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Eric,

I spoke with Paul Tumminello of the Corps today pertaining to the follow up questions asked at the February 6th testimony.

The questions as I remember them and the answers are:

1. Have you ever had a situation where a Project Cooperative Agreement (PCA) was in effect and responsibility changed hands?
   Answer: Yes. The two Rhode Island Projects (Woonsocket local protection project and the Fox Point Hurricane Barrier)

2. Would the funding responsibility of the Non-Federal partner cease upon transfer?
   Answer: Yes, as long as the Federal legislation authorizing the transfer is worded such that the Corps assumes fiscal responsibility.

3. Would the Non-Federal partner be responsible for their obligated cost share up to the point of transfer, or would the Federal partner reimburse the Non-Federal share?
   Answer: This depends on the statutory language. Paul gave the example of Hurricane Sandy projects where the Congress authorized 100% Federal cost share on projects with ongoing PCAs. In this case the projects weren't transferred but the cost obligations were.

4. Can the PCA be conditioned to protect the Non-Federal partner, i.e. if the project is not completed before transfer, the Non-Federal partner is not obligated for their share of the project cost.
   Answer: In the Sandy Projects, the Non-Federal share already spent was not reimbursed. Specific Federal legislation would be needed to reimburse cost share money already spent.

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