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RE: Levee Accreditation – Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS)

Dear Mr. Hoague

On June 19, 2013, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) received the Levee System Evaluation Report (LSER) for the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) New Orleans District. These levees were requested to be shown on the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map as providing protection from the base flood(1% annual chance) within the Parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Charles, and Plaquemines in Louisiana. FEMA Region 6 received all final documentation and data from the USACE in a letter dated February 7, 2014.

The documentation and data have been reviewed by FEMA Region 6 and, based on receipt of this information; the minimum certification requirements outlined in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 65.10 have been met. Therefore, this levee certification has been accepted and the levee system will be shown on the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) as providing protection from the base flood. Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) may still occur inside the protected area due to the performance of the interior drainage system and will be shown as Zone AE with a corresponding Base Flood Elevation (BFE). All other areas within the levee system not mapped as Zone AE will be mapped as a shaded Zone X and a note describing the areas as being protected by a levee will be placed in the protected area on the new FIRM.

This certification is recognized for this map update only. Map updates in the future will require the levee to be re-certified by the levee owner. In addition, the levee owner may be requested at any time to provide design, construction, operation, and maintenance documents to support any activity on the levee after the date of this certification. Any deviation from the documentation and data submitted to FEMA could result in the levee system no longer being shown as providing protection from the base flood on future maps.

The FEMA lead for this project is Matthew M. DuBois. He may be contacted either by telephone at (940) 898-5175 or by e-mail at Matthew.Dubois@fema.dhs.gov. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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