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July 20, 2009

ATTENTION OF:

Planning, Programs, and Project Management Division Environmental Planning and Compliance Branch

Oscola Clayton M. Sylestine, Principal Chief Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas 571 State Park Rd. 56 Livingston, TX 77351

RE: Request to Continue Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the West Bank and Vicinity Project, Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS), Harvey – Westwego, Individual Environmental Report #14, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Principal Chief Sylestine:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley Division, New Orleans District (CEMVN), is amending the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the project currently being studied under the West Bank and Vicinity Project, HSDRRS, Harvey -Westwego, Individual Environmental Report #14, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. The project APE is being expanded to include an additional area on the flooded side of the existing levee alignment at the northern end of the project area (see enclosed maps). Proposed construction activities in the expanded APE included vegetation clearing and activities related to earthen levee construction. The CEMVN has determined that this undertaking has the potential to affect historic properties as per 36 CFR 800.3(a). Therefore, the CEMVN requests that the Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas review and comment on this project. A copy of this letter with supporting documentation is being forwarded to Mr. Bryant J. Celestine, Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

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LaRue Parker, Chairperson Caddo Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 487 Binger, OK 73009

RE: Request to Continue Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the West Bank and Vicinity Project, Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS), Harvey – Westwego, Individual Environmental Report #14, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

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Lonnie L. Martin, Chairman Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana P.O. Box 661 Charenton, LA 70523

RE: Request to Continue Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the West Bank and Vicinity Project, Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS), Harvey – Westwego, Individual Environmental Report #14, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

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Gregory E. Pyle, Chief Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box Drawer 1210 Durant, OK 74701

RE: Request to Continue Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the West Bank and Vicinity Project, Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS), Harvey – Westwego, Individual Environmental Report #14, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

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Kevin Sickey, Chief Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana P.O. Box 818 Elton, LA 70532

RE: Request to Continue Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the West Bank and Vicinity Project, Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS), Harvey – Westwego, Individual Environmental Report #14, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

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Christine Norris, Principal Chief Jena Band of the Choctaw Indians P.O. Box 14 Jena, LA 71342

RE: Request to Continue Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the West Bank and Vicinity Project, Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS), Harvey – Westwego, Individual Environmental Report #14, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

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Beasley Denson, Chief Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians P.O. Box 6257 Choctaw, MS 39350

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John Berrey, Chairman Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma P.O. Box 765 Quapaw, OK 74363

RE: Request to Continue Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the West Bank and Vicinity Project, Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS), Harvey – Westwego, Individual Environmental Report #14, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

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Enoch Kelley Haney, Principal Chief Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Wewoka Agency P.O. Box 1498 Wewoka, OK 74884

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley Division, New Orleans District (CEMVN), is amending the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the project currently being studied under the West Bank and Vicinity Project, HSDRRS, Harvey-Westwego, Individual Environmental Report #14, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. The project APE is being expanded to include an additional area on the flooded side of the existing levee alignment at the northern end of the project area (see enclosed maps). Proposed construction activities in the expanded APE included vegetation clearing and activities related to earthen levee construction. The CEMVN has determined that this undertaking has the potential to affect historic properties as per 36 CFR 800.3(a). Therefore, the CEMVN requests that the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma review and comment on this project. A copy of this letter with supporting documentation is being forwarded to Ms. Natalie Deere, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

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Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the District, in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Indian Tribes, will determine if the amended area of potential effects (APE) established for the IER #14 project area

contains historic properties. The expanded area extends outside of the original APE on the flooded side of the levee alignment in an area measuring approximately 100 feet wide and 3.6 miles long. This new area contains approximately 44 acres (see enclosed maps).

In the initial cultural resources investigation conducted by Coastal Environments, Inc., researchers utilized background research, previous cultural resources investigation review, soil and topographic analyses, field reconnaissance data and Phase 1 investigations to identify and assess historic structures and high potential areas for archaeological resources in the IER #14 study area. This study identified three high probability areas within the expanded APE (Wells 2008).

Phase 1 investigations did not identify any cultural resources in these three high probability areas (Wells 2009). Based on the information provided in the attached management summary, it is our view that proposed project activities in the amended APE will have no impact on historic properties. However, in the event that cultural resources are encountered during construction activities, work will be halted and your office will be contacted for further consultation. Any cultural resources encountered will be recorded and documented, and state archaeological site forms will be provided.

Please review the enclosed project documentation and provide this office with your opinion regarding our "no historic properties affected" finding within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Mr. Michael Swanda at (504) 862-2036.

Sincerely,

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CF: Natalie Deere, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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Mitchell Cypress, Chairman Seminole Tribe of Florida 6300 Stirling Road Hollywood, FL 33024

RE: Request to Continue Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the West Bank and Vicinity Project, Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS), Harvey – Westwego, Individual Environmental Report #14, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

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Earl J. Barbry, Sr., Chairman Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana P.O. Box 1589 Marksville, LA 71351

RE: Request to Continue Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the West Bank and Vicinity Project, Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS), Harvey – Westwego, Individual Environmental Report #14, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Chairman Barbry:

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