



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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Dear Mr. Slaughter:

Please allow me to clarify the role of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in regard to Louisiana's proposed Millennium Port. First, it is incorrect that we are "starting a study of the proposed sites," as reported in The Courier's editorial of August 15.

We are doing a small study for Port Fourchon, about the feasibility of deepening its channel to 50 feet to accommodate deepwater ships. That would include container ships of the sort envisioned as using the Millennium Port.

However, the choice of a site for the Millennium Port rests with the state of Louisiana, not the Corps of Engineers.

Sincerely,

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