

SECTION 9

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December 11, 2002

Mr. Richard Boe
CEMVN-PM-RP
USACE
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, LA 70160-0267

Re: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
Bayou Sorrel Lock Replacement
Iberville Parish, LA

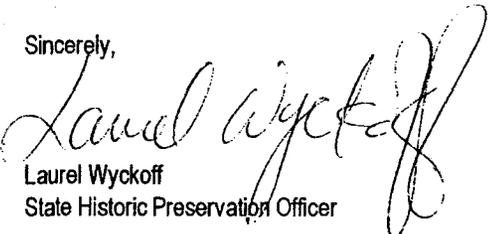
Dear Mr. Boe:

Thank you for your letter of November 5, 2002, concerning the above-referenced EIS. We have determined that though the Bayou Sorrell Lock is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and will be affected by the proposed abandonment and in-fill, it will not be considered an adverse effect provided that the following stipulations are followed:

- Conduct a Level 2 Historic American Engineer Record (HAER) survey of the Bayou Sorrel Lock following the National Park Service HAER guidelines.
- Provide the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office with two copies of the HAER document.
- Provide the Iberville Parish Library System with one copy of the HAER document
- Provide the Louisiana State Library with one copy of the HAER document

If you have any questions please contact Mike Varnado at (225) 342-8160.

Sincerely,


Laurel Wyckoff
State Historic Preservation Officer

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

July 8, 2003

Planning, Programs, and
Project Management Division
Environmental Planning
and Compliance Branch
Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Ms. Laurel Wyckoff
State Historic Preservation Officer
Office of Cultural Development
Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Date: 8-4-03

No known archaeological sites or historic properties will be affected by this undertaking. This effect determination could change should new information come to our attention.

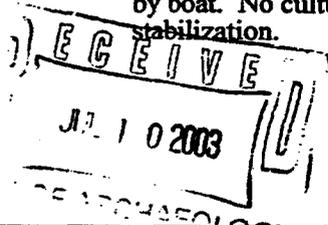
Laurel Wyckoff *Laurel Wyckoff*
State Historic Preservation Officer

Dear Ms. Wyckoff:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (CEMVN), is planning improvements to navigation and flood control at the Bayou Sorrel lock in Iberville Parish, Louisiana. The project area is located on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW), Morgan City to Port Allen Alternate Route, within T10S and T11S, R11E. Plans call for the existing Bayou Sorrel lock to be replaced by a new lock with a larger capacity. The project also includes bank stabilization measures along the GIWW extending one-half mile north and south of the Bayou Sorrel bridge. R. Christopher Goodwin and Associates, Inc. conducted a Phase I cultural resources survey and archeological inventory of the areas that might be affected by lock replacement (Goodwin 2001) and a National Register evaluation of the Bayou Sorrel lock (Goodwin 2000). Your office has reviewed the Goodwin reports cited above and concurred with the reports' recommendations in correspondence dated September 6, 2000 and November 8, 2000. Copies of these letters are enclosed for your convenience. The bank stabilization north of Bayou Sorrel lock has not been coordinated with your office and is the subject of this letter.

Bank stabilization along the east bank of the GIWW will be confined to the placement of geotextile fabric and rock paving from the top of the bank to the -8.0 NGVD contour. No bank grading will be required and the armoring will extend approximately one-half mile north and one-half mile south of the Bayou Sorrel bridge. Stabilization of the west bank of the GIWW will extend approximately one-half mile north of the Bayou Sorrel bridge and will require bank grading from the top of the existing bank to the -8.0 NGVD contour, followed by the placement of geotextile fabric and rock paving. Grading will remove approximately 22,500 cubic yards of material.

The proposed bank stabilization area was surveyed in 1975 as part of an archeological survey and inventory of the entire GIWW (Gagliano et al. 1975). No prehistoric or historic sites were observed within the potential impact area of this project. A CEMVN archeologist inspected the project area on May 22, 2003 and surveyed the east and west banks of the GIWW by boat. No cultural resources were observed in or along the banklines scheduled for stabilization.



Based on the bankline inspection by a CEMVN archeologist and the review of previous cultural studies of the project area, the proposed action will not affect any significant cultural resources. No additional cultural resources investigations are recommended. In the event that cultural resources are encountered, work will be halted and your office will be contacted for further consultation. Any resources encountered will be recorded and documented, and state archaeological site forms will be provided.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact Ms. Kathy A. McGillis at (504) 862-2513.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Martinson
Acting Chief, Environmental Planning
and Compliance Branch

Enclosures (correspondence, maps and references)