

The United States Congress Has Enacted Into Law Its Belief That The Army Corps Of Engineers Should Put The Rapid Deployment Flood Wall Into Real World Testing.

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Mr. HOBSON, from the committee of conference,
submitted the following

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FLOOD CONTROL AND COASTAL EMERGENCIES

days of enactment of this legislation into law.

The Nation deserves the best, most reliable, most economical tools which technology can provide for the protection of its citizenry and their property when confronted with natural disaster. The conferees are aware of the preliminary testing of the Rapid Deployment Flood Wall at the Engineering Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Mississippi. This technology has shown promise in the effort to fight floods. Its proponents claim, and preliminary tests tend to confirm, that it can be cost-effective, quick to deploy, and superior to traditional sandbags in protecting property from flood damages totaling millions in dollars each year. The conferees therefore direct the Corps of Engineers, within funds available in the Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies account, to act immediately to devise real world testing procedures for this and other promising alternative flood fighting technologies, and to provide a status report to the Committees on Appropriations with 180 days of enactment of this legislation.



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