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ATTENTION OF

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Operations Division  
Regulatory Branch

**SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

ANNOUNCING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND  
LAKE CHARLES HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

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The purpose of this Special Public Notice is to inform the general public that the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New Orleans District has decided to accept and expend funds contributed by Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District (LCHTD), a non-Federal public entity. The funds would be used to provide expedited reviews of permit applications and program issues for LCHTD within the boundaries of the USACE New Orleans District in the State of Louisiana.

On November 10, 2014, the USACE, New Orleans District Commander determined that acceptance and expenditure of such funds would be in accordance with Section 214 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (WRDA 2000, Public Law No. 106-541) as amended.

On December 23, 2013, the USACE, New Orleans District circulated the initial Special Public Notice announcing our preliminary intent to accept and expend such funds, and stated that we had initiated funding discussions with LCHTD. The December 2013 Special Public Notice also discussed the kind of activities for which funds would be expended, and the safeguarding procedures which would be used to ensure that the funds will not impact impartial decision making. Those procedures include the following:

- All final permit decisions for cases where these funds are used must be reviewed at least by one level above the decision maker, unless the decision maker is the District Commander.
- All final permit decisions for cases where these funds are used will be made available on the USACE, New Orleans District Regulatory web page.
- The USACE, New Orleans District will not eliminate any procedures or decisions that would otherwise be required for that type of project and permit application under consideration.
- The USACE, New Orleans District must comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

- Funds will only be expended to expedite the final decision on the permit application. Funds will not be expended for the review of the decision maker's decision. If contracts are used to develop decision documents, such decision documents must be drafts only and be reviewed and adopted by the USACE, New Orleans District Regulatory program employees, before the decision is made.

Copies of the December 2013 Special Public Notice, this Special Public Notice, and the memorandum documenting the USACE, New Orleans District's decision to accept and expend funds under WRDA Section 214, are available from the New Orleans District Regulatory Branch at the letterhead address.

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