwall, Floodwall under I-10, and Recurve I-Wall in Northwest Kenner. Details of the proposed action are available in the Final IER at www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

Individual contracts included in IER 2 are listed below, and figure 2-2 provides an overview of the projects.

Figure 2-2. IER #2 Project Area

Table 2-2a. Materials Quantities for Construction Reaches in IER #2

Table 2-2b. Earthen Fill Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #2

Table 2-2c. Steel Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #2

Table 2-2d. Concrete Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #2

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|----------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| LPV03.2A | 540 | $Feb-10$ | 30,280 | 170 | 60,570 | 340 | 60.570 | 340 |
| LPV03.2B | 540 | Feb-10 | | | | | | |

Table 2-2e. Aggregate Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #2

None of the projects require concrete pile for construction. Table 2-2f has been omitted.

Table 2-2g. Rock Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #2

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|----------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| LPV03.2A | 540 | $Feb-10$ | | | | | 87.700 | 490 |
| LPV03.2B | 540 | $Feb-10$ | | | | | | |

2.3 IER #3 – Jefferson East Bank, Jefferson Parish Louisiana

The proposed actions for IER #3 are 11 separate construction projects that collectively rebuild 9.5 miles of earthen levees along the Lake Pontchartrain waterfront, upgrade the foreshore protection, replace two floodgates, and construct fronting protection and breakwaters at four pumping stations. Details of the proposed actions are available in the Final IER at www.nolaenvironmental.gov. Individual contracts included in IER 3 are listed below, and figure 2-3 provides an overview of the projects.

Table 2-3a. Materials Quantities for Construction Reaches in IER #3

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|----------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| LPV00.2 | 280 | Sep-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV01.2 | 310 | Mar-10 | | | | | | |
| LPV02.2 | 290 | Jul-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV09.2 | 1470 | Oct-09 | 16,050 | 30 | | | | |
| LPV09a.2 | 190 | May-09 | 310 | LT10 | | | | |
| LPV12a.2 | 250 | Aug-09 | 220 | LT10 | | | | |
| LPV16.2 | 150 | Nov-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV17.2 | 680 | May-10 | 980 | LT10 | | | | |
| LPV18.2 | 130 | Sep-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV19.2 | 240 | Aug-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV20.2 | 300 | Mar-10 | | | | | | |

Table 2-3c. Steel Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #3

Table 2-3d. Concrete Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #3

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|----------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| LPV00.2 | 280 | Sep-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV01.2 | 310 | Mar-10 | | | | | | |
| LPV02.2 | 290 | Jul-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV09.2 | 1470 | Oct-09 | 8,370 | 20 | 16,730 | 30 | 16,730 | 30 |
| LPV09a.2 | 190 | May-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV12a.2 | 250 | Aug-09 | 460 | LT10 | 910 | 10 | 910 | 10 |
| LPV16.2 | 150 | Nov-09 | 150 | LT10 | 300 | LT10 | 300 | LT10 |
| LPV17.2 | 680 | $May-10$ | 70 | LT10 | 140 | LT10 | 140 | LT10 |
| LPV18.2 | 130 | Sep-09 | 160 | LT10 | 310 | LT10 | 310 | LT10 |
| LPV19.2 | 240 | Aug-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV20.2 | 300 | Mar-10 | | | | | | |

Table 2-3e. Aggregate Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #3

Table 2-3f. Concrete Pile Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #3

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|----------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| LPV00.2 | 280 | Sep-09 | | | | | 130,900 | 1,400 |
| LPV01.2 | 310 | Mar-10 | | | | | 69,940 | 680 |
| LPV02.2 | 290 | Jul-09 | | | | | 131,040 | 1,360 |
| LPV09.2 | 1470 | Oct-09 | | | | | 33,810 | 70 |
| LPV09a.2 | 190 | May-09 | | | | | 35,000 | 550 |
| LPV12a.2 | 250 | Aug-09 | | | | | 3,770 | 50 |
| LPV16.2 | 150 | Nov-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV17.2 | 680 | May-10 | | | | | | |
| LPV18.2 | 130 | Sep-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV19.2 | 240 | Aug-09 | | | | | 72,930 | 910 |
| LPV20.2 | 300 | Mar-10 | | | | | 60,970 | 610 |

Table 2-3g. Rock Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #3

2.4 IER #4 – New Orleans Lakefront Levee, West of Inner Harbor Navigation Canal, Orleans Parish, Louisiana

The proposed actions for IER #4 rebuild approximately 4.4 miles of earthen levee, 7,600 feet of floodwall, 16 vehicle access gates, and one sector gate along the Lake Pontchartrain waterfront in Orleans Parish. Details of the proposed actions are available at www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

Individual contracts included in IER 4 are listed below, and figure 2-4 provides an overview of the projects.

Figure 2-4. IER # 4 Project Area

Table 2-4a. Materials Quantities for Construction Reaches in IER #4

Table 2-4b. Earthen Fill Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #4

Table 2-4c. Steel Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #4

Table 2-4e. Aggregate Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #4

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|-------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| LPV101.2 | 700 | Jul-09 | 4,990 | 20 | 9,980 | 40 | 9,980 | 40 |
| LPV103.01A | 400 | Aug-09 | 1,520 | 10 | 3,040 | 20 | 3,040 | 20 |
| LPV103.01A2 | 200 | $Jan-10$ | 510 | LT10 | 1,010 | 20 | 1.010 | 20 |
| LPV104.01a | 390 | Sep-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV104.02 | 560 | Oct-09 | 720 | LT10 | 1.440 | LT10 | 1,440 | LT10 |

Table 2-4f. Concrete Pile Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #4

| | | First Third | | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| LPV101.2 | 700 | Jul-09 | | | | | 1,770 | LT10 |
| LPV103.01A | 400 | Aug-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV103.01A2 | 200 | $Jan-10$ | | | | | | |
| LPV104.01a | 390 | Sep-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV104.02 | 560 | Oct-09 | | | | | | |

Table 2-4g. Rock Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #4

2.5 IER #5 – Outfall Canal Closure Structures, 17th Street Canal, Orleans Avenue Canal, and London Avenue Canal, Orleans and Jefferson Parishes, Louisiana

The proposed actions for IER #5 provide new closure structures and pumping stations for each of three canals $(17th Street Canal, Orleans Outfall Canal, and London Avenue Canal) all under a$ single construction project, PCCP-01. Details of the proposed actions are available at www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

Individual contracts included in IER 5 are listed below, and figure 2-5 provides an overview of the projects.

PCCP-01 PCCP -Pump Stations for Outfall Canal Closures

Figure 2-5. IER # 5 Project Area

Table 2-5a. Materials Quantities for Construction Reaches in IER #5

The projects do not require earthen fill, concrete pile, or rock. Tables 2-5b, 2-5f, and 2-5g have been omitted.

Table 2-5c. Steel Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #5

Table 2-5d. Concrete Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #5

Table 2-5e. Aggregate Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #5

2.6 IER #6 – New Orleans East, Orleans Parish, Louisiana

The proposed actions for IER #6 provide 6 miles of levee or 1.9 miles of levee and conversion of 4.1 miles of levees to floodwall and replacement of two miles of floodwalls and four floodgates. Details of the proposed actions are available at www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

Individual contracts included in IER 6 are listed below, and figure 2-6 provides an overview of the projects.

Figure 2-6. IER # 6 Project Area

Table 2-6a. Materials Quantities for Construction Reaches in IER #6

Table 2-6b. Earthen Fill Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #6

Table 2-6c. Steel Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #6

Table 2-6e. Aggregate Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #6

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| LPV105.01 | 380 | $Jan-10$ | 4,620 | 40 | 9,250 | 70 | 9,250 | 70 |
| LPV105.02 | 380 | $Feb-10$ | 1,630 | 10 | 3,260 | 30 | 3,260 | 30 |
| LPV106 | 360 | $Dec-09$ | 12,260 | 100 | 24,520 | 200 | 24,520 | 200 |
| LPV106.01 | 740 | Sep-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV107 | 280 | $Jan-10$ | 230 | LT10 | 450 | LT10 | 450 | LT10 |

None of the projects require concrete pile for construction. Table 2-6f has been omitted.

Table 2-6g. Rock Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #6

2.7 IER #7 – New Orleans East, Orleans Parish, Louisiana

The proposed actions for IER #7 provide 19.3 miles of levee and three floodgates. Details of the proposed actions are available at www.nolaenvironmental.gov. Individual contracts included in IER 7 are listed below, and figure 2-7 provides an overview of the projects.

Figure 2-7. IER # 7 Project Area

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| LPV108 | 280 | Dec-08 | | | | | | |
| LPV109.02a | 710 | Mar-10 | | | | | | |
| LPV109.02b | 510 | Mar-10 | | | | | | |
| LPV109.02c | 200 | Dec-09 | 1,130 | 20 | | | | |
| LPV110 | 400 | Apr-10 | 520 | LT10 | | | | |
| LPV111.01 | 840 | Aug-09 | 3,700 | 10 | | | | |
| LPV111.02 | 270 | $Dec-09$ | 1,330 | 10 | | | | |
| LPV113 | 240 | Jul-09 | | | | | | |

Table 2-7c. Steel Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #7

| | | | | First Third | | Second Third | Final Third | |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| LPV108 | 280 | Dec-08 | | | | | | |
| LPV109.02a | 710 | Mar-10 | 190 | LT10 | 390 | LT10 | 390 | LT10 |
| LPV109.02b | 510 | Mar-10 | | | | | | |
| LPV109.02c | 200 | $Dec-09$ | 500 | LT10 | 1,000 | 20 | 1,000 | 20 |
| LPV110 | 400 | Apr-10 | 90 | LT10 | 190 | LT10 | 190 | LT10 |
| LPV111.01 | 840 | Aug-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV111.02 | 270 | $Dec-09$ | 3,600 | 40 | 7,200 | 80 | 7,200 | 80 |
| LPV113 | 240 | Jul-09 | | | | | | |

Table 2-7e. Aggregate Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #7

None of the projects require concrete pile for construction. Table 2-7f has been omitted.

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| LPV108 | 280 | Dec-08 | | | | | 121,000 | 1,300 |
| LPV109.02a | 710 | Mar-10 | | | | | 2,540 | 10 |
| LPV109.02b | 510 | Mar-10 | | | | | | |
| LPV109.02c | 200 | Dec-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV110 | 400 | Apr-10 | | | | | | |
| LPV111.01 | 840 | Aug-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV111.02 | 270 | Dec-09 | | | | | | |
| LPV113 | 240 | Jul-09 | | | | | | |

Table 2-7g. Rock Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #7

2.8 IER #8 – Bayou Bienvenue and Bayou Dupre Control Structures, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana

The proposed actions for IER #8 require the replacement of approximately 1,000 linear feet of floodwalls and the replacement of two navigable floodgates. This project is being completed under one construction projects, LPV 144, Bayou Bienvenue and Bayou Dupre Floodgate Structures. Details of the proposed actions are available at www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

Individual contracts included in IER 8 are listed below, and figure 2-8 provides an overview of the projects.

LPV144 Chalmette Loop Levee, St. Bernard Parish

Figure 2-8. IER #8 Project Area

Table 2-8b. Earthen Fill Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #8

Table 2-8c. Steel Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #8

Table 2-8d. Concrete Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #8

Table 2-8e. Aggregate Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #8

The project does not require concrete pile for construction. Table 2-8f has been omitted.

Table 2-8g. Rock Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #8

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|--------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Dav | Total In Period | Total Per Dav |
| LPV144 | 510 | Dec-09 | | | | | 13,220 | 80 |

2.9 IER #9 – Caernarvon Floodwall, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana

The proposed actions for IER #9 involve the replacement of two floodgates, the reconstruction of 1,500 feet of floodwall, and possible realignment of levee. This project is being completed under a single construction project: LPV 149, Caernarvon Floodwall. Details of the proposed actions are available at www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

Individual contracts included in IER 9 are listed below, and figure 2-9 provides an overview of the projects.

LPV149 Chalmette Loop Levee, St. Bernard Parish

Mississippi River LPV 149 on the May Avenue of the May of the Way of t
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Figure 2-9. IER # 9 Project Area

Table 2-9a. Materials Quantities for Construction Reaches in IER #9

Table 2-9b. Earthen Fill Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #9

Table 2-9c. Steel Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #9

Table 2-9d. Concrete Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #9

Table 2-9e. Aggregate Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #9

The project does not require concrete pile or rock for construction. Tables 2-9f and 2-9g have been omitted.

2.10 IER #10 – Chalmette Loop, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana

The proposed actions for IER #10 provide 100-year elevation of risk reduction for 22 miles of levee, 1,500 linear feet of floodwalls, and three floodgates. This project is being completed under four discrete construction projects: LPV 145, Bayou Bienvenue to Bayou Dupre Levee; LPV 146, Bayou Dupre to Hwy 46 Levee; LPV 147, Hwy 46 Crossing and Bayou Road Flood Gate; and LPV 148.02, Verret to Caernarvon Levee. Details of the proposed actions are available at www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

Individual contracts included in IER 10 are listed below, and figure 2-10 provides an overview of the projects.

Figure 2-10. IER # 10 Project Area

Table 2-10a. Materials Quantities for Construction Reaches in IER #10

Table 2-10b. Earthen Fill Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #10

Table 2-10c. Steel Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #10

Table 2-10d. Concrete Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #10

Table 2-10e. Aggregate Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #10

Table 2-10f. Concrete Pile Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #10

Table 2-10g. Rock Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #10

2.11 IER #11 – Improved Protection on the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal, Orleans and St. Bernard Parishes, Louisiana

The proposed actions under IER #11 would provide structural barriers to prevent damaging storm surges from entering the IHNC from Lake Pontchartrain and/or the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW)-Mississippi River Gulf Outlet (MRGO)-Lake Borgne complex ("Lake Borgne complex"). The first proposed action, referred to as "Borgne 1," encompasses a location range within which a barrier could be built to address storm surge from the Lake Borgne complex. The second proposed action, referred to as "Pontchartrain 2," encompasses a location range within which a barrier could be built to address storm surge from the Lake Pontchartrain. Details of the proposed actions are available at www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

Individual contracts included in IER 11 are listed below, and figure 2-11 provides an overview of the projects.

Gulf Intercoastal Waterway **IHNC 02** Levee Floodwall **Closure Gate Mississippi River Gulf Outlet**

Figure 2-11. IER # 11 Project Area

Table 2-11a. Materials Quantities for Construction Reaches in IER #11

The project does not require earthen fill for construction. Table 2-11b has been omitted.

Table 2-11c. Steel Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #11

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|---------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| IHNC01 | 700 | $Feb-10$ | | | | | | |
| IHNC-2a | 1150 | Apr-08 | 8,640 | 20 | | | | |
| IHNC-2b | 1150 | Apr-08 | 4,740 | 10 | | | | |
| IHNC-2c | 1150 | Apr-08 | 16,700 | 40 | | | | |
| IHNC-2d | 1150 | Apr-08 | 7,170 | 20 | | | | |

Table 2-11d. Concrete Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #11

Table 2-11f. Concrete Pile Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #11

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|---------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| IHNC01 | 700 | Feb-10 | | | | | | |
| IHNC-2a | 1150 | Apr-08 | | | | | | |
| IHNC-2b | 1150 | Apr-08 | | | | | | |
| IHNC-2c | 1150 | Apr-08 | 90,180 | 240 | | | | |
| IHNC-2d | 1150 | Apr-08 | 34,200 | 90 | | | | |

Table 2-11g. Rock Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #11

2.12 IER #12 – GIWW, Harvey and Algiers Levees and Floodwalls, Jefferson, Orleans, and Plaquemines Parishes, Louisiana

The proposed action for IER # 12 would consist of constructing approximately 3 miles of levee and floodwall that would reduce the length of the current alignment by eliminating the need for 25 miles of existing parallel protection. The proposed action also includes providing a 100-year level of risk reduction fronting protection for pump stations and backflow prevention. Existing pump stations in the detention basin behind the surge barrier would receive fronting protection (El. 8.5 ft, less than 100-year level of risk reduction) and backflow prevention. Details of the proposed actions are available in the IER at www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

Individual contracts included in IER 12 are listed below, and figure 2-12 provides an overview of the projects.

- WBV46.2 Cousins Canal Walls Destrehan Bridge to Sector Gate
- WBV47.1 Algiers Lock to Belle Chase Hwy (West) Phase 1
- WBV48.2 Belle Chase Hwy to Algiers Lock (West) Phase 2
- WBV49.1 Hero Levee to Belle Chase Hwy (East) Phase 1
- WBV90 GIWW West Closure Complex

Figure 2-12. IER #12 Project Area

Table 2-12b. Earthen Fill Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #12

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| WBV03a | 780 | Jul-08 | 1,940 | LT10 | | | | |
| WBV03b | 490 | Dec-08 | 630 | LT10 | | | | |
| WBV04.2 | 210 | Oct-09 | 610 | LT10 | | | | |
| WBV05.2 | 210 | Oct-09 | 1,480 | 20 | | | | |
| WBV06.2 | 250 | $Jan-10$ | 2,800 | 30 | | | | |
| WBV06a.2 | 370 | May-10 | 21,680 | 180 | | | | |
| WBV07 | 580 | Oct-09 | 1,750 | LT10 | | | | |
| WBV08 | 590 | Oct-09 | 2,740 | 10 | | | | |
| WBV10 | 620 | Oct-09 | 1,270 | LT10 | | | | |
| WBV11 | 540 | Sep-09 | 740 | LT10 | | | | |
| WBV13 | 680 | Oct-09 | 1,620 | LT10 | | | | |
| WBV14a.2 | 360 | Dec-09 | 9,330 | 80 | | | | |
| WBV14g.2 | 780 | Sep-09 | 12,830 | 50 | | | | |
| WBV23 | 380 | Feb-10 | 2,270 | 20 | | | | |
| WBV33 | 560 | Oct-09 | 2,530 | 10 | | | | |
| WBV38.2 | 320 | May-10 | 2,050 | 20 | | | | |
| WBV44 | 470 | Feb-10 | 4,010 | 30 | | | | |
| WBV46.2 | 330 | Dec-09 | 2,030 | 20 | | | | |
| WBV47.1 | 240 | May-10 | 19,420 | 240 | | | | |
| WBV48.2 | 370 | May-10 | 35,150 | 280 | | | | |
| WBV49.1 | 180 | Apr-10 | 31,590 | 530 | | | | |
| WBV90 | 1720 | Feb-10 | 45,560 | 80 | | | | |

Table 2-12c. Steel Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #12

Table 2-12d. Concrete Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #12
| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| WBV03a | 780 | Jul-08 | 790 | LT10 | 1,590 | LT10 | 1,590 | LT10 |
| WBV03b | 490 | Dec-08 | 2,620 | 20 | 5,240 | 30 | 5,240 | 30 |
| WBV04.2 | 210 | Oct-09 | 130 | LT10 | 260 | LT10 | 260 | LT10 |
| WBV05.2 | 210 | Oct-09 | 310 | LT10 | 620 | LT10 | 620 | LT10 |
| WBV06.2 | 250 | Jan-10 | 1,720 | 20 | 3,440 | 40 | 3,440 | 40 |
| WBV06a.2 | 370 | $May-10$ | 1,610 | 10 | 3,220 | 30 | 3,220 | 30 |
| WBV07 | 580 | Oct-09 | 670 | LT10 | 1,330 | LT10 | 1,330 | LT10 |
| WBV08 | 590 | Oct-09 | 740 | LT10 | 1,490 | LT10 | 1,490 | LT10 |
| WBV10 | 620 | Oct-09 | 470 | LT10 | 950 | LT10 | 950 | LT10 |
| WBV11 | 540 | Sep-09 | 280 | LT10 | 550 | LT10 | 550 | LT10 |
| WBV13 | 680 | Oct-09 | 670 | LT10 | 1,330 | LT10 | 1,330 | LT10 |
| WBV14a.2 | 360 | Dec-09 | 2,000 | 20 | 3,990 | 30 | 3,990 | 30 |
| WBV14g.2 | 780 | Sep-09 | 3,760 | 10 | 7,520 | 30 | 7,520 | 30 |
| WBV23 | 380 | Feb-10 | 630 | LT10 | 1,260 | LT10 | 1,260 | LT10 |
| WBV33 | 560 | Oct-09 | 990 | LT10 | 1,980 | 10 | 1,980 | 10 |
| WBV38.2 | 320 | $May-10$ | 510 | LT10 | 1,010 | LT10 | 1,010 | LT10 |
| WBV44 | 470 | Feb-10 | 2,130 | 10 | 4,260 | 30 | 4,260 | 30 |
| WBV46.2 | 330 | Dec-09 | 590 | LT10 | 1,180 | 10 | 1,180 | 10 |
| WBV47.1 | 240 | $May-10$ | | | | | | |
| WBV48.2 | 370 | $May-10$ | 5,950 | 50 | 11,900 | 100 | 11,900 | 100 |
| WBV49.1 | 180 | Apr-10 | 1,080 | 20 | 2,150 | 40 | 2,150 | 40 |
| WBV90 | 1720 | Feb-10 | 60,430 | 110 | 120,860 | 210 | 120,860 | 210 |

Table 2-12e. Aggregate Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #12

Table 2-12g. Rock Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #12

2.13 IER #13 – Hero Canal Levee and Eastern Terminus, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

The proposed actions for IER #13 include raising approximately nine miles of earthen levees, replacing over 3,000 feet of floodwalls, rebuilding or modifying four drainage structures, closing one drainage structure, and modifying one railroad gate. Details of the proposed action are available in the Final IER at www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

Individual contracts included in IER 13 are listed below, and figure 2-13 provides an overview of the projects.

Figure 2-13. IER #13 Project Area

Table 2-13a. Materials Quantities for Construction Reaches in IER #13

Table 2-13b. Earthen Fill Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #13

Table 2-13c. Steel Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #13

Table 2-13d. Concrete Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #13

None of the projects require concrete pile for construction. Table 2-13f has been omitted.

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|--------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| WBV09a | 450 | Mar-10 | | | | | | |
| WBV09b | 470 | $Feb-10$ | | | | | | |
| WBV12 | 390 | Jun-10 | | | | | 840 | LT10 |

Table 2-13g. Rock Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #13

2.14 IER #14 – Westwego to Harvey Levee, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana

The proposed actions for IER #14 would increase the elevation of five existing levee reaches to meet the 100-year level of risk reduction and replace all existing pumping station fronting protection floodwalls with higher floodwall. Details of the proposed action are available in the Final IER at www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

Individual contracts included in IER 14 are listed below, and figure 2-14 provides an overview of the projects.

Figure 2-14. IER #14 Project Area

Table 2-14a. Materials Quantities for Construction Reaches in IER #14

Table 2-14b. Earthen Fill Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #14

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| WBV14b.2 | 170 | Sep-09 | 52,000 | 920 | 364,000 | 6,420 | 104,000 | 1,840 |
| WBV14c.2 | 330 | $Dec-09$ | 135,000 | 1,230 | 945,000 | 8,590 | 270,000 | 2,450 |
| WBV14d | 580 | Jul-09 | 12,000 | 60 | 84,000 | 430 | 24,000 | 120 |
| WBV14e.2 | 240 | Sep-09 | 57,000 | 710 | 399,000 | 4,990 | 114,000 | 1,430 |
| WBV14f.2 | 270 | Aug-09 | 18,800 | 210 | 131,600 | 1,460 | 37,600 | 420 |
| WBV14i | 240 | Sep-09 | 21,000 | 260 | 147,000 | 1,840 | 42,000 | 530 |
| WBV30 | 450 | Aug-09 | 400 | LT10 | 2,800 | 20 | 800 | LT10 |
| WBV37 | 730 | Mar-10 | 400 | LT10 | 2,800 | 10 | 800 | LT10 |

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| WBV14b.2 | 170 | Sep-09 | | | | | | |
| WBV14c.2 | 330 | Dec-09 | | | | | | |
| WBV14d | 580 | Jul-09 | 4,050 | 20 | | | | |
| WBV14e.2 | 240 | Sep-09 | | | | | | |
| WBV14f.2 | 270 | Aug-09 | | | | | | |
| WBV14i | 240 | Sep-09 | | | | | | |
| WBV30 | 450 | Aug-09 | 1,630 | 10 | | | | |
| WBV37 | 730 | Mar-10 | 1,200 | LT10 | | | | |

Table 2-14c. Steel Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #14

Table 2-14d. Concrete Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #14

Table 2-14e. Aggregate Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #14

Table 2-14f. Concrete Pile Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #14

Table 2-14g. Rock Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #14

2.15 IER #15 – Lake Cataouatche Levee, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana

The proposed actions for IER #15 would increase the elevation of approximately 8 miles of the Lake Cataouatche Levee and the Lake Cataouatche Pumping Station fronting protection to meet the 100 year level of risk reduction. Details of the proposed action are available in the Final IER at www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

Individual contracts included in IER 15 are listed below, and figure 2-15 provides an overview of the projects.

Figure 2-15. IER #15 Project Area

Table 2-15a. Materials Quantities for Construction Reaches in IER #15

Table 2-15b. Earthen Fill Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #15

Table 2-15c. Steel Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #15

Table 2-15e. Aggregate Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #15

None of the projects require concrete pile or rock for construction. Tables 2-15f and 2-15g have been omitted.

2.16 IER #16 – Western Tie-In, Jefferson and St. Charles Parishes, Louisiana

The proposed actions for IER #16 would require construction of new levee, floodwall, and closure structures to complete the western terminus of the West Bank and Vicinity Project; although authorized, the western tie in (connecting to the Mississippi River Levee) was never completed. The proposed action is an alignment south of Hwy 90 and south of the Outer Cataouatche Canal and then north along the eastern side of the Davis Pond Freshwater Diversion Canal to the Mississippi River Levee. The western tie in is being completed under six separate construction projects: WBV 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, and 75. Details of the proposed action are available at www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

Individual contracts included in IER 16 are listed below, and figure 2-16 provides an overview of the projects.

Table 2-16a. Materials Quantities for Construction Reaches in IER #16

Table 2-16b. Earthen Fill Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #16

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| WBV70 | 240 | Aug-09 | | | | | | |
| WBV71 | 150 | Sep-09 | 15,000 | 300 | 105,000 | 2,100 | 30,000 | 600 |
| WBV72 | 450 | Jan-10 | 300,000 | 2,000 | 2,100,000 | 14,000 | 600,000 | 4,000 |
| WBV73 | 540 | Nov-09 | 17,000 | 90 | 119,000 | 660 | 34,000 | 190 |
| WBV74 | 600 | Nov-09 | | | | | | |
| WBV75 | 150 | Sep-09 | | | | | | |

Table 2-16c. Steel Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #16

Table 2-16e. Aggregate Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #16

Table 2-16f. Concrete Pile Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #16

Table 2-16g. Rock Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #16

2.17 IER #17 – Company Canal Floodwall, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana

The proposed action for IER #17 would provide 100-year level of risk reduction for the Company Canal Floodwall from the Bayou Segnette State Park to the New Westwego Pumping Station. The existing floodwall is approximately 15,000 feet long and includes fronting protection for two pumping stations. A segment of the proposed action is on a new alignment; details of the proposed action are available in the Final IER at www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

Individual contracts included in IER 17 are listed below, and figure 2-17 provides an overview of the projects.

Figure 2-17. IER # 17 Project Area

Table 2-17a. Materials Quantities for Construction Reaches in IER #17

Table 2-17b. Earthen Fill Demand (Cubic Yards) by Project Period in IER #17

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| WBV16.2 | 610 | $Feb-10$ | 19,400 | 100 | 135,800 | 670 | 38,800 | 190 |
| WBV ₁₆ b | 600 | $Dec-09$ | | | | | | |
| WBV20 | 450 | Nov-09 | | | | | | |
| WBV21 | 400 | Nov-09 | | | | | | |
| WBV22 | 220 | $Nov-09$ | | | | | | |
| WBV24 | 640 | Nov-09 | 4,500 | 20 | 31,500 | 150 | 9,000 | 40 |

Table 2-17c. Steel Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #17

Table 2-17e. Aggregate Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #17

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| WBV16.2 | 610 | $Feb-10$ | 3,480 | 20 | 6,960 | 30 | 6,960 | 30 |
| WBV16b | 600 | $Dec-09$ | 1,190 | LT10 | 2,380 | 10 | 2,380 | 10 |
| WBV20 | 450 | Nov-09 | 660 | LT10 | 1,330 | LT10 | 1,330 | LT10 |
| WBV21 | 400 | $Nov-09$ | 340 | LT10 | 670 | LT10 | 670 | LT10 |
| WBV22 | 220 | $Nov-09$ | 930 | 10 | 1,870 | 30 | 1.870 | 30 |
| WBV24 | 640 | Nov-09 | 6,050 | 30 | 12,100 | 60 | 12,100 | 60 |

Table 2-17f. Concrete Pile Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #17

| | | | First Third | | Second Third | | Final Third | |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Reach | Project Duration | NTP Mo & Yr | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day | Total In Period | Total Per Day |
| WBV16.2 | 610 | Feb-10 | | | | | 9,690 | 50 |
| WBV16b | 600 | Dec-09 | | | | | 670 | LT10 |
| WBV20 | 450 | Nov-09 | | | | | | |
| WBV21 | 400 | Nov-09 | | | | | 330 | LT10 |
| WBV22 | 220 | Nov-09 | | | | | 1,750 | 20 |
| WBV24 | 640 | Nov-09 | | | | | | |

Table 2-17g. Rock Demand (Tons) by Project Period in IER #17

3 Transportation Alternatives

Both NEPA and the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations require that the CEMVN consider and evaluate appropriate alternatives to proposed actions that have the potential for significant effects on the environment. Section $102(2)(E)$ of NEPA provides that all agencies of the Federal Government shall "study, develop, and describe appropriate alternatives to recommended courses of action in any proposal which involves unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources." Given the quantities of materials to be moved, the accessibility of different modes of transportation, the origin and destination pairs, and different routes that could be used, thousands of 'alternatives' could be identified and assessed.

While CEMVN is not required to select any particular materials transportation alternative, and the examination of alternatives need not be exhaustive, it must be sufficient to demonstrate reasoned decision making. Four transportation alternatives have been developed to provide a range of meaningfully different alternatives for assessing. They are:

- Maximum Truck Use (3.1) ,
- Maximum Barge Use (3.2) ,
- Maximum Rail Use (3.3), and
- The Likely Scenario (3.4)

When considering the differences among the alternatives, bear in mind that the vast majority of all trips necessary to construct the HSRRS are for the transportation of borrow material that is not able to be moved by rail or barge; borrow can only be moved by truck.

The alternatives were developed assuming that the materials movement would still be bound by rational decision-making. For example, when the price of material being transported is low relative to the cost of transportation, barge transportation was assumed (e.g., rock being brought to greater New Orleans).

3.1 Maximum Truck Use

The Maximum Truck Use Scenario assumes that no material will be moved by any transportation mode other than truck. Assumptions used in the assignment of materials origins are described below.

3.1.1 Earthen Fill

Trucks would be used to haul earthen fill from assigned government-furnished borrow sites designated by CEMVN (USACE, 2009) to construction sites (roughly 21 million CY). Contractor furnished earthen fill (roughly 9 million CY) cannot be assigned to specific construction projects until those contracts are awarded. Therefore, the contractor furnished earthen fill was assumed to be truck hauled 28.3 miles one-way.^{5, 6}

3.1.2 Steel

Under maximum truck use, all Sheet Pile, H-Pile, and Pipe Pile would be shipped by truck from the manufacturing facility to the powder-coating facility, and then to construction sites. Sheetpile was assumed to originate in Petersburg, Virginia and Blytheville, Arkansas shipped directly to New Orleans, LA by truck (an average of the distances from both origins was used). H-pile and Pipe Pile were assumed to be shipped via truck from Blytheville, Arkansas.⁷

3.1.3 Concrete and Aggregate

Under maximum truck use, the contracts requiring less than 25,000 CY of concrete would have the aggregate trucked from Covington, Louisiana and Bogalusa, Louisiana to local ready-mix plants.⁸ Ready-mix concrete would then be supplied by truck from major local ready-mix plants closest to the project. For contracts requiring more than 25,000 CY of concrete, it was assumed that batch plants would be used at the construction sites. In these cases, aggregate would be trucked directly to the batch plants from Covington, Louisiana and Bogalusa, Louisiana.

3.1.4 Stone

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Under maximum truck use, all stone and rock would be trucked to construction sites in New Orleans from Pine Bluff, Arkansas.⁹

 $⁷$ The analyses assumed the use of sheetpile suppliers from Blytheville, AR and Petersburg, VA that had provided</sup> specialty sheetpile to CEMVN for initial HSDRRS construction projects. Although the supply of other types of steel products (e.g., H-pile, pipe pile) could come from a myriad of other locations, for the purpose of analysis, it was assumed that all steel products would originate from Blytheville, AR and Petersburg, VA. While this simplification may not reflect the distances for these steel products outside of the greater New Orleans area, local miles traveled for the delivery of steel within greater New Orleans has been accurately assessed. 8

 $⁵$ Distance based on the median distance from the 24 contractor furnished sites in IERs 19, 23, 26, 29, and 30 to</sup> center city New Orleans using Google Maps.

⁶ These miles traveled are included in total miles, for use in estimating emissions and accident rates. These vehicle trips cannot be routed or included in the congestion modeling because "origin-destination" pairings cannot be assigned until the contracts are issued. However, an escalation factor will be applied to the congestion modeling in order to estimate the effects of the contractor furnished trips. 7

⁸ At the time of this analysis, the majority of aggregate used for concrete in initial HSDRRS construction projects was provided from facilities in or near Covington, Louisiana and Bogalusa, Louisiana.

⁹ At the time of this analysis, the majority of stone and rock used for initial HSDRRS construction projects originated from Pine Bluff, AR.

3.1.5 Concrete Pile

Under maximum truck use, all Concrete Pile would be trucked directly to construction sites from Pass Christian, Mississippi.

3.1.6 Maximum Truck Use - Miles Traveled By Mode and Material

Tables 3-1 to 3-5 provide summary information on miles, trips, and mode of transportation used to transport materials to project sites. These tables are:

- Table 3-1: Maximum Truck Use Miles Traveled By Mode and Material shows local and non-local round-trip miles required to deliver project materials. Local and non-local miles are provided for each material class.
- Table 3-2. Maximum Truck Use Trips By Mode and Material shows the total number of trips required to deliver project materials. Trips are provided for each material class.
- Table 3-3. Summary of Local Truck Miles By IER parses the local miles data provided in table 3-1, aggregated to the IER level.
- Table 3-4. Summary Table of Non-Local Truck Miles By IER parses the non-local miles data provided in table 3-1, aggregated to the IER level.
- Table 3-5. Summary Table of Miles By Mode of Transportation shows the number of local truck miles, non-local truck miles, barge miles, and rail miles incurred in the transportation of project materials. These data also are aggregated to the IER level.

In addition to the tables, figures 3-1, 3-2, and 3-3 graphically depict the magnitude of, and differences between, truck miles, truck trips, and delivery timing for all materials included in the analysis.

Figure 3-1 Truck Miles Traveled shows both local and non-local truck round trip miles traveled for the delivery of materials to project sites. Data used to generate this figure are directly traceable to table 3-1. As shown in the figure, the local miles traveled for the delivery of earthen fill, or borrow (over 57 million miles), vastly outnumber the local miles traveled for the delivery of all other project materials. In this scenario, non-local miles traveled for the delivery of steel also are significant, at a total of nearly 48 million miles.

Figure 3-2 Truck Trips shows all truck trips summarized by material. Data used to generate this figure are directly traceable to table 3-2. As shown in the figure, the number of borrow deliveries (over 2 million) is significantly higher than the number of deliveries for all other materials combined (approximately 310,000).

Figure 3-3 Truck Trips Distributed Across Schedule shows truck deliveries per day for all project materials distributed across a master schedule, beginning on 1 January 2009. The distribution of truck trips across the schedule is based on:

- individual project Notice to Proceed date;
- individual project expected construction duration; and
- individual project sequencing of demand timing for materials (see introduction to section 2 for a discussion of the separation of materials demand schedule separation).

The figure shows daily borrow deliveries of:

- \bullet over 1,000 for 100 weeks;
- \bullet over 2,000 for 60 weeks;
- \bullet over 3,000 for 40 weeks; and
- \bullet over 4,000 for 10 weeks.

Figure 3-3 also depicts the magnitude of the differences between the number of borrow deliveries and the number of deliveries for all other materials combined.

Table 3-1. Maximum Truck Use - Miles Traveled By Mode and Material

Table 3-2. Maximum Truck Use - Trips By Mode and Material

Figure 3-1 Truck Miles Traveled – Maximum Truck Scenario

Figure 3-3 Truck Trips Distributed Across Schedule Maximum Truck Scenario

Table 3-3. Summary Table of Local Truck Miles By IER Maximum Truck Use

Table 3-4. Summary Table of Non-Local Truck Miles By IER Maximum Truck Use

| IER | Total Truck Miles Local | Total Truck Miles Non- Local | Total Barge Miles | Total Rail Miles | Total Miles |
|----------------|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | | | | |
| 1 | 2,874,600 | 1,036,350 | | | 3,910,950 |
| $\overline{2}$ | 976,100 | 5,556,470 | | | 6,532,570 |
| 3 | 2,278,300 | 10,069,920 | | | 12,348,220 |
| 4 | 1,521,900 | 791,650 | | | 2,313,550 |
| 5 | 92,500 | 1,099,500 | | | 1,192,000 |
| 6 | 803,900 | 5,925,580 | | | 6,729,480 |
| $\overline{7}$ | 20,735,400 | 2,494,850 | | | 23,230,250 |
| 8 | 80,600 | 475,810 | | | 556,410 |
| 9 | 229,500 | 322,620 | | | 552,120 |
| 10 | 10,036,700 | 23,309,050 | | | 33,345,750 |
| 11 | 1,121,100 | 8,822,170 | | | 9,943,270 |
| 12 | 4,243,900 | 18,034,190 | | | 22,278,090 |
| 13 | 2,730,600 | 285,970 | | | 3,016,570 |
| 14 | 4,678,200 | 633,850 | | | 5,312,050 |
| 15 | 2,049,300 | 228,240 | | | 2,277,540 |
| 16 | 13,212,100 | 832,990 | | | 14,045,090 |
| 17 | 612,000 | 2,230,670 | | | 2,842,670 |
| Total | 68,276,700 | 82,149,880 | | | 150,426,580 |

Table 3-5. Summary Table of Miles By Mode of Transportation Maximum Truck Use

3.2 Maximum Barge Use

The Maximum Barge Use Scenario routes materials from their point of origin to greater New Orleans on barges to the extent that such an assumption is reasonable. For all materials other than borrow, this assumption is valid in this scenario. That said, trucks remain a major mode of transportation under this scenario, even for materials shipped on barges. This is because many projects do not have direct water access, and materials would need to be transported from a New Orleans marine terminal to the project site via truck. Those projects with direct water access would receive materials (other than borrow) delivered directly by barge.

3.2.1 Earthen Fill

Trucks would be used to haul earthen fill from assigned government-furnished borrow sites designated by CEMVN (USACE, 2009) to construction sites (roughly 21 million CY). Contractor furnished earthen fill (roughly 9 million CY) cannot be assigned to specific construction projects until those contracts are awarded. Therefore, the contractor furnished earthen fill was assumed to be truck hauled 28.3 miles one-way.^{10, 11}

3.2.2 Steel

Under the maximum barge use alternative, steel would be shipped by barge from Blytheville, Arkansas to destinations within greater New Orleans. Sheet Pile, H-Pile, and Pipe Pile supplied to contracts with direct water access to offload steel to construction sites (e.g., Chalmette Loop, IHNC, Harvey Canal) would be shipped from Blytheville, Arkansas directly to the construction site by barge. For maximum barge use, the Sheet Pile, H-pile and Pipe Pile for all other contracts would be shipped by barge from Blytheville, Arkansas to New Orleans marine terminals and unloaded for local truck delivery to the project sites.

3.2.3 Concrete and Aggregate

Under maximum barge use, it was assumed that projects that require less than 25,000 CY of concrete would be supplied by existing major local ready-mix plants. For these projects, the aggregate was assumed to be shipped by barge from Smithland, Kentucky to New Orleans marine terminals, unloaded onto trucks and driven to the local ready-mix plants. Once blended, the ready-mix concrete would then be driven to the construction project.

When construction contracts require more than 25,000 CY of concrete, new batch plants were assumed to be established at the project site. Contracts with direct water access were assumed to receive aggregate via barge from Smithland, Kentucky and blended with cement and water at the site. Those contracts needing more than 25,000 CY of concrete, but without direct water access were assumed to receive aggregate via truck from New Orleans marine terminals after barge transport from Smithland, Kentucky.

 $\overline{}$ 10 Distance based on the median distance from the 24 contractor furnished sites in IERs 19, 23, 26, 29, and 30 to center city New Orleans using Google Maps.

 11 These miles traveled are included in total miles, for use in estimating emissions and accident rates. These vehicle trips cannot be routed or included in the congestion modeling because "origin-destination" pairings cannot be assigned until the contracts are issued. However, an escalation factor will be applied to the congestion modeling in order to estimate the effects of the contractor furnished trips.

3.2.4 Stone

Under the maximum barge use alternative, stone would be shipped by barge to New Orleans from Pine Bluff, Arkansas. If direct water access to the construction project is available, rock would be barged directly to the site. All stone necessary for the foreshore protection projects on Lake Pontchartrain would be shipped by light-loaded 500-TON barges directly to the project.

If no direct water access is available at the construction project, stone would be barged from Pine Bluff, Arkansas to a New Orleans marine terminal, offloaded onto trucks and then trucked to the construction site.

3.2.5 Concrete Pile

Under the maximum barge use alternative, concrete pile would be shipped with barge from Pass Christian, Mississippi to projects with direct water access and offloaded at construction sites (e.g., Chalmette Loop, IHNC, Harvey Canal). Concrete pile for those projects without direct water access would be shipped by barge to a local New Orleans marine terminal for local delivery by truck.

3.2.6 Maximum Barge Use - Miles Traveled By Mode and Material

Tables 3-6 to 3-10 provide summary information on miles, trips, and mode of transportation used to transport materials to project sites. These tables are:

- Table 3-6: Maximum Barge Use Miles Traveled By Mode and Material shows local and non-local round-trip miles required to deliver project materials. Local and non-local miles are provided for each material class. Table 3-6 also includes tons of each type of material shipped by barge directly to the project site, as well as tons of each type of material shipped to a marine terminal for off-loading onto trucks for final delivery to the project site.
- Table 3-7. Maximum Barge Use Trips By Mode and Material shows the total number of trips required to deliver project materials. Trips are provided for each material class, by each mode of transportation.
- Table 3-8. Summary Table of Local Truck Miles By IER parses the local miles data provided in table 3-6, aggregated to the IER level. It is important to note that local truck miles will remain significant, even with barge delivery of all materials other than borrow.
- Table 3-9. Summary Table of Non-Local Truck Miles By IER parses the non-local truck miles data provided in table 3-6, aggregated to the IER level. Under this alternative, as shown in the table, non-local truck miles for all materials is zero.
- Table 3-10. Summary Table of Miles By Mode of Transportation shows the number of local truck miles, non-local truck miles, barge miles, and rail miles incurred in the transportation of project materials. These data also are aggregated to the IER level.

In addition to the tables, figures 3-4, 3-5, and 3-6 graphically depict the magnitude of, and differences between, truck miles, truck trips, and delivery timing for all materials included in the analysis.

Figure 3-4 Truck Miles Traveled shows both local and non-local truck round trip miles traveled for the delivery of materials to project sites. Non-local truck miles are zero for all materials.

Data used to generate this figure are directly traceable to table 3-6. As shown in the figure, the local miles traveled for the delivery of earthen fill, or borrow (over 57 million miles), vastly outnumber the local miles traveled for the delivery of all other project materials.

Figure 3-5 Truck Trips shows all truck trips summarized by material. Data used to generate this figure are directly traceable to table 3-7. As shown in the figure, the number of borrow deliveries (over 2 million) is significantly higher than the number of deliveries for all other materials combined (approximately 150,000).

Figure 3-6 Truck Trips Distributed Across Schedule shows truck deliveries per day for all project materials distributed across a master schedule, beginning on 1 January 2009. The distribution of truck trips across the schedule is based on:

- individual project Notice to Proceed date;
- individual project expected construction duration; and
- individual project sequencing of demand timing for materials (see introduction to section 2 for a discussion of the separation of materials demand schedule separation).

The figure shows daily borrow deliveries of:

- \bullet over 1,000 for 100 weeks;
- \bullet over 2,000 for 60 weeks;
- over 3,000 for 40 weeks; and
- \bullet over 4,000 for 10 weeks.

Figure 3-6 also depicts the magnitude of the differences between the number of borrow deliveries and the number of deliveries for all other materials combined.

Table 3-6. Maximum Barge Use - Miles Traveled By Mode and Material

Table 3-7. Maximum Barge Use - Trips By Mode and Material

Figure 3-4 Truck Miles Traveled – Maximum Barge Scenario

Figure 3-6 Truck Trips Distributed Across Schedule Maximum Barge Scenario

Table 3-8. Summary Table of Local Truck Miles By IER Maximum Barge Use

Table 3-9. Summary Table of Non-Local Truck Miles By IER Maximum Barge Use

| IER | Total Truck Miles Local | Total Truck Miles Non- Local | Total Barge Miles | Total Rail Miles | Total |
|----------------|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 2,838,000 | | 23,240 | | 2,861,240 |
| $\overline{2}$ | 512,900 | | 39,240 | | 552,140 |
| 3 | 1,725,400 | | 82,210 | | 1,807,610 |
| 4 | 1,453,100 | | 17,900 | | 1,471,000 |
| 5 | 27,600 | | 6,640 | | 34,240 |
| 6 | 520,500 | | 40,980 | | 561,480 |
| $\overline{7}$ | 20,515,000 | | 30,140 | | 20,545,140 |
| 8 | 23,900 | | 6,950 | | 30,850 |
| 9 | 189,400 | | 5,220 | | 194,620 |
| 10 | 7,164,500 | | 147,290 | | 7,311,790 |
| 11 | | | 92,070 | | 92,070 |
| 12 | 1,926,300 | | 172,750 | | 2,099,050 |
| 13 | 2,709,300 | | 3,900 | | 2,713,200 |
| 14 | 4,551,800 | | 16,410 | | 4,568,210 |
| 15 | 2,033,500 | | 3,320 | | 2,036,820 |
| 16 | 13,095,200 | | 15,160 | | 13,110,360 |
| 17 | 375,900 | | 29,440 | | 405,340 |
| Total | 59,662,300 | | 732,860 | | 60,395,160 |

Table 3-10. Summary Table of Miles By Mode of Transportation Maximum Barge Use

3.3 Maximum Rail Use

The Maximum Rail Use Scenario routes materials from their point of origin to greater New Orleans on rail cars to the extent that such an assumption is reasonable. For all materials other than borrow, this assumption is reasonable in this scenario. Like the maximum barge use alternative, trucks remain a major mode of transportation under this scenario because none of the projects have direct rail access, and materials would need to be transported from a New Orleans rail terminal to the project site via truck.

3.3.1 Earthen Fill

Trucks would be used to haul earthen fill from assigned government-furnished borrow sites designated by CEMVN (USACE, 2009) to construction sites (roughly 21 million CY). Contractor furnished earthen fill (roughly 9 million CY) cannot be assigned to specific construction projects until those contracts are awarded. Therefore, the contractor furnished earthen fill was assumed to be truck hauled 28.3 miles one-way.^{12, 13}

3.3.2 Steel

Under maximum rail use, Sheet Pile, H-Pile, and Pipe Pile would be shipped by rail from Blytheville, Arkansas to rail yards within New Orleans. At the rail yards, the steel would be unloaded onto trucks and then trucked to construction projects.

3.3.3 Aggregate

Under the maximum rail use alternative, construction contracts requiring less than 25,000 CY of concrete would be supplied by major local ready-mix plants. For those projects, aggregate would be shipped to New Orleans by rail from Covington, Louisiana and Bogalusa, Louisiana, offloaded at the nearest rail yard, and trucked to the local ready-mix plants. Once blended, the ready-mix concrete would then be driven to the construction project.

For contracts requiring more than 25,000 CY of concrete, new batch plants were assumed to be constructed at the project site. For those projects, aggregate would be shipped to New Orleans by rail from Covington, Louisiana and Bogalusa, Louisiana, offloaded at the nearest rail yard, then trucked to the project batch plant and blending into ready-mix concrete at the site.

3.3.4 Stone

Under the maximum rail alternative, all stone needed for the foreshore protection on Lake Pontchartrain would be shipped from Pine Bluff, AR by 500 TON barges directly to the project (all LPV levee foreshore protection projects). All other rock would be shipped by rail to New Orleans from Pine Bluff, AR offloaded at rail yards, loaded onto trucks and then trucked to the construction sites for local delivery.

 \overline{a} 12 Distance based on the median distance from the 24 contractor furnished sites in IERs 19, 23, 26, 29, and 30 to center city New Orleans using Google Maps.

 13 These miles traveled are included in total miles, for use in estimating emissions and accident rates. These vehicle trips cannot be routed or included in the congestion modeling because "origin-destination" pairings cannot be assigned until the contracts are issued. However, an escalation factor will be applied to the congestion modeling in order to estimate the effects of the contractor furnished trips.

3.3.5 Concrete Pile

Under the maximum rail alternative, concrete pile supplied to contracts with direct water access and offloaded at construction sites (e.g., Chalmette Loop, IHNC, Harvey Canal) would be shipped from Pass Christian, Mississippi by barge. All other concrete pile would be shipped by train from Pass Christian, Mississippi to a New Orleans rail terminal for local delivery by truck.

3.3.6 Maximum Rail Use - Miles Traveled By Mode and Material

Tables 3-11 to 3-15 provide summary information on miles, trips, and mode of transportation used to transport materials to project sites. These tables are:

- Table 3-11: Maximum Rail Use Miles Traveled By Mode and Material shows local and non-local round-trip miles required to deliver project materials. Local and non-local miles are provided for each material class. Table 3-11 also includes tons of each type of material shipped by barge directly to the project site, as well as tons of each type of material shipped to a rail terminal for off-loading onto trucks for final delivery to the project site.
- Table 3-12. Maximum Rail Use Trips By Mode and Material shows the total number of trips required to deliver project materials. Trips are provided for each material class, by each mode of transportation.
- Table 3-13. Summary Table of Local Truck Miles By IER parses the local miles data provided in table 3-6, aggregated to the IER level. It is important to note that local truck miles will remain significant, even with barge and rail delivery of all materials other than borrow.
- Table 3-14. Summary Table of Non-Local Truck Miles By IER parses the non-local truck miles data provided in table 3-11, aggregated to the IER level. Under this alternative, as shown in the table, non-local truck miles for all materials is zero.
- Table 3-15. Summary Table of Miles By Mode of Transportation shows the number of local truck miles, non-local truck miles, barge miles, and rail miles incurred in the transportation of project materials. These data also are aggregated to the IER level.

In addition to the tables, figures 3-7, 3-8, and 3-9 graphically depict the magnitude of, and differences between, truck miles, truck trips, and delivery timing for all materials included in the analysis.

Figure 3-7 Truck Miles Traveled shows both local and non-local truck round trip miles traveled for the delivery of materials to project sites. Non-local truck miles are zero for all materials. Data used to generate this figure are directly traceable to table 3-11. As shown in the figure, the local miles traveled for the delivery of earthen fill, or borrow (over 57 million miles), vastly outnumber the local miles traveled for the delivery of all other project materials.

Figure 3-8 Truck Trips shows all truck trips summarized by material. Data used to generate this figure are directly traceable to table 3-12. As shown in the figure, the number of borrow deliveries (over 2 million) is significantly higher than the number of deliveries for all other materials combined (approximately 230,000).

Figure 3-9 Truck Trips Distributed Across Schedule shows truck deliveries per day for all project materials distributed across a master schedule, beginning on 1 January 2009. The distribution of truck trips across the schedule is based on:

- individual project Notice to Proceed date;
- individual project expected construction duration; and
- individual project sequencing of demand timing for materials (see introduction to section 2 for a discussion of the separation of materials demand schedule separation).

The figure shows daily borrow deliveries of:

- \bullet over 1,000 for 100 weeks;
- \bullet over 2,000 for 60 weeks:
- \bullet over 3,000 for 40 weeks; and
- \bullet over 4,000 for 10 weeks.

Figure 3-9 also depicts the magnitude of the differences between the number of borrow deliveries and the number of deliveries for all other materials combined.

Table 3-11. Maximum Rail Use – Miles Traveled By Mode and Material

Table 3-12. Maximum Rail Use - Trips By Mode and Material

Figure 3-7 Truck Miles Traveled – Maximum Rail Scenario

Figure 3-9 Truck Trips Distributed Across Schedule Maximum Rail Scenario

Table 3-13. Summary Table of Local Truck Miles By IER Maximum Rail Use

Table 3-14. Summary Table of Non-Local Truck Miles By IER Maximum Rail Use

| IER | Total Truck Miles Local | Total Truck Miles Non- Local | Total Barge Miles | Total Rail Miles | Total |
|----------------|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 2,824,900 | | | 3,630 | 2,828,530 |
| $\overline{2}$ | 553,900 | | | 7,390 | 561,290 |
| 3 | 1,709,900 | | 55,220 | 6,520 | 1,771,640 |
| 4 | 1,445,600 | | 820 | 2,170 | 1,448,590 |
| 5 | 42,200 | | | 1,030 | 43,230 |
| 6 | 474,200 | | 9,200 | 5,220 | 488,620 |
| 7 | 20,506,500 | | 14,960 | 2,120 | 20,523,580 |
| 8 | 27,300 | | 1,730 | 610 | 29,640 |
| 9 | 199,400 | | | 560 | 199,960 |
| 10 | 8,447,300 | | 32,780 | 15,730 | 8,495,810 |
| 11 | 295,400 | | 41,270 | 3,530 | 340,200 |
| 12 | 2,440,100 | | 32,310 | 18,480 | 2,490,890 |
| 13 | 2,712,700 | | 580 | 520 | 2,713,800 |
| 14 | 4,569,300 | | | 3,440 | 4,572,740 |
| 15 | 2,031,500 | | | 520 | 2,032,020 |
| 16 | 13,099,500 | | | 3,640 | 13,103,140 |
| 17 | 381,700 | | | 5,270 | 386,970 |
| Total | 61,761,400 | | 188,870 | 80,380 | 62,030,650 |

Table 3-15. Summary Table of Miles By Mode of Transportation Maximum Rail Use

3.4 Likely Scenario

The Likely Scenario routes materials from their point of origin to greater New Orleans on barges and trucks under the assumption that the choice of transportation mode is driven by transportation cost efficiencies and project access by water and over-land limitations.

3.4.1 Earthen Fill

Trucks would be used to haul earthen fill from assigned government-furnished borrow sites designated by CEMVN (USACE, 2009) to construction sites (roughly 21 million CY). Contractor furnished earthen fill (roughly 9 million CY) cannot be assigned to specific construction projects until those contracts are awarded. Therefore, the contractor furnished earthen fill was assumed to be truck hauled 28.3 miles one-way.^{14, 15}

3.4.2 Steel

For the likely scenario, Sheet Pile, H-Pile, and Pipe Pile would be shipped from Blytheville, Arkansas directly to projects with direct water access (e.g., Chalmette Loop, IHNC, Harvey Canal). Steel for projects that require more than 10,000 tons would be shipped by barge to a local marine terminal and unloaded for local truck delivery to the project sites. Those projects that require less than 10,000 tons of steel were assumed to be supplied by truck as follows:

- Sheetpile from Petersburg, Virginia and Blytheville, Arkansas shipped directly to construction projects by truck.
- H-pile from Blytheville, Arkansas shipped directly to construction projects by truck.
- Pipe pile from Blytheville, Arkansas shipped directly to construction projects by truck.

3.4.3 Concrete and Aggregate

Under the likely scenario, projects that require less than 25,000 CY of concrete would be supplied by major local ready-mix plants. For these projects, aggregate would be shipped by truck directly to ready-mix plants from Covington, Louisiana and Bogalusa, Louisiana. Once blended, the ready-mix concrete would be driven to the construction project.

For projects requiring more than 25,000 CY of concrete, batch plants were assumed to be constructed at the project site. For those projects requiring more than 25,000 CY and with direct water access, aggregate would be shipped to the project site by barge from Smithland, Kentucky. For projects requiring more than 25,000 CY of concrete without direct water access, aggregate would be supplied by aggregate via truck from Covington, Louisiana and Bogalusa, Louisiana. In both cases, project the aggregate would be blended with cement and water at the project site.

 \overline{a} 14 Distance based on the median distance from the 24 contractor furnished sites in IERs 19, 23, 26, 29, and 30 to center city New Orleans using Google Maps.

¹⁵ These miles traveled are included in total miles, for use in estimating emissions and accident rates. These vehicle trips cannot be routed or included in the congestion modeling because "origin-destination" pairings cannot be assigned until the contracts are issued. However, an escalation factor will be applied to the congestion modeling in order to estimate the effects of the contractor furnished trips.

3.4.4 Rock

Under the likely scenario, all rock would be shipped by barge to New Orleans from Pine Bluff, Arkansas. If direct water access to the construction site is available, rock would be barged directly to the site. All rock used for foreshore protection on Lake Pontchartrain would be shipped on light-loaded 500-ton barges directly to the project (all LPV levee foreshore protection projects). If no direct water access is available for the project, rock would be barged to local New Orleans marine terminal, offloaded onto trucks and then trucked to the construction sites.

3.4.5 Concrete Pile:

For the likely alternative, concrete pile supplied to contracts with direct water access would be barged from Pass Christian, Mississippi and offloaded at construction sites (e.g., Chalmette Loop, IHNC, Harvey Canal). Contracts requiring in excess of 20,000 tons in a single project without direct water access would be shipped by barge to a New Orleans marine terminal for local delivery by truck. Those contracts requiring less than 20,000 tons of concrete pile or where there is no direct offload to construction site would be shipped by truck from Pass Christian, Mississippi.

3.4.6 Likely Scenario - Miles Traveled By Mode and Material

Tables 3-16 to 3-20 provide summary information on miles, trips, and mode of transportation used to transport materials to project sites. These tables are:

- Table 3-16: Likely Scenario Miles Traveled By Mode and Material shows local and non-local round-trip miles required to deliver project materials. Local and non-local miles are provided for each material class. Table 3-16 also includes tons of each type of material shipped by barge directly to the project site, as well as tons of each type of material shipped to a rail terminal for off-loading onto trucks for final delivery to the project site.
- Table 3-17. Likely Scenario Trips By Mode and Material shows the total number of trips required to deliver project materials. Trips are provided for each material class, by each mode of transportation.
- Table 3-18. Summary Table of Local Truck Miles By IER parses the local miles data provided in table 3-16, aggregated to the IER level. It is important to note that local truck miles will remain significant, even with barge and rail delivery of all materials other than borrow.
- Table 3-19. Summary Table of Non-Local Truck Miles By IER parses the non-local truck miles data provided in table 3-17, aggregated to the IER level. Under this alternative, as shown in the table, non-local truck miles for all materials is zero.
- Table 3-20. Summary Table of Miles By Mode of Transportation shows the number of local truck miles, non-local truck miles, barge miles, and rail miles incurred in the transportation of project materials. These data also are aggregated to the IER level.

In addition to the tables, figures 3-10, 3-11, and 3-12 graphically depict the magnitude of and differences between truck miles, truck trips, and delivery timing for all materials included in the analysis.

Figure 3-10 Truck Miles Traveled shows both local and non-local truck round trip miles traveled for the delivery of materials to project sites. Data used to generate this figure are directly traceable to table 3-16. As shown in the figure, the local miles traveled for the delivery of earthen fill, or borrow (over 57 million miles), vastly outnumber the local miles traveled for the delivery of all other project materials.

Figure 3-11 Truck Trips shows all truck trips summarized by material. Data used to generate this figure are directly traceable to table 3-17. As shown in the figure, the number of borrow deliveries (over 2 million) is significantly higher than the number of deliveries for all other materials combined (approximately 150,000).

Figure 3-12 Truck Trips Distributed Across Schedule shows truck deliveries per day for all project materials distributed across a master schedule, beginning on 1 January 2009. The distribution of truck trips across the schedule is based on:

- individual project Notice to Proceed date;
- individual project expected construction duration; and
- individual project sequencing of demand timing for materials (see introduction to section 2 for a discussion of the separation of materials demand schedule separation).

The figure shows daily borrow deliveries of:

- \bullet over 1,000 for 100 weeks:
- \bullet over 2,000 for 60 weeks;
- over 3,000 for 40 weeks; and
- \bullet over 4,000 for 10 weeks.

Figure 3-12 also depicts the magnitude of the differences between the number of borrow deliveries and the number of deliveries for all other materials combined.

Tables 3-21 through 3-25 provide information on a project-by-project basis for the likely scenario. Data shown in the tables mirrors that of tables 3-16 through 3-20, though the data are shown at the project level, rather than aggregated to the IER level. Table titles are:

- Table 3-21. Local Truck Miles By Construction Project
- Table 3-22. Local Truck Trips By Construction Project
- Table 3-24. Non-Local Truck Trips, and Barge Trips By Construction Project
- Table 3-25. Miles By Mode of Transportation by Project

Table 3-16. Likely Scenario – Miles Traveled By Mode and Material

Table 3-17. Likely Scenario - Trips By Mode and Material

Figure 3-10 Truck Miles Traveled – Likely Scenario

Figure 3-12 Truck Trips Distributed Across Schedule Likely Scenario

Table 3-18. Summary Table of Local Truck Miles By IER Likely Scenario

Table 3-19. Summary Table of Non-Local Truck Miles By IER Likely Scenario

| IER | Total Truck Miles Local | Total Truck Miles Non- Local | Total Barge Miles | Total Rail Miles | Total |
|------------|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 2,874,600 | 1,036,350 | | | 3,910,950 |
| 2 | 512,900 | | 39,240 | | 552,140 |
| 3 | 1,851,900 | 1,068,130 | 59,510 | | 2,979,540 |
| 4 | 1,506,000 | 733,890 | 820 | | 2,240,710 |
| 5 | 42,300 | 9,060 | 2,840 | | 54,200 |
| 6 | 572,100 | 974,780 | 27,700 | | 1,574,580 |
| 7 | 20,537,000 | 457,810 | 14,960 | | 21,009,770 |
| 8 | 43,600 | 12,200 | 3,150 | | 58,950 |
| 9 | 205,300 | 9,840 | 1,420 | | 216,560 |
| 10 | 7,188,300 | 29,080 | 145,220 | | 7,362,600 |
| 11 | | | 92,070 | | 92,070 |
| 12 | 2,047,600 | 74,890 | 127,150 | | 2,249,640 |
| 13 | 2,728,900 | 272,120 | 580 | | 3,001,600 |
| 14 | 4,599,700 | 474,140 | 2,570 | | 5,076,410 |
| 15 | 2,049,300 | 228,240 | | | 2,277,540 |
| 16 | 13,207,100 | 488,410 | 2,890 | | 13,698,400 |
| 17 | 596,200 | 2,025,670 | 2,320 | | 2,624,190 |
| Total | 60,562,800 | 7,894,610 | 522,440 | | 68,979,850 |

Table 3-20. Summary Table of Miles By Mode of Transportation Likely Scenario

Table 3-21. Local Truck Miles By Construction Project Likely Scenario

Table 3-22. Local Truck Trips By Construction Project Likely Scenario

Table 3-24. Non-Local Truck Trips, and Barge Trips By Construction Project Likely Scenario

Table 3-25. Miles By Mode of Transportation by Project Likely Scenario

4 Effects Analysis Overview

Assessment of the environmental consequences from the four alternatives for materials transport to and within greater New Orleans focuses on four primary areas:

- Effects to traffic congestion,
- Effects to transportation infrastructure (e.g., road surfaces, bridges, culverts),
- Accident risks (increased risks of fatalities, injuries, and property damage accidents), and
- Diesel emissions.

To predict the effects transportation, the quantities of materials were compiled and converted to trips as described in section 2. Within a GIS environment, the transportation of all quantities was then modeled via all modes. The alternatives described in section 3 compile rational combinations of the transportation modes for the various materials evaluated and the section 3 tables summarize quantities, trips, and distances traveled for each of the four alternatives. With these trips and distances, by alternative, the estimated consequences could be evaluated and the alternatives compared.

Functional classification is the grouping of highways, roads and streets by the character of service they provide and was developed for transportation planning purposes. Basic to this construct is the recognition that each class has a different capacity to assimilate increases in truck traffic.

LADOTD Functional Classification

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) has published a highway functional classification for New Orleans (LADOTD, 2008), segregating the public roads into different categories (1-5, and 8) as follows:

- 1. Interstate interstate highways typically receive substantial federal funding and are owned, built, and operated by the state of Louisiana. These roads are controlled access, multiple lane divided highway with the highest rates of speed for traveling in a given area. Interstate 10 is such a road within greater New Orleans.
- 2. Expressway an expressway is a divided highway for high-speed traffic with at least partial control of access. The difference between an expressway and the interstate highway or freeway is that expressways have a limited number of driveways and at-grade intersections. The West Bank Expressway (US 90) is an example of this type of road in greater New Orleans.
- 3. Principal arterial the principal arterial roads represent the integrated system within greater New Orleans that connect the major centers of activity, are the highest traffic volume corridors, and facilitate the longest trips. These roads carry the major portion of trips entering and leaving the area, as well as the majority of trips simply passing through New Orleans.

Because of the nature of the travel served by the principal arterial system, almost all fully and partially controlled access roads are part of this functional system including the interstate, other expressways, and other principal arterials (with no control of access).

- 4. Minor arterial The minor arterial street system interconnects with and augments the principal arterial system and provides service for trips of moderate length at a somewhat lower level of travel mobility than principal arterials. This system also distributes travel to geographic areas smaller than those identified with the principal arterial system. Such roads typically carry local bus routes, provide intra-community continuity, but typically would not penetrate identifiable neighborhoods. Airline Highway would be an example of a minor arterial.
- 5. Urban collector The collector street system provides land access service and traffic circulation within residential neighborhoods, commercial, and industrial areas. It differs from the arterial system in that roads on the collector system may penetrate residential neighborhoods, distributing trips from the arterials through the area to the ultimate destination. Conversely, the collector street also collects traffic from local streets in residential neighborhoods and channels it into the arterial system.
- 8. Local roads The local roads offer the lowest level of mobility and are residential or commercial where service for through-traffic movement is deliberately discouraged. Typically these roads do not have public transportation service and are linked to the urban collectors.

It is important to note that roads frequently change functional classification as the same road passes through residential, commercial, or rural areas. This is because the same road may be a 2 lane 30-mph local road with 4-way stops at most intersections (class 8), transition to a 45-mph minor arterial with 4-lane signalized intersections (class 4), and then transition to a 55-mph principal arterial with no signalized intersections (class 3).

Table 4-1 shows the number of roads, sorted by functional classification, identified for the transportation of materials under the likely scenario.¹⁶ Examples of each road functional class are shown in the table. The table also shows that there are six different roads of functional class 1 (Interstate) used for the materials transportation and 62 different segments of local roads (functional class 8) used for materials transportation. Figure 4-1 depicts the network of roads enumerated in table 4-1 that are included in the routing of project materials deliveries under the likely scenario.

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¹⁶ Section 1.5 (Materials Delivery Assumptions) described how routes were selected for materials transportation and impact evaluation.

Table 4-1. Roads in DOTD Functional Classes Used to Transport Materials (Likely Scenario)

| LADOTD Functional Classification | Classification Description | Example of Road | Number of Roads Used |
|---|---|--|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Interstate | $I-310; I-10$ | 6 |
| 2 | Expressway | Westbank Expressway | 6 |
| 3 | Principal Arterial | Lapalco Boulevard Airline Highway (US 61) | 35 |
| 4 | Minor Arterial | Tchoupitoulas Street | 44 |
| 5 | Urban Collector | Bayou Road | 17 |
| 8 | Local Road | Kenner Avenue | 62 |
| | | | |

Figure 4-1. Road Network Used for Project Materials Delivery (Likely Scenario)

4.1 Congestion

4.1.1 Truck Traffic

The Highway Capacity Manual¹⁷ (HCM) is published by the National Science Foundation's Transportation Research Board (TRB) and provides state-of-the-art techniques for estimating the capacity and determining the level of service for transportation facilities (TRB, 2000). The HCM's analyses are based on determining the capacity of a facility (e.g., road, intersection, exit ramp) compared to the demand to use the facility.

The capacity of a facility is the maximum hourly rate at which vehicles can reasonably be expected to traverse a point or a uniform section of lane or roadway during a given time period under prevailing conditions (TRB, 2000). Capacity analysis examines segments or points of a facility under uniform traffic conditions with the reasonable expectancy that the stated capacity for a given facility is a flow rate that can be achieved repeatedly for peak periods of sufficient demand (TRB, 2000). Passenger cars per hour and vehicles per hour are measures that can define capacity.

Demand is the principal measure of the amount of traffic using a given facility. The traffic demand on the facility is based on either traffic data collected or a projection of traffic anticipated to use the facility due to anticipated developments. These traffic volumes are adjusted for many factors including the types of vehicles in the traffic stream, the grade of the roadway, and the characteristics of the traffic flow during peak times. The methodology, in its simplest form, compares the demand to the capacity and identifies the operational conditions as a "level of service" (Terry, 2009).

4.1.1.1 Level of Service

Level of service (LOS) is a quality measure describing the operational conditions within a traffic stream, generally in terms of such service measures as speed and travel time, traffic interruptions, freedom to maneuver, and driving comfort and convenience (TRB, 2000). Six LOS are defined with letters A through F designating each level; LOS A representing the best operating conditions and LOS F, the worst. Each LOS represents a range of operating conditions and the driver's perception of those conditions.

Level of service A represents virtually free-flowing conditions, in which the speed of individual vehicles is controlled only by the driver's desire and by prevailing condition, not by the presence of interference from other vehicles. Ability to maneuver within the traffic stream is unrestricted. LOS A occurs late at night in urban areas and frequently in rural areas.

Level of services B, C, and D represent increasing levels of flow rate with correspondingly more interferences from other vehicles in the traffic stream. Average running speed of the stream remains relatively constant through a portion of this range, but the ability of individual drivers to freely select their speed becomes increasingly restricted as the level of serviced worsens (goes from B to C to D). LOS B would have some impingement of maneuverability; two motorists

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 17 The Highway Capacity Manual is a publication of the Transportation Research Board and contains concepts, guidelines, and computational procedures for evaluating the capacity and quality of service of various highway facilities, including freeways, highways, arterial roads, roundabouts, signalized and unsignalized intersections, rural highways, and the effects of transit, pedestrians, and bicycles on the performance of these systems.

might be forced to drive side-by-side, limiting lane changes. LOS C would have more congestion than B, where ability to pass or change lanes would not always be assured.

Level of service C is the target for urban highways in many places. At LOS C most experienced drivers are comfortable, roads remain safely below but efficiently close to capacity, and posted speed is maintained. LOS D is perhaps the level of service of a busy shopping corridor in the middle of a weekday, or a functional urban highway during commuting hours: speeds are somewhat reduced, motorists are hemmed in by other cars and trucks.

Level of service E is representative of operation at or near capacity conditions. Few gaps in traffic are available, the ability to maneuver within the traffic stream is severely limited, and speeds are low. Operations at this level are unstable and a minor disruption may cause rapid deterioration of flow to level of service F. On highways, this condition is consistent with a road over its designed capacity.

Level of service F represents breakdown or forced flow, where every vehicle moves in lockstep with the vehicle in front of it, with frequent drops in speed to nearly zero mph. At this level, stop-and-go patterns and waves have already been set up in the traffic stream, and operations at a given point may vary widely from minute to minute, as would operations in short, adjacent highway segments, as congestion waves propagate through the traffic stream. Operations at this level are highly unstable and unpredictable. For LOS F, it is difficult to predict flow due to stopand-start conditions. As a result, the Highway Capacity Manual does not include analytical methods to establish or predict the maximum flow rate for facilities at LOS F (TRB, 2000). LOS F describes a road for which the travel time cannot be predicted and facilities operating at LOS F have more demand than capacity.

4.1.1.2 Factors Affecting Capacity and LOS

In most capacity analyses, prevailing conditions differ from the base conditions, and computation of capacity, service flow rate, and level of service must include adjustments based on roadway conditions. Base conditions assume good weather, good pavement conditions, users familiar with the facility, and no impediments to traffic flow. Examples of base conditions that affect capacity include width of lanes, speed limit, terrain, and impediments to through traffic (e.g., traffic control devices or turning vehicles (TRB, 2000).

Traffic conditions that influence capacity and levels of service include the vehicle type, specifically the effect of heavy vehicles (TRB, 2000). The entry of heavy vehicles (vehicles other than passenger vehicles) into the traffic stream affects the number of vehicles that can be carried on a particular facility (i.e., capacity). Heavy vehicles adversely affect traffic in two ways: (1) they are larger than passenger cars and occupy more road space, and (2) they have poorer operating capabilities than passenger cars, particularly with respect to acceleration, deceleration, and the ability to maintain speed on upgrades (TRB, 2000). The second impact is more critical because heavy vehicles cannot keep pace with passenger cars in many situations creating large gaps in the traffic stream that are difficult to fill by passing maneuvers (TRB, 2000).

4.1.1.3 Regional Planning Commission Traffic Analysis

The Regional Planning Commission (RPC) was created in 1962 by the Louisiana state legislature and local governing body authorization to fulfill federal and state requirements for regional comprehensive and economic development planning in greater New Orleans. Five of the

parishes represented in greater New Orleans (Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard and St. Tammany Parishes) are represented by the RPC. A staff of professionals with broad experience and expertise supports the RPC in urban and regional planning, including transportation analyses.

The development, manipulation and dissemination of transportation-related data is an ongoing task for the RPC. In that role, the RPC advances original data research, collects new data sets, and formulates management strategies to make the data available (RPC, 2007). In addition, the RPC staff create needed subsets of data by maintaining an on-going reconnaiassance and transportation surveillance effort including collecting original data (e.g., vehicle counts, travel times, intersection turning movements, classification of vehicles) (RPC, 2007).

Among the tools used to analyze the compiled data is a computerized transportation demand model. This tool allows the RPC staff to simulate existing and projected traffic volumes for various transportation scenarios. The RPC has also conducted extensive travel surveys in order to amass up-to-date data on typical travel patterns within greater New Orleans. The Congestion Management Planning Process has gathered comprehensive congestion measurements (travel time data, level of service, volume to capacity ratios, speed) and linked it with existing roadway segments in a geographic information database (GIS) (RPC, 2007) to evaluate expected future traffic conditions of traffic congestion using a Congestion Management Index.

4.1.1.4 Congestion Management Index - Quantifying the Effects to LOS from HSDRRS Construction

Within greater New Orleans, the LADOTD reports ADT data at approximately 300 nodes (LADOTD, 2009); the RPC supplements the LADOTD data with additional traffic count data that typically include directional data as well as vehicle classification (passenger vs. commercial). Because of the quality of the RPC's data, the effects of the HSDRRS-traffic on the existing traffic congestion in greater New Orleans was calculated using the RPC's Congestion Management Index.

The CM Index has three primary components – Average Daily Traffic (ADT) per Lane, Travel Speed Ratio (Average Speed to Posted Speed), and percent commercially occupied vehicles (% CVO). Each roadway segment on a congestion management (CM) route is assigned an ordinal rank, 1-5, for each of these measures. Ranking categories are predetermined and summarized in the sections below. Those scores are then applied to a formula, in which each of the measures is weighted for its relative importance to overall congestion.

The formula is:

CM Index = (.75) Travel Speed Ratio Score + (.15) ADT Score + (.10) % CVO Score

The index is calculated for each segment on the region's 32 CM routes. The routes, segments, and their logical termini were determined by RPC staff in consultation with stakeholders from a variety of agencies. Together they make up a road network that carries the vast majority of the region's vehicle miles traveled. Each CM segment can have a possible Index score of 1-5, with five representing the worst congestion and one representing near-free-flow conditions. The RPC asserts that any score over 3.25 is considered "congested." Since the components of the formula are ranked on an ordinal scale, the Index provides a relative score by which the CM segments can be compared against each other. In this sense the Index provides the RPC with a more

specific method for determining which of the region's roadways have the "worst" congestion than other measures. Each component of the formula is briefly described below.

Travel Speed Ratio is calculated as the average observed speed on a road segment divided by the posted speed limit. Average travel speeds are determined through actual drive-time testing utilizing GPS tracking equipment. The higher the ratio, the more quickly traffic moves on a roadway segment. The ordinal scores for Travel Speed Ratio are:

Average Daily Traffic (ADT) data are obtained through a variety of sources, including RPC's consultant contracts, the Parishes and municipalities, and LaDOTD's traffic data collection program. ADT per lane rankings are used in order to normalize data on road segments with varying numbers of lanes. The ADT per lane ordinal scores are:

The percentage of Commercially Operated Vehicles (%COV) is the percentage of total vehicle traffic that is comprised of Class 4 and above vehicles (See FHWA *Traffic Monitoring Guide*, section 4). This data is collected through a variety of sources, including automatic and manual counting methods. The % COV ordinal scores are:

This congestion management index represents the most complete characterization of the existing congestion conditions within greater New Orleans and serves as the basis for estimating the effects to congestion from the HSDRRS construction.

4.1.1.5 Truck Trip Thresholds

An additional method was used to increase the understanding and improve the communication of truck congestion resulting from materials delivery. This method was based on the need to identify individual, highly utilized roads for community-level planning and public awareness. A key component of the analysis was the establishment of truck traffic thresholds. The thresholds were used as a proxy to suggest the level of truck traffic at which the roadway users and adjacent property owners would likely perceive an increase.

Thresholds of project-related truck traffic increases were identified for each functional road class, and are shown in table 4-2. The table shows the functional-class specific thresholds as a total number of trucks within a 12-hour workday, and indicates the frequency a truck would pass a fixed location.

Table 4-2. Truck Frequency Thresholds by Functional Road Class

4.1.2 Rail Congestion

In the year 2000, 17 freight railroads operated in Louisiana and these railroads carried more than 1.8 million carloads on 3,187 route-miles of track with interstate movements accounting for 94 percent of Louisiana's 74 million tons of rail traffic (LADOTD, 2003). Overall, rail was projected to grow by 40 percent, though there was a great variance across commodities and regions (LADOTD, 2003).

Because railways operate on a dedicated right-of-way, there are characteristically no congestion problems for rail transportation (MARAD, 1994). However, increased rail traffic, because of its sheer volume, can cause congestion problems for surface roads where road traffic intersects rail traffic. However, because none of the construction sites for the WBV or LPV projects have direct access or offloading facilities from rail cars to construction sites, rail use would require an intermodal transfer to trucks for local transportation to the various construction reaches. While using rail transport for commodities such as steel could decrease the number of truck miles driven, the end result--with respect to congestion--would be similar to the decrease in levels of service observed if only trucks were used to move materials. This would lead to surface road congestion and degradation of levels of service, but the "origin" of materials entering the surface road network in greater New Orleans would be at rail yards.

4.1.3 Barge Congestion

Louisiana is located at the intersection of the two largest waterway networks, the Mississippi River System and the Gulf Intra-Coastal Waterway, comprising 86 percent of the national network in terms of length and 97 percent of the system's overall tonnage (LADOTD, 2003). Louisiana domestic barge tonnage totaled 281 million tons in the Year 2000 (LADOTD, 2003). These highly developed transportation systems are efficient modes of transportation with increasing economies of scale, especially for low-value, high-volume bulk cargoes.

Water transport has few congestion problems (MARAD, 1994). Waterway operators encounter little traffic other than pleasure boaters who steer clear of commercial traffic, and as a rule, each keeps to their 'own' area within a river. The waterway industry has met the increases in additional cargo demand, by building towboats with greater horsepower that are capable of pushing more barges at a time. The result has been fewer, but bigger, tows often with 15 barges in a single tow (MARAD, 1994).

4.2 Infrastructure Impacts

The extent of damage to the existing infrastructure of the New Orleans Metropolitan Area from the Hurricanes Katrina and Rita has been the subject of ongoing investigation. In Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, and St. Bernard Parishes, much of the roadway network was submerged for at least several days and in many cases for weeks (LADOTD, 2005). The South Louisiana Submerged Roads Program (www.pavinglaroads.com) is addressing more than 50 street repair projects in Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, and St. Tammany parishes in Phase A, but much of the remaining New Orleans Metropolitan Area has significant maintenance, rehabilitation, and reconstruction issues.¹⁸ These roads are typically receiving a new wearing

¹ ¹⁸ Maintenance refers to the least intensive and least costly group of activities – those designed to address minor or spot distress to make the ride more comfortable or to extend the life of the pavement by preventing deterioration. Rehabilitation refers to an intermediate level of roadwork on streets with moderate to severe distress.

course as well as other components at an average cost of approximately \$500,000 per lane mile (RPC, 2009a).

According to a 2008 report by the Bureau of Governmental Research, New Orleans' last city street survey (2004) identified 32 percent of New Orleans' streets needed major rehabilitation or total reconstruction and another 34 percent were in need of immediate maintenance prior to Hurricane Katrina (BGR, 2008). The problem allegedly stems from chronic under-funding of necessary maintenance (BRG, 2008). Prior to the disaster, the city was spending \$20 million to \$30 million a year on major street repairs and reconstruction (BRG, 2008). The City of expects to spend \$162 million of locally generated capital funds during the next three years, but spends only \$3 million a year on maintenance. The Department of Public Works estimates that it would cost \$3 billion to meet rehabilitation and reconstruction needs and another \$40 million to \$45 million a year to properly maintain the streets (BRG, 2008). While these statistics are only relative to Orleans Parish, they are assumed to be representative of the general pavement conditions within greater New Orleans.

Over the past 10 years Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) has funded or conducted extensive studies on the effects of heavy load truck transportation on the roadway infrastructure of Louisiana (Roberts, et al, 2005; Roberts and Kjakfar, 1999; Fletcher, 1997) as well as estimating the effects from inundation during Hurricane Katrina (Gaspard et al, 2007). These references provide relevant examples of analyses of the effects of heavy truckloads on road surfaces as well as bridges in Louisiana. However, the vehicle axle configuration of any particular truck strongly affects roadway and bridge degradation. For example, the unit pavement cost per mile for a 3-axle 54,000 GVWR truck is 50-percent higher than the cost of a 5-axle 80,000 GVWR truck on the same road because the per-axle weight is less for the heavier truck (LADOTD, 1999). Projecting actual roadway damage and bridge fatigue is speculative because the fleet of trucks completing the work will be at the discretion contractors that are selected.

4.2.1 Truck Damage to Infrastructure

Roadway pavement, bridges, and culverts are designed and constructed to withstand the repeated loadings inflicted by the number of heavy trucks that were anticipated to use the route. The useful life of a new pavement is typically 20 years, at which point the structural integrity has been worn from the roadway and major rehabilitation is required. The total load expected over the pavement's "lifetime" due to heavy truck traffic, is the primary input in calculating the thickness of the pavement (MARAD, 2007). The design of road, bridge, and culvert construction and the robustness thereof are also, in part, based on the anticipated demand for daily usage by large trucks.

The most robust roadway designs are for the facilities designed to carry the largest number of the heaviest loads on a daily basis: the interstate, expressway, and arterial roads. The design loads expected for the minor arterial, urban collector, and local roads do not account for frequent heavy loads. As such, the effect of using the minor arterial, urban collector, and local roads to haul large quantities of heavy loads would be the accelerated wearing of road surfaces, bridges,

Reconstruction refers to the most intensive and costly approach. It applies to streets that have deteriorated to the point of failure and involves complete removal and replacement of the surface and substructure of the roadway.

and culverts. These facilities were simply not designed to support the anticipated heavy truck traffic demand needed for transporting materials for the HSDRRS.

Using GIS-based routing, distances modeled for truck transportation may be sorted according to road functional classifications of the transportation routes. Minor arterial, urban collector, and local roads are the least robust surface roads that would be used for truck transportation. These three functional classes of roads were designed anticipating the fewest heavy truckloads being applied to their surfaces. According to Louisiana DOTD's "Preliminary Assessment of Pavement Damage Due to Heavier Loads on Louisiana Highways (LADOTD, 1999)," the pavement degradation cost of a 3-axle truck at 54,000 GVWR on a local road is more than 60 times the pavement degradation cost for that same vehicle to travel on an interstate highway.

In addition to the road surfaces themselves, culverts and bridges integral to the transportation routes were designed and constructed based on the functional classification of the road they are within. A statewide examination of bridges identified 13,426 bridges in Louisiana including bridges on local roads and those within the national highway system roads (LADOTD, 2003). Of the 10,851 non-National Highway System bridges, 2,320 (21-percent) were structurally deficient¹⁹ and 1,636 (15-percent) were functionally obsolete²⁰ (LADOTD, 2003). Of the 2,575 bridges within the National Highway System, 105 were classified as structurally deficient and 530 were functionally obsolete (LADOTD, 2003).

There are approximately 300 crossings where roads likely to be used for materials transportation intersect a bridge, culvert, or similar water conveyance structure. Approximately 103 of the crossings are within roadways classified as minor arterial (62), urban collector (19), or local roads (22). These locations would be the least capable of withstanding the increased burden of heavy truckloads necessary to transport materials to the construction sites.

According to LADOTD's 2005 study "Effects of Hauling Timber, Lignite Coal, and Coke Fuel on Louisiana Highways and Bridges (Roberts et al, 2005)," fatigue costs to state bridges crossed by 80,000 GVWR trucks are minimal because the stresses caused by such loads are within design load. However, parish bridges crossed by the same 80,000 GVWR trucks are subject to substantial damage (Roberts et al, 2005).

4.2.2 Rail and Barge Damage to Infrastructure

The relatively small number of train and barge trips under the Max Barge, Max Rail, and Likely Scenario would not be expected to have any discernable effects to the rail or marine terminal infrastructure in greater New Orleans.

4.3 Accident Risks

Risk identification is an organized approach to synthesizing engineering or scientific information in order to assess the extent of risk to human health, safety, or the environment. Because the assessment of transportation risk involves different modes of transportation, with varying numbers of shipments, over different routes of varying lengths, the relative risks are compared

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¹⁹ "Structurally deficient" means the bridge is in need of rehabilitation in order to carry loads for which it was originally designed (LADOTD, 2003).

²⁰ "Functionally obsolete" means the bridge is structurally sound, yet in most cases with width and/or clearance restrictions.

based on the average impacts estimated for each mile traveled (i.e., "per-mile" unit risks). These unit risks, and the total risks they predict when multiplied by the distances traveled, are intended for comparison purposes only and provide a benchmark with which to understand the relative differences between the risks of the different modes of transport. The unit risks in the comparison were based on data from two primary references: "State-Level Accident Rates of Surface Freight Transportation: A Reexamination" (Saricks and Tompkins, 1999), and "Large Truck Crash Facts – 2005" (USDOT, 2007).

4.3.1 Truck

Transportation of construction materials involves a risk to members of the public and accidents during transportation may cause property damage, injures, and fatalities. The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's motor carrier reporting rules (49 CFR § 390.5) define an accident as an occurrence involving a commercial motor vehicle operating on a public road that results in (1) a fatality and/or (2) bodily injury to a person that requires medical treatment away from the accident scene; and/or (3) one or more involved motor vehicles incurring disabling damage as a result of the accident such that the vehicle must be towed from the scene (Saricks and Tompkins, 1999).

The most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Large Truck Crash Facts (USDOT, 2007) contains descriptive statistics about fatal, injury, and property damage only (PDO) crashes involving large trucks from 2005. These summary statistics report the occurrence rates, in events per 100 million miles traveled, for all three categories of large truck accident (fatal, injury, PDO) nationwide. Large trucks are defined as trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVRW) exceeding 10,000 pounds.

For the calendar year 2005 data, the rates of occurrence per 100,000,000 miles traveled are presented in table 4-3 (USDOT, 2007). For every 100,000,000 miles traveled for large trucks, there were 2.34 fatalities, 51.1 injuries, and 159 PDO events.

Table 4-3. Large Truck Accident Rates per 100 Million Miles

Source: USDOT, 2007.

Estimating the number and type of accidents that could occur under the different transportation alternative scenarios requires multiplying the large truck accident rates (table 4-3) by the number of large truck miles traveled under the respective alternatives.

4.3.2 Rail

Within the Federal Railway Administration's (FRA) rules for the reporting of accidents and incidents (49 USC 20901), rail carriers must file a report with the Secretary of Transportation, not later than 30 days after the end of each month in which an accident or incident occurs, that states the nature, cause, and circumstances of the reported accident or incident.

The criteria for a reportable accident or incident currently encoded in 49 CFR Part 225 are as follows:

- An impact occurs between railroad on-track equipment and (a) a motorized or nonmotorized highway or farm vehicle, (b) a pedestrian, or (c) other highway user at a highway-rail crossing,
- A collision, derailment, fire, explosion, act of God, or other event involving the operation of standing or moving railroad on-track equipment results in aggregate damage (to ontrack equipment, signals, track and/or other track structures, and/or roadbed) of more than \$6,700, and
- An event arising from railroad operation that results in (a) the death of one or more persons; (b) injury to one or more persons, other than railroad employees, that requires medical treatment; (c) injury to one or more employees that requires medical treatment or results in restriction of work or motion for one or more days, one or more lost work days, transfer to another job, termination of employment, or loss of consciousness; and/or (d) any occupational illness of a railroad employee diagnosed by a physician.

Accident rates for railroad operations (accidents/incidents/fatalities) were not based on train miles traveled because construction materials would not always be moved in uniform-length dedicated trains. Instead, unit risk factors for train hauling were based on the railcar-mile of movement (Saricks and Tompkins, 1999). For ease in comparison to the truck risks, these factors were converted to rates per railcar-mile.

Louisiana-specific unit risks were developed by Saricks and Tompkins (1999) by using state accident data for the years 1994-1996 in the numerator and the estimated total in-state railcar distances traveled (loaded and unloaded) as the denominator. Using these numbers, annual risk factors were developed as an accident rate per railcar-mile. The three year's risk factors were averaged to get an average rate per railcar-mi and those risk factors were then multiplied by 100,000,000 miles to provide a basis for comparison between the truck, rail, and barge risks (see table 4-4).

| Fatalities | Persons Injured | Property Damage Only | |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 9 | 33 | 20 | |

Table 4-4. Rail Car Accident Rates Per 100 Million Rail Car Miles

Estimating the number and type of accidents that could occur under the different transportation alternative scenarios requires multiplying the rail car accident rates (table 4-4) by the number of railcar miles traveled under the respective alternatives.

4.3.3 Barge

Under 46 USC Part 61, Reporting Marine Casualties, criteria have been established required reporting (by vessel operators and owners) of marine casualties and incidents involving all US flag vessels occurring anywhere in the world and any foreign flag vessel operating on waters

subject to the jurisdiction of the US. An incident must be reported within five days if it results in:

- Death of an individual,
- Serious injury to an individual,
- Substantial loss of property,
- Damage affecting the seaworthiness or efficiency of the vessel, or
- Significant harm to the environment.

Saricks and Tompkins' (1999) accident rates for waterway operations were developed by combining data from the Coast Guard's Marine Casualty and Pollution Database and summary information from USACE annual publication Waterborne Commerce of the United States. Accident types included allisions (striking of/scraping against stationary structures), collisions (between vessels or involving a vessel and another moving vehicle), barge breakaways, fires, explosions, groundings, structural failures, flooding, capsizing, and sinking that occurred in US inland waters or (identifiably) within 100 miles of the coastline (Saricks and Tomkins, 1999).

Their analyses developed unit risk factors for waterway operations (accidents, injuries, and fatalities) that standardized the risk factors to rates per 500-ton shipment mile by waterway type and by state. The ton-mile estimates were divided by the 500-ton shipment weight to produce a unit risk factor similar to "railcar" and "truckload" as shown in table 4-5.

Table 4-5. Waterborne Vessel Accident Rates per 100 Million Shipment Miles

Estimating the number and type of accidents that could occur under the different transportation alternative scenarios requires multiplying the barge travel accident rates (table 4-5) by the number of railcar miles traveled under the respective alternatives.

4.4 Air Quality - Diesel Emissions

As of April 30, 2004, the four parishes surrounding the New Orleans urbanized area (Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard and St. Charles parishes) were determined to be in compliance with the new, 8-hour standard for ozone in accordance with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (RPC, 2009). The determination was based on three consecutive years of air quality monitoring data that demonstrated compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for all criteria pollutants. On May 27, 2008, new air quality standards for ozone went into effect as promulgated by the US Environmental Protection Agency and the newer, more stringent standards may have an impact on the region's ability to meet the NAAQS (RPC, 2009).²¹

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 21 This standard is currently under reconsideration by the USEPA. USEPA could propose a lower standard by December 2009 and promulgate a final ruling by August 2010.

There are three primary methods for transporting materials to and within greater New Orleans: truck, rail, and barge. However, few construction projects are accessible by barge, none are directly accessible by rail, and all are accessible by truck. To use rail or barge, the material would need to be offloaded from the bulk containers at rail yards and marine terminals, loaded onto trucks, and delivered to the construction projects. In addition, the opportunity to use rail or barge is restricted to the transport of steel, rock, and the aggregate materials used in the production of concrete because no feasible method exists for using barge or rail for earthen material delivery. As such, the emissions from the truck transport for the distribution of earthen borrow within greater New Orleans cannot be reduced by the use of rail or barge.

Sections 4.4.1 through 4.4.3 show the differences in emissions that would be produced for truck, rail, and barge transportation of materials to and within greater New Orleans.

4.4.1 Truck Emissions

The 1990 Federal Clean Air Act Amendments directed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop two separate Federal conformity rules. Those rules (promulgated as 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93) are designed to ensure that Federal actions do not cause, or contribute to, air quality violations in areas that do not meet the national ambient air quality standards. The two rules include transportation conformity, which applies to transportation plans, programs, and projects (i.e., projects that involve the building of roads); and general conformity, which applies to all other non transportation-related projects, including the construction of the HSDRRS.

The EPA has set National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for six principal air quality pollutants, called "criteria" pollutants. They are carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, ozone, 22 lead, particulates of 10 microns or less in size (PM-10 and PM-2.5), and sulfur dioxide.

The Clean Air Act General Conformity Rule (58 FR 63214, November 30, 1993, Final Rule, Determining Conformity of General Federal Actions to State or Federal Implementation Plans) was designed to ensure that Federal actions do not impede local efforts to control air pollution. It is called a conformity rule because Federal agencies are required to demonstrate that their actions "conform with" (i.e., do not undermine) the approved State Implementation $Plan^{23}$ (SIP) for their geographic area. The final rule dictates that a conformity review be performed when a Federal action generates air pollutants in a region that has been designated a non-attainment or maintenance area for one or more of the six NAAQS criteria pollutants.

All of the Parishes within greater New Orleans are in "attainment" of the NAAQS for each of the six criteria pollutants. Because of this, no detailed conformity analyses were required²⁴ for the IERs. Although not required for a conformity assessment and evaluation of Clean Air Act

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 22 Ozone is the only parameter not directly emitted into the air but forms in the atmosphere when three atoms of oxygen (0^3) are combined by a chemical reaction between oxides of nitrogen (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOC) in the presence of sunlight. Motor vehicle exhaust and industrial emissions, gasoline vapors, and chemical solvents are some of the major sources of NOx and VOC, also known as ozone precursors. Strong sunlight and hot weather can cause ground-level ozone to form in harmful concentrations in the air.

 23 A State Implementation Plan (SIP) is the federally-approved plan by which each state identifies how it will attain and/or maintain the health-related primary and welfare-related secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

 24 If one or more of the priority pollutants had not been in attainment, then the proposed actions would have been subject to detailed conformity determinations unless these actions were clearly *de minimus* emissions. Use of the *de minimus* thresholds assures that the conformity rule covers only major Federal actions (USEPA, 1993).

compliance, the quantification of the mobile source, direct emissions from the materials transportation is necessary to address the cumulative effects under NEPA. The Mobile Source Emission Factor (MOBILE) model is an EPA emission factor model for predicting gram per mile emissions of the priority pollutants and other toxics from on-road vehicles under various conditions.25 The MOBILE model was used to quanitify the emissions from construction materials transportation. This analysis does not include non-road emissions from demolition, construction equipment used to build the HSDRRS, or emissions from materials transportation off of the public roads within temporary work area easements or at construction sites.

In order to use the MOBILE model to quantify on-road emissions from materials transport, three variables needed to be established:

- 1. Types of trucks assumed to transport materials,
- 2. Distances those trucks would travel to complete the project, and
- 3. Rates at which those trucks would emit pollutants [i.e., emissions factors (grams/mile)] during transportation.

The MOBILE model provides only two classes of heavy-duty diesel vehicles (HDDV). Class 8A are the smaller vehicles where their gross vehicle weight restriction is between 33,001- 60,000 pounds; Class 8B represents the larger heavy-duty diesel vehicles where the gross vehicle weight restriction is greater than 60,000 pounds. The assumptions made regarding hypothetical distribution of truck miles traveled in each of the classes (HDDV8A and HDDV8B) are shown in table 4-6. The percentages are different for each of the construction materials based on an assumed distribution of truck size in the fleet.

| | Earthen Fill | Steel | Ready- Mix Concrete | Concrete Pile | Aggregate | Rock |
|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Assumed Percent HDDV8A | 10% | 20% | 60% | 20% | 10% | 20% |
| Assumed Percent HDDV8B | 90% | 80% | 40% | 80% | 90% | 80% |

Table 4-6. Assumed Distances by MOBILE 6.2 HDDV Class

MOBILE 6.2 was used to generate emission factors for volatile organic hydrocarbon (VOC), carbon monoxide (CO), oxides of nitrogen (NOx), exhaust particulate matter (PM), sulfur dioxide (SO_2) , ammonia (NH_3) , and carbon dioxide (CO_2) . The model calculates emission rates under various conditions affecting in-use emission levels (e.g., ambient temperatures, average traffic speeds).

The model includes default values for a wide range of conditions that affect emissions. These defaults are designed to represent "national average" input data values. For this analysis,

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 25 Online at: http://epa.gov/OMSWWW/m6.htm

additional values were specified in the input file²⁶ to represent regional atmospheric and climactic conditions for the New Orleans area (e.g., elevation above sea level, time of year, daily high and low temperature, absolute humidity). Based on these input parameters, composite emissions factors or emission rates in grams/mile as well as average fuel efficiency (miles/gallon) were generated by the model, and are shown in table 4-7.

Table 4-7. Composite Emission Factors and Diesel Fuel Use

4.4.2 Rail Emissions

The USEPA has established emission standards for NOx, HC, CO, and PM for newly manufactured and remanufactured diesel-powered locomotives and locomotive engines (EPA, 2009). Three separate sets of emission standards have been adopted, depending on the date a locomotive was first manufactured. The first set of standards (Tier 0) apply to locomotives and locomotive engines originally manufactured from 1973 through 2001. The second set of standards (Tier 1) apply to locomotives and locomotive engines originally manufactured from 2002 through 2004. The final set of standards (Tier 2) apply to locomotives and locomotive engines originally manufactured in 2005 and later. It is important to emphasize that the emission factors provided by EPA (EPA, 2009) rely on many simplifying assumptions and therefore the emission rates calculated should be considered as approximations.

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 26 The input parameters and input file as well as the output file are included as appendix A.

Calculating the non-road emission factors rely on estimates of the amount of a pollutant emitted by a particular type of equipment during a unit of use. Typically, emission factors for non-road sources are reported in grams per horsepower-hour (g/hp-hr), but they also may be reported in grams per mile, grams per hour, and grams per gallon. The EPA has established standards to calculate emissions from railroad locomotives in the form of an expected fleet average for emissions of NOx, PM_{10} , and HC emission factors by calendar year (EPA, 2009); the emissions factors for 2010 were used for this analysis and are presented in table 4-8. The emission factor used to estimate the CO emissions is from previous EPA guidance (EPA, 1997). The EPA guidance (EPA, 2009) does not provide an emission factor for ammonia (NH4) so the data are reported as not available (N/A).

These EPA emission factors provide a method for estimating emissions when fuel gallons are known. Detailed data for train fuel consumption or composition are generally proprietary, but estimates of average fuel efficiencies have been developed and are approximately 2 to 3 gallons per mile (MARAD, 2007).

Gram per gallon emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO_2) and carbon dioxide (CO_2) are largely independent of engine parameters and are primarily dependent on fuel properties (EPA, 2009). As such, locomotive-specific emission rates are not provided by the EPA emission factor guidance (EPA, 2009). Instead, the Technical Highlights (EPA, 2009) recommends that SO_2 and $CO₂$ emission rates be calculated based on the properties of the specific fuel being used by the locomotives and the emission rates can be assumed to be the same as for other diesel engines operating on similar fuel. Therefore, the emission factors for SO_2 and CO_2 will be the same as was used for estimating SO_2 and CO_2 emissions for trucks.

| | VOC | NOx | CO ₂ | CO | PM _{2.5} | PM_{10} | SO ₂ |
|------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| | grams/gal | grams/gal | grams/gal | grams/gal | grams/gal | grams/gal | grams/gal |
| Large Line- Haul | 8.7 | 157.0 | 10,084.6 | 26.6 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 1.9 |

Table 4-8. Estimated Emission Rates for Locomotives for Calendar Year 2010

Sources: USEPA, 2009; USEPA, 1997.

4.4.3 Barge (Tug) Emissions

There are different types of tugs and barges that commonly operate on the lower Mississippi: towboats and pushboats. A river tug or pushboat is generally a flat-bottomed boat with a flat bow. The bow meets up against the flat stern of a river barge, the two are secured to each other, and the tug pushes the barge or barges up or down the river. In one variation, the pushboat has a rounded or pointed bow that fits in a notch on the stern of a barge (notch barge) and then commences to push the barge. Less commonly seen are towboats. Unlike a pushboat, the hull of the towboat does not, generally speaking, touch the barge. Instead a long line passes between the towboat and the barge as the towboat pulls the barge forward. Towboats are more commonly used for ocean going barges and on the Great Lakes than they are in the rivers (USEPA, 1999). Tows may be as large as 40 barges per tow on the lower Mississippi River (USEPA, 1999),

however table 4-9 summarizes an EPA-published rule of thumb for estimating barge-to-tug ratios per tow.

Table 4-9. Barges Per Tug Assumptions

Source: USEPA, 1999.

Strictly speaking, barges do not emit pollutants; emissions come from the tugboats that push or pull them. The EPA has promulgated emissions standards for marine vessel engines and classifies the barge tugs as non-oceangoing ships. The EPA data on non-oceangoing ships indicate that, based on a sample of approximately 100 vessels, the average rated horsepower for tugs was 4,268 hp (USEPA, 2000). The same source provides suggested load factors of 80 percent (cruise speed), 40-percent (slow cruise), and 20-percent (maneuvering) as a percent of the maximum continuous rating. These loading factors represent the varying conditions under which a tug would operate and the corresponding changes in emissions. Table 4-10 provides emission factors in grams emitted per hour of operation assuming EPA's average horsepower of 4,268 HP for non-oceangoing tugs (USEPA, 2000).

Table 4-10. Emission Factors (grams/hour) For Tugboats

| NOx | CO | HC. | SOx | PM 2.5 | PM 10 | CO ₂ | NO ₂ |
|------------|----------------------------------|-----|------------|--------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 42,015.6 3,501.3 1,591.5 4,144.3 | | | 768 | 834.9 | 2,132,610 | 63.66 |

Source: Capital Regional District Air Contaminant Emissions Inventory for 2004 (2008 Revision), 2008.

5 Transportation Alternatives Assessed and Compared

These analyses evaluate the effects from moving materials to, and within greater New Orleans in order to construct projects with a total cost of over \$15 billion. It is important to realize that applied numerical models describe processes and make predictions about where, when and how the modeled phenomenon will occur, but have limits because of the assumptions used in the model.

The environmental consequences for transportation were modeled using materials quantities from ongoing construction designs in various stages of completion, with associated schedule changes, based on standardized truck, rail, and barge loading factors, and transported along unspecified routes to construction projects. This analysis depicts what the effects would be if there were no design or schedules changes after July 2009, and all of the simplifying assumptions described in this report were uniformly correct. Predicting traffic or road surface conditions on a particular segment of route, on a given day in the project schedule is not a realistic expectation from this analysis.

However, these limitations should not diminish the value of the analysis or the validity of the alternatives comparison. Each of the four alternatives (Max Truck, Max Barge, Max Rail, and theLikely Scenario) is evaluated to compare the effects to traffic congestion (5.1), infrastructure degradation (5.2), accidents (5.3), and emissions (5.4). The similarities and limited differences between the alternatives are valuable for the consideration of transportation alternatives. Slight differences in some of the metrics (e.g., truckloads) because of different rounding assumptions as the data were manipulated; this does not diminish the value of the assessment to decisions makers.

5.1 Congestion

Congestion resulting from project implementation was addressed using two methods: RPC's Congestion Management Index (CMI), and by defining thresholds at which the public would be likely to perceive the increase in traffic and identifying which specific roads exceeded those thresholds.

5.1.1 Congestion Impacts Evaluated using the CMI

Using the analytical approach discussed in section 4.1 Congestion, effects to local traffic were estimated for each of the transportation alternatives using the RPC's CMI. Each of the transportation routes are made up of many different road classes as the truck proceeds from origin to destination. In order to assess effects to traffic along the route, each route was parsed into segments by road class. This allows the analysis of the effects to traffic at distinct points along the route.

Likely transportation routes developed as part of this analysis were parsed into approximately 8,000 route segments. These route segments, along with schedules for delivery and the demanddriven truck trips, formed the basis for the calculation of incremental changes to the CMI.

These changes provide a relative assessment of the predicted changes in traffic. Over 3 million separate changes in the CMI were calculated for all transportation route segments, for six classes of roads, for each of the 380 weeks of the project analysis period, for each of the four alternatives, moving more than 2 million truckloads.

Table 5-1. Maximum Truck Use – Changes in CMI

Table 5-2. Maximum Truck Use – Percent Change in Commercial Vehicles

Table 5-4 Maximum Barge Use – Percent Change in Commercial Vehicles

Table 5-5. Maximum Rail Use – Changes in CMI

Table 5-6 Maximum Rail Use – Percent Change in Commercial Vehicles

Table 5-9 presents the maximum calculated change in the CMI for any of the 8,000 segments within the six DOTD road classifications. These data indicate no discernable difference between the alternatives with respect to the effects on congestion.

5.1.2 Congestion Impacts Evaluated using Truck Trip Thresholds

Evaluating the effects to traffic using the CMI calculations did not distinguish the predicted effects to traffic at a street level. In order to improve the public's understanding of the expected increase in truck traffic from materials transportation, truck traffic was evaluated by defining thresholds at which the public would be likely to perceive the increases in traffic. As introduced in section 4.1.1.5, this analysis identifies which specific roads exceeded those thresholds, and the duration of exceedance. Table 5-10 repeats the information shown in table 4-2, but is included again below to support communication of the analysis.

Table 5-10. Truck Frequency Thresholds by Functional Road Class

Alternative-specific transportation routes, and the discrete roads within those routes, were parsed into approximately 8,000 route segments to evaluate traffic along very small segments for each route. However, to understand the overall effect on single roadways, multiple segments were dissolved into single road segments where both name and functional classification were shared. By consolidating segments in this fashion, the most impacted roads of each functional classification could be identified within the materials transportation routes.

These roads were then examined to determine how many of the roads exceeded the functionalclass specific thresholds (table 5-10 above) under each of the four alternatives. Table 5-11 below summarizes the number of roads, by functional classification, that are predicted to exceed the thresholds. For example, none of the six functional class 1 or 2 roads are predicted to exceed the truck frequency threshold of 1,500 trucks per day during the project schedule. However, 19 of the 44 functional class 4 roads used in the materials transportation would be predicted to exceed the threshold of 240 trucks/day under the maximum truck alternative. Only 12 of the 44 functional class 4 roads would be predicted to exceed the threshold of 240 trucks/day for both maximum barge and likely scenarios.

With the exception of the number of functional class 8 (local roads) under the maximum truck alternative, table 5-11 indicates that a substantially similar number of roads would be predicted to exceed the truck frequency thresholds. Because the number of truck trips and routes used for the transportation of borrow is identical for all four scenarios, this result is not unexpected. Given the similarities, the remaining analyses report only the likely scenario.

Table 5-11. Numbers of Roads Exceeding Truck Frequency Thresholds by Functional Class and Alternative

Figure 5-1 (repeated from figure 4-1) shows the roads included in the routing of project materials deliveries under the likely scenario. Figure 5-2 shows the locations of roads within the transportation network that are expected to exceed frequency thresholds for the likely scenario.

Figure 5-1. Road Network Used for Project Materials Delivery (Likely Scenario)

Figure 5-2. Roads Exceeding Thresholds (Likely Scenario)

5.1.2.1 Likely Alternative - Duration of Truck Frequency Threshold Exceedence

Identifying the roads that exceed the truck frequency thresholds omits two important parameters: the duration of the effect (time) and the magnitude of the exceedance. The duration that truck traffic exceeds the frequency thresholds, and the extent to which the thresholds are exceeded is important in characterizing the intensity of the effect. The following four tables (5-12 through 5- 15) identify the functional class-specific roads that exceed the truck frequency thresholds shown in figure 5-2. For the identified roads, the tables provide the number of months the threshold is exceeded, the minimum number of trucks per day that triggered the first exceedance, the maximum number of trucks per day, and the average number of trucks per day.

For example, table 5-12 identifies each of the six functional class 3 roads that exceed the truck frequency threshold of 360 trucks per day. In addition, table 5-12 identifies the number of months the threshold is exceeded as well as the minimum, average, and maximum number of trucks per day for the road in question. Within tables 5-12 through 5-15, the roadways are sorted in descending order by the number of months the truck thresholds are exceeded. Roads listed in these tables are those predicted to be most affected by increases in truck traffic and the durations for which these effects are expected.

Statistics for Days on Which Materials Delivery Truck Count Threshold is Exceeded

Table 5-12. DOTD Road Class 3 Number of Days Threshold of 360 Material Delivery Trucks Per Day Exceeded

Table 5-13. DOTD Road Class 4 Number of Days Threshold of 240 Material Delivery Trucks Per Day Exceeded

Table 5-14. DOTD Road Class 5 Number of Days Threshold of 150 Material Delivery Trucks Per Day Exceeded

Table 5-15. DOTD Road Class 8 Number of Days Threshold of 50 Material Delivery Trucks Per Day Exceeded

5.2 Infrastructure Degradation

The relatively small number of train and barge trips under the Max Barge, Max Rail, and Likely Scenario would not be expected to have any discernable effects to the rail or marine terminal infrastructure in greater New Orleans. Therefore, the discussion of the effects to infrastructure focuses exclusively on the effects of truck transportation.

As described in section 4.2, the effects to infrastructure are a function of vehicle axle configuration, load, number of trips, road design, and the pre-project condition of the road. Estimating the effect to infrastructure from the alternatives is perforce speculative because essential factors cannot be predicted with certainty. Routes used are uncertain because contractors are allowed to select any route on public roads not specifically prohibited for use by a Parish. Rational assumptions regarding typical truck equipment can be made, but the effects to infrastructure are more highly correlated to the axle configuration of any particular truck than a vehicle's gross vehicle weight.²⁷ Contractors are not restricted from using any type of trucks, provided they are within the legal weight limits or are permitted as overweight. There will be multiple axle configurations for dump trucks/flatbeds/cement mixers/etc. with different weights per axle. Estimating the damage to infrastructure, based on a hypothetical fleet of trucks, on possible, but not certain routes, necessarily leads to extensive caveats on the use of the results.

When estimating the effects to roads, the concept of lane-mile is important because lane miles are a typical unit used to measure the surface area of a roadway. For example, a two-lane street that is one mile long has two lane miles, and a four-lane street that is one mile long has four lane miles. The width of lane used for this analysis was assumed to be 12 feet, so the area of a lanemile would be the 12-foot lane width x $5,280$ feet/mile = 63,360 square feet or one lane-mile.

Using the GIS route evaluation developed to estimate the effects to congestion (sections 4.1 and 5.1) and a map of the Louisiana DOTD road classifications for greater New Orleans (LADOTD, 2008) the routes used to transport materials were mapped according to their DOTD road classification. Tables 5-16 through 5-19 provide the single path length and the approximate conversion of these distances to lane miles, for each alternative. For each of the alternatives, there were a small number of miles $(< 1 %)$ that could not be classified according to the DOTD road classification for New Orleans and they are reported as "unknown."

To estimate the additional number of lane miles that could be affected by the Contractor Furnished earthen material \sim 9 million cubic yards for which routes are not yet available), the lane miles for DOTD road classes 4, 5, and 8 were multiplied by a scaling factor of 1.428. The scaling factor represents the additional truckloads of Contractor-Furnished earthen fill for which routes are not yet available (9 million cy $/$ 21 million cy = 0.428 or 42.8%). The scaling factor was not applied to the DOTD classes 1-3 as the road segments of this classification within greater New Orleans have already been accounted for in the materials routing.

The number of estimated lane-miles, by road classification is summed in each table to provide an alternative-specific total number of lane miles. When the total number of lane miles is juxtaposed to the total number of truckloads (taken from section 3), the similarity between the alternatives is noteworthy. Regardless of which alternative was implemented, between 1,100 and 1,300 lane miles of roadway within greater New Orleans would be traversed with between

¹ ²⁷ As described in section 4.2, the unit pavement cost per mile for a 3-axle 54,000 GVWR truck is 50-percent higher than the cost of a 5-axle 80,000 GVWR truck on the same road (LADOTD, 1999).

2.19 and 2.35 million truck trips. These similarities derive from the fact that the extent of truck transportation under each of the alternatives is substantially the same with earthen fill more than 85-percent of all trips for each of the alternatives. There are no stark contrasts between the alternatives with respect to the number of lane miles potentially affected by the project with greater New Orleans.

Table 5-16. Maximum Truck Use – Local Truck Transportation Distance and Lane Miles by Functional Road Classification

Table 5-17. Maximum Barge Use – Local Truck Transportation Distance and Lane Miles by Functional Road Classification

Table 5-18. Maximum Rail Use – Local Truck Transportation Distance and Lane Miles by Functional Road Classification

Table 5-19. Likely Scenario– Local Truck Transportation Distance and Lane Miles by Functional Road Classification

As described in section 4.2, the potential to damage infrastructure is not limited to the road surfaces, but also includes bridges, culvert, and any other crossings. Using GIS layers depicting the bridges and other crossings within the surface road network (provided by the Regional Planning Commission), an intersection of the alternative-specific routing and the RPC's bridges data was performed in GIS. The results have been sorted by DOTD road classification and are presented in table 5-20. As with the road surface, between 4 and 6-percent of the crossings were outside the classified roads, but the majority is identified. For all alternatives, more than 85 percent of all crossings are within roads classes 1, 2, or 3. The robustness of design and construction for these crossings should enable them to withstand an increased load of truck traffic. However, only 8-percent of crossings (23-25 depending on the alternative) are within road classes 4, 5, and 8. These roads are the least able to withstand the effects of large truck traffic and significant increases in loads beyond their design assumptions.

| LADOTD Road Classification | Class Description | Max Truck | Max Barge | Max Rail | Likely Scenario | |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--|
| 1 | Interstate | 205 | 204 | 203 | 205 | |
| $\overline{2}$ | Expressway | 81 | 52 | 54 | 81 | |
| 3 | Principal Arterial | 71 | 62 | 70 | 71 | |
| 4 | Minor Arterial | 25 | 24 | 23 | 25 | |
| 5 | Urban Collector | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | |
| 8 | Local Road | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | |
| Unknown | Unknown | 16 | 23 | 18 | 16 | |
| | Total | 405 | 372 | 376 | 405 | |
| Percent Class 1, 2, and 3 | | 88% | 85% | 87% | 88% | |
| Percent Class 4, 5, and 8 | | 8% | 8% | 8% | 8% | |

Table 5-20. Local Bridge, Culvert, or Crossings: Materials Routes by Road Type

Segments of interstate, expressway, and arterial roads (classifications 1, 2, and 3) have the largest number of truck-trips because these are the most-shared links (i.e., bottle-necks) within most routes. However, these road classifications are the most robust being designed to handle large numbers of trucks on a daily basis. The facility designs for the minor arterial, urban collector, and local roads (classifications 4, 5, and 8) carry fewer trips, but were not designed to support frequent heavy loads. The effect of extensively using the minor arterial, urban collector, and local roads to haul large quantities of heavy loads would be the accelerated wearing of road surfaces, bridges, and culverts.

Section 4.2 cites the Submerged Roads Program cost per lane mile (RPC, 2009a) to rehabilitate roads at approximately \$500,000 per lane mile and this cost is assumed to include repair to road surfaces and crossings (i.e., bridges) within the roadway. Table 5-21 summarizes the alternativespecific data from tables 5-16 through 5-19, and approximates a cost to infrastructure for each of the alternatives assuming that all of the lane miles used in the truck transportation would need repair after the project was complete. The costs are similar because between 1,100 and 1,300 lane miles of roadway within greater New Orleans would be traversed with between 2.19 and 2.35 million truck trips, regardless of the alternative.

Table 5-21. Alternative Comparison - Lane Miles by Functional Road Classification

5.3 Accident Risks

Using the analytical approach discussed in section 4.3 Accident Risks, the transportation risks were estimated for each of the transportation alternatives. For each alternative, the total collective risk for property damage only, injury only, or fatalities represents the aggregate of risks from each mode of transportation assumed under that alternative. Tables 5-22 through 5-25 present the estimated accident risks for each of the alternatives.

As show in table 5-26, Projected Accidents - Comparison of the Alternatives, Maximum Truck reflects the greatest collective risk of all three types of accidents. This is because of the significantly larger distance of truck travel (150 million miles traveled vs. less than 70 million) required under the Maximum Truck alternative when compared to the other three alternatives. The accident risks for the other three alternatives are substantially the same and primarily derive from the approximately 60-70 million miles of truck travel that is unavoidable. When transporting materials from remote locations to greater New Orleans by rail or barge, accident risks decrease.

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 28 Cost of approximately \$500,000 per lane mile based on cost per lane mile from the Submerged Road Program (RPC, 2009a).

Table 5-22. Projected Accidents - Maximum Truck

Table 5-23. Projected Accidents - Maximum Barge

Table 5-24. Projected Accidents - Maximum Rail

Table 5-25. Projected Accidents – Likely Scenario

Table 5-26. Projected Accidents - Comparison of Alternatives

| Mode | | Projected Accidents | | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| | Estimated Miles Traveled | Property Damage Only | Injury Only | Fatality | | | |
| Max Truck | 150,426,000 | 230.2 | 76.9 | 3.1 | | | |
| Max Barge | 60,395,160 | 111.1 | 31.3 | 1.3 | | | |
| Max Rail | 62,030,650 | 104.6 | 34.5 | 2.0 | | | |
| Likely Scenario | 68,943,520 | 106.2 | 35.1 | 1.4 | | | |

5.4 Emissions

Utilizing the alternative-specific distances traveled from section 3, emissions were calculated using the emissions factors described in section 4.4. To enhance the comparison, the total distance traveled (miles) and the calculated quantity of diesel fuel needed (gallons) is also provided. Truck miles have also been segregated into local (within greater New Orleans) and non-local miles to indicate the quantity of local emissions. Because all of the Parishes are currently designated as "in attainment" of all criteria pollutants, further requirements by the Clean Air Act general conformity rule (Section 176.(c)) would not apply. Emissions were therefore not segregated by Parish or separated by the calendar year in which the emissions would occur. Tables 5-27 through 5-30 illustrate the alternative-specific emissions estimated and table 5-31 compares the emissions, by alternative. While the Max Truck requires significantly more miles to be traveled, the per mile emissions from truck transportation are considerably less than emissions from barges or locomotives. Therefore, the alternatives that

include the usage of barge or rail transportation have greater emissions of VOCs, NOx, CO, and PM than when truck transportation alone was assumed.

Table 5-27. Maximum Truck Use – Diesel Emissions (tons)

Table 5-28. Maximum Barge Use – Diesel Emissions (tons)

| Mode | Miles | Gallons of Diesel | VOCs | NOx | CO ₂ | CO | $PM_{2.5}$ | PM_{10} | SO ₂ | NH ₃ |
|---------------|--------------|------------------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|-------|------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Local Truck | 59.662.300 | 9.417.500 | 31.0 | 563.0 | 106.451.0 | 150.6 | 11.2 | 12.2 | | 1.8 |
| Tug / Barge | 732.860 | 16,222,320 | 135.4 | 3.393.9 | 172,266.6 | 282.8 | 62.0 | 67.4 | 334.8 | N/A |
| TOTALS | 60.395.160 | 25.639.820 | 166.4 | 3.956.9 | 278.717.6 | 433.5 | 73.3 | 79.7 | 335.8 | 1.8 |

Table 5-29. Maximum Rail Use – Diesel Emissions (tons)

*No separate emission factor used for SO_2 for tug emissions. Reported as SO_x .

Table 5-31. Comparison of the Alternatives – Diesel Emissions (tons)

*No separate emission factor used for SO_2 for tug emissions. Reported as SO_x .

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Appendix A – MOBILE 6.2 Input File Parameters and Output File

MOBILE 6.2 INPUT FILE

MOBILE6 INPUT FILE : EMISSION FACTOR CALCULATION FOR HSDRRS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION *CEMVN NOLA HSDRRS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION AIR QUALITY MODEL POLLUTANTS : HC CO NOx CO2 PARTICULATES : SO4 LEAD SO2 NH3 BRAKE TIRE OCARBON ECARBON GASPM DATABASE OUTPUT : WITH FIELDNAMES : EMISSIONS TABLE : NOLARUN.TB1 REPLACE *EMISSIONS TABLE : REPLACE DATABASE VEHICLES : 11111 11111111 1 111 11111122 111 AGGREGATED OUTPUT : AIR TOXICS : *ALL VALUES FOR AIR TOXICS BELOW ARE DUMMY VALUES FOR THE GASOLINE FUEL PROPERTIES, EMISSIONS ARE FOR DIESEL ONLY *GAS AROMATIC% : 25 *GAS OLEFIN% : 15 *GAS BENZENE% : 1.5 *E200 : 50 $*F300$ 85 *OXYGENATE : MTBE 15.1 0.50 * : ETBE 17.6 0.05 * : ETOH 10.0 0.45 $: TAME 6.0 0.00$ REPORT FILE : NOLARPT.TXT REPLACE RUN DATA EXPRESS HC AS VOC : FUEL RVP : 9.0 *FUEL REID VAPOR PRESSURE - SUMMER RVP LIMIT IS 9 PSI OR 7.8 PSI. MIN/MAX TEMPERATURE: 65. 90. NO REFUELING : EXPAND HDDV FFS : EXPAND EXHAUST :

EXPAND EVAPORATIVE : IDLE PM EMISSIONS : SCENARIO RECORD : NEW ORLEANS, LA CALENDAR YEAR : 2010 EVALUATION MONTH : 7 *EVALUATION MONTH 7 IS JULY ABSOLUTE HUMIDITY : 130.0 *ABSOLUTE HUMIDITY CONVERSION AT www.vaisala.com/humiditycalculator/vaisala_humidity_calculator.html?lang=eng ALTITUDE : 1 *VALUE OF 1 FOR ALTITUDE IS "LOW" PARTICULATE EF : PMGZML.CSV PMGDR1.CSV PMGDR2.CSV PMDZML.CSV PMDDR1.CSV PMDDR2.CSV PARTICLE SIZE : 10 *REPEAT RUN WITH PARTICLE SIZE 10.0 TO GET THE OTHER DATA SET? DIESEL SULFUR : 15.00 *HDDV 8A (GVRW 33,001 - 60,000 LBS) AND 8B (>60,000 LBS GVWR) *AVERAGE SPEED : CONDUCT MULTIPLE RUNS WITH THIS ADJUSTED TO ILLUSTRATE THE EFFECT OF SPEED ON EMISSIONS *DIESEL RQD TO BE <15PPM PER EPA RULE

END OF RUN

Mobile 6.2 Output File (NOLARPT.txt)

- * #
- * NEW ORLEANS, LA
- * File 1, Run 1, Scenario 1.
- * #
- * Reading PM Gas Carbon ZML Levels
- * from the external data file PMGZML.CSV
- * Reading PM Gas Carbon DR1 Levels
- * from the external data file PMGDR1.CSV
- * Reading PM Gas Carbon DR2 Levels
- * from the external data file PMGDR2.CSV
- * Reading PM Diesel Zero Mile Levels
- * from the external data file PMDZML.CSV
- * Reading the First PM Deterioration Rates
- * from the external data file PMDDR1.CSV
- * Reading the Second PM Deterioration Rates
- * from the external data file PMDDR2.CSV M 48 Warning: there are no sales for vehicle class HDGV8b
- * Reading Ammonia (NH3) Basic Emissiion Rates
- * from the external data file PMNH3BER.D
- * Reading Ammonia (NH3) Sulfur Deterioration Rates
- * from the external data file PMNH3SDR.D

 Calendar Year: 2010 Month: July Altitude: Low Minimum Temperature: 65.0 (F) Maximum Temperature: 90.0 (F) Absolute Humidity: 130. grains/lb Nominal Fuel RVP: 9.0 psi Weathered RVP: 8.6 psi Fuel Sulfur Content: 30. ppm Exhaust I/M Program: No Evap I/M Program: No ATP Program: No Reformulated Gas: NA (See Air Toxics Output) Vehicle Type: LDGV LDGT12 LDGT34 LDGT HDGV LDDV LDDT HDDV MC All Veh GVWR: <6000 >6000 (All) ------ ------ ------ ------ ------ ------ ------ ------ ------ ------ VMT Distribution: 0.3478 0.3890 0.1336 0.0359 0.0003 0.0020 0.0860 0.0054 1.0000 Fuel Economy (mpg): 24.1 18.6 14.3 17.2 9.7 32.4 17.0 7.2 50.0 16.5 -- Composite Emission Factors (g/mi): Composite VOC : 0.795 0.812 1.393 0.961 0.978 0.180 0.439 0.392 2.58 0.862 Composite CO : 8.81 9.92 13.63 10.87 9.64 0.903 0.757 1.751 15.85 9.328 Composite NOX : 0.488 0.599 0.920 0.682 2.242 0.415 0.724 6.868 0.97 1.204 Composite CO2 : 368.2 477.8 620.5 514.3 914.7 314.2 597.0 1417.3 177.4 553.75 -- Exhaust emissions (g/mi): VOC Start: 0.153 0.195 0.309 0.224 0.062 0.153 0.398 VOC Running: 0.169 0.208 0.349 0.244 0.118 0.286 1.225 VOC Total Exhaust: 0.322 0.403 0.658 0.468 0.282 0.180 0.439 0.392 1.62 0.410 CO Start: 2.10 3.29 4.88 3.70 0.354 0.311 3.386

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