



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 2006**

**A bill to provide for recovery efforts relating to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita for Corps of Engineers projects**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
on November 17, 2005*

S. 2006 would authorize the Secretary of the Army to assess current projects for providing hurricane protection, flood control, navigation, and ecosystem restoration in Louisiana, and determine if those projects and studies could be changed to more efficiently meet project purposes and reduce the impact of future hurricanes. The legislation also would require the Secretary to develop a comprehensive plan for providing protection against category-five hurricanes, flood control, navigation, and ecosystem restoration in that state. To cover the cost of those two studies, S. 2006 would authorize the Secretary to use \$9 million of the \$5.4 billion provided to the Corps in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-103).

CBO does not expect that the studies authorized by S. 2006 would have a significant impact on how quickly the funds appropriated in Public Law 109-103 would be spent. Thus, we estimate that enacting the bill would not have any significant budgetary impact.

S. 2006 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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