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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Bobby Dower
Editor, The Public Speaks
Lake Charles American Press
4900 U.S. 90 East
Lake Charles, La. 70602

Dear Mr. Dower:

Please allow us to clarify a point in an editorial, "Get Cracking on Superport," regarding proposals for a Millennium Port that was published by the Lake Charles American Press on Aug. 20. First, the statement that "The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, meanwhile, has recommended a site in the Barataria Basin" is incorrect.

It is true that the Corps of Engineers looked at the potential for a port near Grand Isle. The purpose was to find whether location of a major port could be integrated successfully with a large-scale ecosystem restoration. Indications were that it might be possible for the two purposes to have mutual benefit. We are, meanwhile, conducting two studies centered on the Barataria Basin that are the first steps to save Louisiana's coast under the Coast 2050 program.

However, the Corps had no intent to determine or name a best site, and did not do so. The state of Louisiana will select the site for Louisiana's Millennium Port.

Sincerely,

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