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# WRDA 2007 Section 2034 / 2035 / 7009

## Independent Peer Review

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# WRDA 2007 Peer Review Requirements



- Three WRDA 2007 provisions that fall under the umbrella of “Independent Peer Review”:
  - Sect 2034 – Applies to studies (pre-authorization)
  - Sect 2035 – Applies to design & construction (post-authorization)
  - Sect 7009 – Establishes LA Water Resources Council



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# Section 2034 – “Independent Peer Review”



## REQUIREMENTS:

- Addresses Independent Peer Review for Project Studies
- In general, a project study shall be subject to Peer Review if:
  - Project has estimated total cost more than \$45 million
  - The Governor of affected State requests a Peer Review, or
  - The Chief of Engineers determines that the project study is controversial



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# Section 2035 – “Safety Assurance Review”



## REQUIREMENTS:

- Applies to design and construction activities
- To determine whether a review of Design and Construction of a project is necessary under this section, the Chief of Engineers shall consider:
  - The failure of the project would pose a significant threat to human life
  - The project involves the use of innovative materials or techniques
  - Project design lacks redundancy
  - The project has a unique construction sequencing or a reduced or overlapping design construction schedule
- Reviews under this section should not create unnecessary delays in design and construction schedule
- Applies to any project in design or construction on the date of enactment of the Act (WRDA 2007)

## STATUS:

- Working draft interim guidance with HQ
- Coordinating with State on Review Plan for HSDRRS



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# Section 7009 – “Independent Review”

– Louisiana Water Resources Council (LWRC)



## REQUIREMENTS:

- Directs the Secretary to establish of the LWRC to be the exclusive Peer Review Panel for activities in the area of the State of Louisiana declared as major disaster areas, in accordance with the requirements of Sect 2034

## STATUS:

- Corps HQ is working draft guidance on establishment of the LWRC