

SECTION 4

**FARMLAND PROTECTION POLICY ACT
COORDINATION**



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

APR 22 1997

Planning Division
Environmental Analysis Branch

Mr. Jerry Hall
District Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
23640 Peters Road, Room 9
Plaquemine, Louisiana 70764

Dear Mr. Hall:

We request documentation of the presence or absence of prime and unique farmland, subject to the Farmland Protection Policy Act, in the vicinity of Bayou Sorrel, Louisiana. The enclosed map shows a broad area within which construction activities would take place if the Bayou Sorrel Lock is replaced. If you indicate that no prime and unique farmland occurs within this area, we will document your determination in the Environmental Impact Statement. If there is prime and unique farmland within the indicated area, we will submit a Farmland Conversion Impact Rating form to you, with more specific details of construction alternatives, so that impacts can be assessed. Please contact Mr. Richard Boe at (504) 862-1505 if you have any questions.

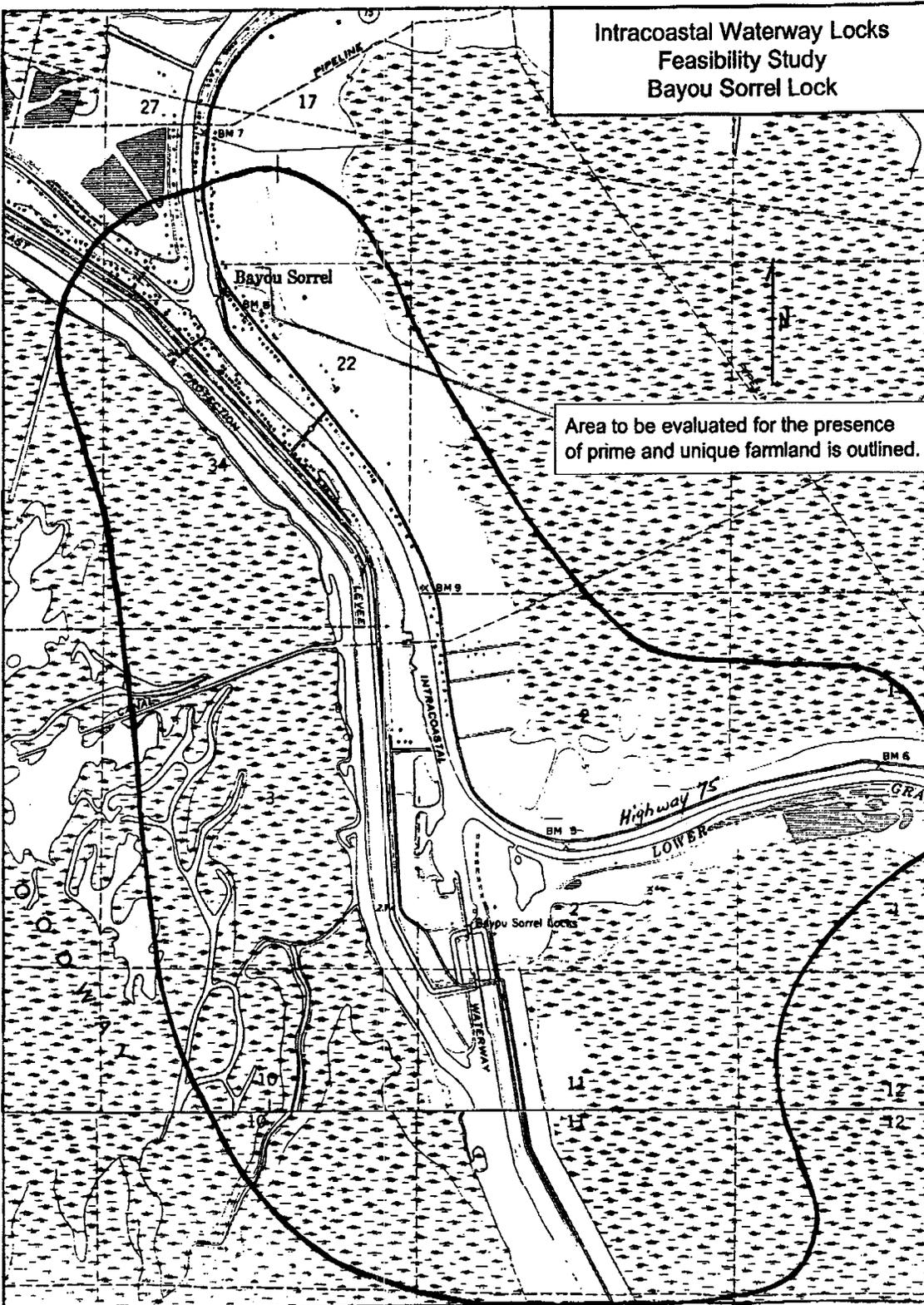
Sincerely,

/s/

R. H. Schroeder
Chief, Planning Division

Enclosure

Intracoastal Waterway Locks
Feasibility Study
Bayou Sorrel Lock



Area to be evaluated for the presence
of prime and unique farmland is outlined.



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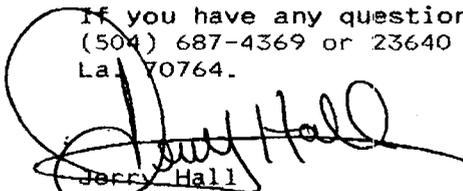
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**Subject: Intracoastal Waterway Locks
Feasibility Study Bayou Sorrel Locks**

**To: Mr. R. H. Schroeder
Chief, Planning Division
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As requested, I have examined the area circled on your map. According to our Prime Farmland Map, this area has no unique or Prime Farmland. The predominant soil types are Convent with Fausse soils and Sharkey Clay, frequently flooded.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (504) 687-4369 or 23640 Peters Street, Room 9, Plaquemine, La. 70764.


Jerry Hall
District Conservationist

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