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Dear Messrs. Kline and Lepine:

You are hereby informed that the Bottomland Hardwoods-Dry Mitigation Bank contracts, NOV-EVM-02a and NOV-EVM-02b, for the New Orleans to Venice (NOV), Louisiana Project for hurricane and storm damage risk reduction, environmental mitigation for non-coastal zone bottomland hardwoods impacts, have been completed. This project was completed by the United States pursuant to Public Law (PL) 109-148, Department of Defense, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, and Pandemic Influenza Act of 2006 and PL 109-234, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery of 2006.

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has purchased non-coastal zone bottomland hardwoods credits from the following banks to compensate for unavoidable habitat losses associated with the NOV project:

| Contract Number | Mitigation Bank | Number of Credits | Number of AAHUs | Type of Credit | Total Price |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|
| W912P8-18-C-0016 | Enterprise Woodlands, LLC | 22.62 | 14.2 | Non-Coastal zone BLH | \$1,244,100 |
| W912-P8-18-C-0017 | Lucky Hit Woodlands, LLC | 5.80 | 3.3 | Non-Coastal zone BLH | \$336,400 |

Enclosed are the signed purchase agreements from both mitigation banks. The purchase of mitigation bank credits representing 17.5 average annual habitat units (AAHUs) of non-coastal zone bottomland hardwoods habitat fulfills the compensatory mitigation requirement for impacts to fresh marsh resulting from past and current NOV, LA project construction. Pursuant to this purchase agreement, the mitigation bank has assumed the responsibility for the NOV, LA project non-coastal zone bottomland hardwoods compensatory mitigation requirements, including implementation, achievement of mitigation success, and long term management. In accordance with Section 2036(c) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (PL 110-114), the purchase of these credits relieves USACE, Plaquemines Parish Government (PPG), and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board (CPRAB) of Louisiana from responsibility of monitoring the mitigation and for demonstrating mitigation success. Accordingly, PPG and CPRAB (as the "non-Federal sponsors) have no operation and/or maintenance responsibilities with respect to this completed mitigation.

Should you have questions, please contact Mr. Mark Wingate, Deputy District Engineer at (504) 862-2204 or Ms. Elizabeth Behrens, Chief, Environmental Studies Section at (504) 862-2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Murphy", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Stephen F. Murphy
Colonel, U.S. Army
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Enclosures

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