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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

An Environmental Assessment #433 (EA #433) titled U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Response to Hurricanes Katrina & Rita in Louisiana and a Clean Water Act Section 404 Public Notice is available for your review. This EA address the emergency actions taken by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in Louisiana in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Assessment covers a wide array of projects that the USACE completed or is currently engaged in completing including the unwatering of the New Orleans Metropolitan area, emergency flood fighting activities in southern Louisiana, and the rehabilitating of the existing authorized Federal levees and the non-Federal levees and pump stations. This EA does not address work that was completed under direct tasked FEMA missions; those activities are the responsibility of the organization assigned the mission.

Copies of EA #433 and the public notice can be downloaded from the USACE Task Force Guardian web site at http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/tfg/. Link to the EA is in the Items of Special Interest box on the home page. Copies of EA #433 and public notice are available upon request in CD form. Please contact Mr. Gib Owen; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Planning, Programs, and Project Management Division; Environmental Planning and Compliance Branch; CEMVN-PM-RS; P.O. Box 60267; New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267; to request a copy. Request also can be made by calling (504) 862-1337, by E-Mail to Gib.A.Owen@mvn02.usace.army.mil, or by fax to (504) 862-2088.

The public review and comment period for EA #433 and draft FONSI will end 30 days from the date of this letter.

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