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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. 2006

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

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 14, 2005

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

NOVEMBER 17, 2005

Reported by Mr. INHOFE, with amendments

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## A BILL

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

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

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

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

- 7           (1) reduce future hurricane impacts; ~~or~~  
 8           (2) further other project purposes; *or*  
 9           (3) *provide efficiencies in the implementation of*  
 10 *hurricane protection, flood control, navigation, or eco-*  
 11 *system restoration projects by the Corps of Engineers.*

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

- 15           (1) a description of means of providing an in-  
 16 creased level of hurricane protection using a com-  
 17 bination of structural and nonstructural features;  
 18           (2) a review of the use of a combination of  
 19 structural means (such as levees and floodgates) and  
 20 nonstructural means (such as wetlands and beaches)  
 21 in providing hurricane protection;  
 22           (3) a prioritization of actions that should be  
 23 taken to improve the level of hurricane protection  
 24 provided; and



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

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

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

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

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

17                   (B) coastal restoration;

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

20                   (D) the filling in of canals; and

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

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

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

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