

## *Alleged Flawed Procurement of New Orleans Temporary Outfall Canal Pumps*

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The review was completed in response to an Office of Special Counsel Sept. 21, 2007, letter to the secretary of defense regarding "serious allegations which cast doubt on the integrity of costly pumping equipment installed in three main structures by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its ability to protect New Orleans from further flooding." DoD IG reviewed the allegations, prior reviews and project documentation and then interviewed the complainant and USACE's project personnel. The report concluded there were not reasonable grounds to believe there were criminal violations or deficiencies in the pump acquisition that constituted a danger to public health or safety. The report identified certain deficiencies; however, they were corrected by the contractor at no cost to the government or through contract modification when necessary. Further, DoD IG found that deficiencies affecting performance-related shortcomings did not rise to the level of a serious violation of law or regulation, abuse of authority or gross mismanagement, nor did they result in a gross waste of funds or a danger to public health or safety.



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