Environmental Compliance Readiness

Bucket 2 – Council Selected Restoration Component

PROPOSAL TITLE

Strategic Land Protection, Conservation, and Enhancement of Priority Gulf Coast Landscapes

LOCATION

Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida

SPONSOR(S)

Mississippi

TYPE OF FUNDING REQUESTED (Planning, Technical Assistance, Implementation):

Planning and Implementation

REVIEWED BY:

John Ettinger

DATE:

December 22, 2014

If Planning and/or Technical Assistance

1. Does the submission identify environmental laws potentially applicable at the implementation stage:

- ○ YES
- ◉ NO
- ○ N/A

Comments

A range of environmental laws could apply to the proposed activity, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Coastal Zone Management Act, Endangered Species Act and more. The Council could consider funding the planning portion of this submission separately from the implementation portion. If the planning portion of the submission is funded, the Council recommends the sponsor coordinate as early as possible with federal and state regulatory agencies to confirm all applicable regulatory requirements have been identified and help ensure such requirements are addressed as efficiently as possible. NEPA and other applicable environmental laws would need to be addressed prior to consideration by the Council of whether or not to fund the implementation portion of this submission.

If Implementation

1. Status of compliance with environmental laws applicable to a Council decision to include the submission on the Funded Priority List:

NEPA and other applicable environmental laws have not been addressed for this submission. The Council could fund the planning portion of this submission, which could include completion of these environmental compliance activities. The Council and the sponsor could also consider developing a programmatic NEPA document (possibly a Programmatic Environmental Assessment) to cover the proposed program. Under that scenario, subsequent, project- or activity-specific NEPA compliance would be needed prior to implementation of specific components of the overall program. Compliance with other applicable environmental laws would also be needed. As noted above, NEPA and other applicable environmental laws would need to be addressed prior to consideration by the Council of whether or not to fund the implementation portion of this submission.