Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (WRDA 07)
Authorization vs. Appropriation

• **Authorization** – permission to undertake a study or project
  - Water Resource Development Act (WRDA)
  - Study Resolution
  - Special Authorizations

• **Appropriation** – funding to conduct an authorized study or project
  - President’s Annual Budget
  - Energy & Water Development Appropriations Act
  - Continuing Resolution Act (CRA)
Authorization

- **Water Resource Development Act (WRDA)**
  - Applicable to Civil Works Program of the Corps of Engineers
  - Prior to 1986 authorization came in different forms
  - Typically passed every 2 years in Fall

- **Study Resolutions**
  - Obtained by act of House or Senate authorization committee
  - Provides authority through detailed design (PED)
  - Does not provide authority for construction

- **Special Authorizations**
  - Continuing Authorities Program (CAP)
  - Planning Assistance to States (PAS)
  - Flood Plain Management Services (FPMS)
  - Environmental Infrastructure (219 et al)
  - Riverfront Development
WRDA in Congress

- **House of Representatives**
  - Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
    - Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

- **Senate**
  - Committee on Environment and Public Works
    - Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure

- **Conference Committee**
WRDA 2007

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- **Value**  
  $23B (~$7B is NOLA)

- **Title I**  
  46 New projects w/Chiefs Reports; 145 CAP

- **Title II**  
  Policy: Indep Peer Review; P&G; Watershed Plng

- **Title III**  
  Project specific modifications; 46 deauthorizations

- **Title IV**  
  87 specific studies; 14 programmatic studies

- **Title V**  
  New projects and modifications

- **Title VI**  
  Everglades

- **Title VII**  
  Louisiana Coastal

- **Title VIII**  
  Upper Miss and Illinois River Waterway System **

- **Title X**  
  National Levee Safety Program **
Questions?