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November 28, 2007

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

Ms. Pam Breaux
State Historic Preservation Officer
Office of Cultural Development
Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
P.O. Box 44247
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

RE: Proposed Tabony Borrow pit, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Ms. Breaux:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley, New Orleans District (CEMVN) is currently identifying borrow sources for its continuing efforts to repair and strengthen levees in Southeastern Louisiana. The proposed 171 acre Tabony borrow pit, Plaquemines Parish, is located in Township 17S, Range 14E, Sections 39 and 40. A 64 acre area within the central portion of the project area was previously investigated as part of the Gravolet Canal Closure and Mississippi River Levees Repairs. No cultural resources were identified within the previously surveyed 64 acres. The current area 171 acre area and previously surveyed area can be viewed in Figure 1 of the draft addendum. Information regarding this cultural resource survey will be included in the Individual Environmental Report #22.


The proposed Tabony borrow pit would be excavated to a maximum depth of 20 feet below ground surface. Highway 15 would provide truck access to the site. CEMVN engineering is investigating whether borrow can be extracted within 1500 feet of the Mississippi River levee. If material cannot be excavated within this area or the borrow material is not suitable for levee construction the boundaries of the proposed borrow site may be contracted. Given that the proposed action has the potential to impact cultural resources, the CEMVN requests a review of the project as per 36 CFR 800.3(c).

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Sincerely,


Elizabeth Wiggins
Chief, Environmental Planning
and Compliance Branch

Enclosures: Phase I Archeological Survey Site Delineation, Borrow Area, Gravolet Canal Closure and Mississippi River Levee Repairs, Expanded Project Area, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

CF: Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Chairman Kevin Batisse and Beryl Battise
Caddo Nation of Oklahoma, Chairperson LaRue Parker and Robert Cast
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, Chairman Alton LeBlanc and Kimberly, S. Walden
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Chief Gregory E. Pyle and Terry D. Cole
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, Chief Kevin Sickey and Leland Thompson
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CEMVN contracted with Earth Search, Inc. (ESI) to conduct the initial and subsequent Phase I cultural resources survey. ESI has integrated the results of the two survey efforts and incorporated them into a single report. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District is pleased to present two copies of the draft report "Phase I Archeological Survey of a Borrow Area, Gravolet Canal Closure and Mississippi River Levee Repairs, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana". This report is the result of combining the results of two cultural resource surveys near the Gravolet Canal Closure.

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Enclosures: Draft report "Phase I Archeological Survey of a Borrow Area, Gravolet Canal Closure and Mississippi River Levee Repairs, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana" (2 copies).
Copy Nov. 28, 2007 letter



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February 14, 2008

Ms. Elizabeth Wiggins
Chief, Environmental Planning and Compliance Branch
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Re: Proposed Tabony Borrow Area, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)
LA Division of Archaeology Report No. 22-3030
*Draft Phase I Archaeological Survey of a Borrow Area, Gravolet Canal
Closure and Mississippi River Repairs, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana*
Earth Search, Inc.

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

We acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated January 24, 2008 and two copies of the above referenced report. We have completed our review of the report and offer the following comments.

We cannot concur with the findings of the above-mentioned report at this time for the following reason. After reviewing the draft report and previous addendum report, dated November 2008, the location of the Tabony Farmstead/Bohemia sugarhouse site (16PL135), delineated by a survey conducted in July 2007 by ESI, and its relationship to this current project area is not clear. The results of July 2007 survey should be included in the previous investigations section of the report and the findings included in Chapter 6 of the current report. In addition two sites (16PL134 and 16PL135) are plotted incorrectly on the map. Site 16PL135 appears to be on the APE border and may extend into the APE.

Please review the enclosed technical comments and the photocopied pages of the draft report with comments or corrections noted. We request that you submit two copies of a revised draft report after making these adjustments for further comment. If you should have any questions please contact Stacie Palmer at the Division of Archaeology spalmer@crt/state.la.us or 225-342-8170.

Sincerely,

Pam Breau
State Historic Preservation Officer

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February 14, 2008
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Enclosures: As stated

CC: Dr. Jill-Karen Yakubik
Earth Search, Inc.
P.O. Box 770336
New Orleans, LA 70177-0336

Technical Comments:

1. Suggest including the township and range and section numbers for the APE in abstract.
2. Please refer to current project as a Phase I cultural resources investigation instead of a Intensive cultural resources survey throughout report.
3. Page 15 - Project Area and Bohemia Plantation heading. Please revise so that the research presented is based on the current project boundary and does not include unnecessary information on areas no longer part of the project area and clearly state whether the current project area falls within what was once part of Bohemia Plantation.
4. Please include the July 2007 ESI survey for the Tabony Farmstead and Bohemia Sugarhouse site (16PL135) in the previous investigations section.
5. Page 24 - correctly plot sites 16PL134 and 16PL135.
6. Include a curation statement in appendix. See:
<http://www.crt.state.la.us/archaeology/homepage/CurMain.shtml>
7. Include project overview photographs in the report.
8. Specify the National Register criteria (a,b,c, or d) used in making the eligibility determinations for the isolated finds.
9. In Figures 6, 8 and 9 the isolated finds appear to be misidentified based on text description and location of Highway 15.
10. Does the ceramic sherd discussed in the report have a date range? If so please include in report.
11. Field investigation – how many shovel tests were dug in Oct. 2005? How many shovel tests were dug in Oct. 2007? How much of the APE was inundated at time of survey and was not subject to shovel testing? Please clarify in Figure 6.
12. Figure 6 – Was the northern portion of the APE surveyed with pedestrian transect and shovel tests? **If so include them on the map.**
13. Page 19 – Include overlay of APE. Find a clearer image of map to insert into report. Include original source.
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16. Page 28 – Figure 6 please clearly state in the report whether the visible structures seen in the aerial photograph (including radio tower) are currently standing structures. Are any of the structures older than 50 years?

17. Please submit final Updated Site Forms for 16PL134 (Urquhart Cemetery), 16PL135 (Tabony Site), and 16PL138 (Bohemia Cemetery).
18. Please include a copy of the letter report sent to Gary DeMarcay on August 3, 2007, Re: Rapid Awards Site Recordation to Support Bohemia Borrow Project in the Appendix.
19. Please include copies of the final Site Update forms for sites 16PL134, 16PL135, and 16PL138 in the Appendix.
20. Please make sure if any structures are identified on historic maps that they are discussed in the text of the report.
21. It would be nice to include Figure 2 from the original draft addendum, submitted in November of 2007, in the revised draft report.
22. **Does Site 16PL139 (Humble Oil) fall within the 1-mile radius of the proposed project area?**
If so, please include site on Figure 5.
23. Page 27 – Please clarify the first paragraph and what is considered “immediate vicinity.”
Cross-reference all sites within 1-mile radius within text and figures to make sure they are correct and consistent.



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**RE: *Request to continue Section 106 consultation for Proposed Tabony Borrow
pit, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)***

Dear Ms. Breaux:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley, New Orleans District (Corps) is currently identifying borrow sources for the Greater New Orleans Storm Damage Risk Reduction System in Southeastern Louisiana. The Corps has identified a potential source of borrow in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. The proposed 115 acre Tabony Borrow pit lies within Township 17S, Range 14 E, Sections 39 and 40, and can be viewed on an enclosed map.

Project history

A portion of this project area was initially investigated in October 2005 as part of the 64 acre Gravolet Canal Closure and Mississippi River Repairs project. In 2005, the Corps contracted Earth Search, Inc. to investigate the project area and to complete a Phase I cultural resources survey. The current undertaking seeks to expand the area initially investigated in 2005, and the project area was renamed the Tabony borrow pit. In November 2007, the Corps contracted Earth Search, Inc. to investigate a 171 acre area that encompassed the original 64 acre borrow pit. In a letter dated November 28, 2007 the Corps sent information regarding the Tabony borrow pit and a draft report addendum to the *Phase I Archaeological Survey of a Borrow Area, Gravolet Canal Closure and the Mississippi River Repairs, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana* draft report the Office of Cultural Development. However, upon receipt of the report, the Office of Cultural Development discovered no record of the original 2005 report. In a phone conversation on December 27, 2007 Division of Archaeology staff archaeologist Dennis Jones requested from Corps staff archaeologist Valerie McCormack a revised report that integrates all information into a single report in order to facilitate review of the proposed Tabony borrow pit. Earth Search, Inc. compiled all information from the 2005 survey and the 2007 survey into a single report. In a

letter dated January 24, 2008, the Corps forwarded the revised draft report *Draft Phase I Archaeological Survey of a Borrow Area, Gravolet Canal Closure and Mississippi River Repairs, Plaquemines, Parish, Louisiana* to the Office of Cultural Development. In a letter dated February 14, 2008, the Division of Archaeology requested additional information regarding the proposed Tabony borrow pit and presented comments on the draft report. Earth Search, Inc. is in the process of revising the draft report, including producing graphics that show the current project area superimposed on historic maps. The Corps will forward two copies of the revised draft report for your review when Earth Search, Inc. completes the revisions.

Avoidance of 16PL135

In light of the comments provided to the Corps by the Louisiana Division of Archaeology in the letter dated February 14, 2008, the Corps has revised the shape of the proposed borrow pit in order to avoid potential impacts to site 16PL135. Site 16PL135 is located on the property adjacent to the Tabony property. While no direct impacts would occur to the site, unforeseen impacts from processes such as erosion of the borrow pit could have potential impacts in the future. In order to avoid such impacts, the Corps proposes to place a 350' buffer zone around site 16PL135 and to eliminate the buffer zone from the proposed borrow pit. In order to accommodate this situation, the project area has been altered to ensure avoidance. The second enclosed map presents the location of site 16PL135, a 350 foot buffer zone around the perimeter of 16PL135, and the configuration of the proposed borrow area.

Revised Area of Potential Effect of the Proposed Tabony Borrow Pit

The proposed undertaking impacts a total of 121.3 acres. Activities of this undertaking will include the excavation of a 115 acre borrow pit to a depth of 20 feet below ground surface and the use of a 6.3 acre access corridor for temporary access between the proposed Tabony borrow site and Highway 15.

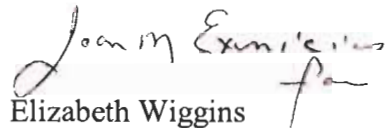
In addition to avoiding impacts to site 16PL135, the revised Tabony borrow pit configuration also avoids a cell tower and the remains of a house destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. The cell tower is a recent construction and is not considered historic in nature. Nonetheless, the proposed 115 acre borrow will avoid impacts to this cell tower. In addition, the house slab foundation remains lie between Highway 15 and the proposed borrow. While the archaeological subsurface testing in the vicinity of this modern residential site indicates that there are no archaeological deposits associated with the occupation or other reasons to have concerns about the site, the proposed pit configuration will avoid this location. Moreover, the 2005 and 2007 surveys failed to identify any historic properties within the proposed 121.3 acre Tabony borrow pit and access corridor.

Recommendations

The Corps believes that the existing evidence suggests that the proposed 121.3 acre proposed Tabony borrow pit and access corridor do not contain unrecorded cultural resources. The Corps therefore believes that no historic properties will be affected if this land is excavated as a borrow.

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Enclosures: 1. Map of the proposed 115 Acre proposed Tabony Borrow pit and 6.3 acre access corridor.
2. Map of the proposed Tabony borrow pit, Site 16PL135, and a 350' buffer zone around 16PL135.



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Chariman Alton LeBlanc
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Charenton, LA 70523

RE: Proposed Tabony Borrow pit, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Chariman LeBlanc:

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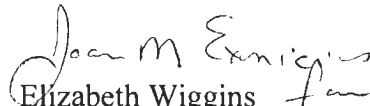
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CF: Ms. Kimberly Walden, Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana



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Re: Proposed Tabony Borrow Pit
Plaquemines Parish, LA

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

We are in receipt of your letter, dated December 3, 2007, concerning the above referenced project. The parish where the proposed project is to take place is part of the aboriginal Chitimacha homeland. That is, historically and prehistorically the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana was located near this area. This homeland contains many village sites, religious/sacred sites, and burial sites, which must be taken into account in the planning process.

Our records and oral traditions do not indicate that a specific Chitimacha archaeological site or Traditional Cultural Property is in the immediate vicinity of your project, therefore we have no objection to the implementation of the proposed activity. However, if archaeological remains representing a village site and/or burial site are discovered during the process of construction you should stop and contact the tribe and the State Historic Preservation Office immediately, in order to begin consultation regarding the encountered remains.

The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana appreciates your compliance with federal and state laws concerning Native American notification and consultation. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me (337) 923-9923.

Sincerely,

Kimberly S. Walden,
Director, Cultural Department

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Chief Beasley Denson
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
P.O. Box 6257
Choctaw, MS 39350

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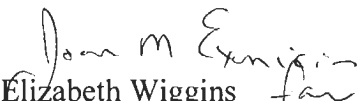
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CF: Mr. Kenneth H. Carleton, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

McCormack, Valerie J MVN

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Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2008 9:55 AM
To: McCormack, Valerie J MVN
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January 15, 2008

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District

Planning, Programs, and Project Management Division
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Dear Ms McCormack:

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians has no concerns about the proposed Tabony Borrow, Plaquemines Parish. If during construction any archaeological material is encountered, all work in the vicinity of the discovery should be stopped and I should be contacted as soon as possible for further consultation.

Kenneth H. Carleton

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer/Archaeologist

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

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-----Original Message-----

From: McCormack, Valerie J MVN [mailto:Valerie.J.Mccormack@usace.army.mil]
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2007 8:49 AM
To: Carleton, Ken
Subject: Proposed Tabony Borrow, Plaquemines Parish

Dear Mr. Carleton:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (CEMVN) is proposing to develop the Tabony borrow pit near Bohemia, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. Sediment from the borrow will be used for levee repair and improvements for coastal and hurricane protection. A portion of this project area was investigated in 2005. Summary information on these

investigations will appear in the Individual Environmental Report #22, a National Environmental Policy Act document. Information on the cultural investigations are attached in two files (1) The report addendum to the Gravolet canal closure, (2) and Gravolet Canal closure report. In addition the letter submitted to Chief Denson, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians is also attached.

We request that the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians review this information as per the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800.3) and provide comment. Also please inform us, if you choose not to provide comment. If you require additional information or have any questions, please contact me at the phone number below or e-mail me.

In addition, if you prefer to be notified by a hard copy please inform me, and I will send you information through the postal service in the future.

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Valerie J. McCormack

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For more information on NEPA alternative arrangements please visit [www.nolaenvironmenta](http://www.nolaenvironmenta.gov)
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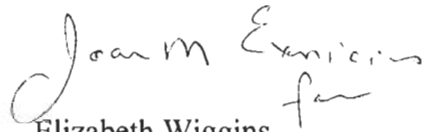
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CF: Mr. Pare Bowlegs, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma



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November 28, 2007

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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Principal Chief Chistine Norris
Jena Band of the Choctaw Indians
P.O. Box 14
Jena, LA 71342

RE: Proposed Tabony Borrow pit, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

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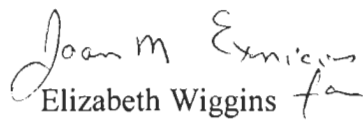
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Chairman Mitchell Cypress
Seminole Tribe of Florida
6300 Sirtling Road
Hollywood, FL 70532

RE: Proposed Tabony Borrow pit, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

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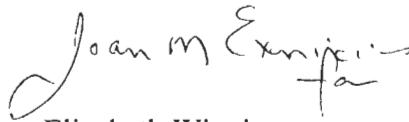
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Tuesday, January 08, 2008

THPO#: 001266, 001218

Subject: Proposed Tabony Borrow Pit, Plaquemines Parish, LA (IER #22, 23, 24)

Dr. McCormack:

The Seminole Tribe of Florida Tribal Historic Preservation Office (STOF-THPO) has reviewed the correspondence sent for the aforementioned project. Based on the high concentration of sites within the Tabony borrow pit (IER# 22), STOF-THPO would like to be sent copies of the associated cultural resources reports and/or archaeological reports for review prior to making any additional comments about this project. Also, STOF-THPO would also like to be furnished with a copy of the cultural resources surveys for the Stockpile Borrow Material (IER #24) and for the APE reported in IER #23.

We will await these documents before making any further comment about this project. In any future correspondence regarding this issue please reference **THPO-001266 and 001218**.

Sincerely,

FOR: Willard Steele, THPO
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Ms. Rhianna Rogers
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Subject: Request for additional information of the proposed Tabony Borrow Pit,
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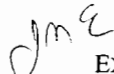
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

March 13, 2008

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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Chairman Mitchell Cypress,
Seminole Tribe of Florida
6300 Stirling Road
Hollywood, FL, 33024

**Subject: Updated information regarding proposed Tabony Borrow Pit,
Plaquemines Parish, LA, IER #22(THPO-001226 and THPO-001218)**

Dear Chairman Cypress:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley, New Orleans District (Corps) is currently identifying borrow sources for the Greater New Orleans Storm Damage Risk Reduction System in Southeastern Louisiana. The Corps has identified a potential source of borrow in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. The proposed 115 acre Tabony Borrow pit lies within Township 17S, Range 14 E, Sections 39 and 40, and can be viewed on the enclosed map. Information regarding this proposed borrow was last forwarded to the Seminole Tribe of Florida (STOF), Historic Preservation office on January 22, 2008. Recently, consideration of cultural resources on adjacent properties has influenced the revision of the proposed borrow pit area. This Area of Potential Effect (APE) of this proposed borrow pit has been revised in order to avoid impacts to a nearby archaeological site (16PL135).

Avoidance of 16PL135

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Revised Area of Potential Effect of the Proposed Tabony Borrow Pit

The proposed undertaking impacts a total of 121.3 acres. Activities of this undertaking will include the excavation of a 115 acre borrow pit to a depth of 20 feet below ground

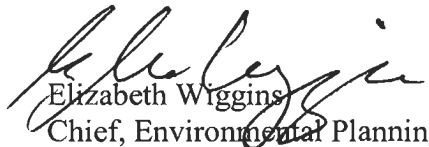
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In addition to avoiding impacts to site 16PL135, the revised Tabony borrow pit configuration also avoids a cell tower and the remains of a house destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. The cell tower is a recent construction and is not considered historic in nature. Nonetheless, the proposed 115 acre borrow will avoid impacts to this cell tower. In addition, the house slab foundation remains lie between Highway 15 and the proposed borrow. While the archaeological subsurface testing in the vicinity of this modern residential site indicates that there are no archaeological deposits associated with the occupation or other reasons to have concerns about the site, the proposed pit configuration will avoid this location. Moreover, the results of archaeological surveys conducted in 2005 and 2007 surveys failed to identify any historic properties within the proposed 121.3 acre Tabony borrow pit and access corridor. A cultural resources report was previously sent to STOF in a letter dated January 22, 2008.

Recommendations

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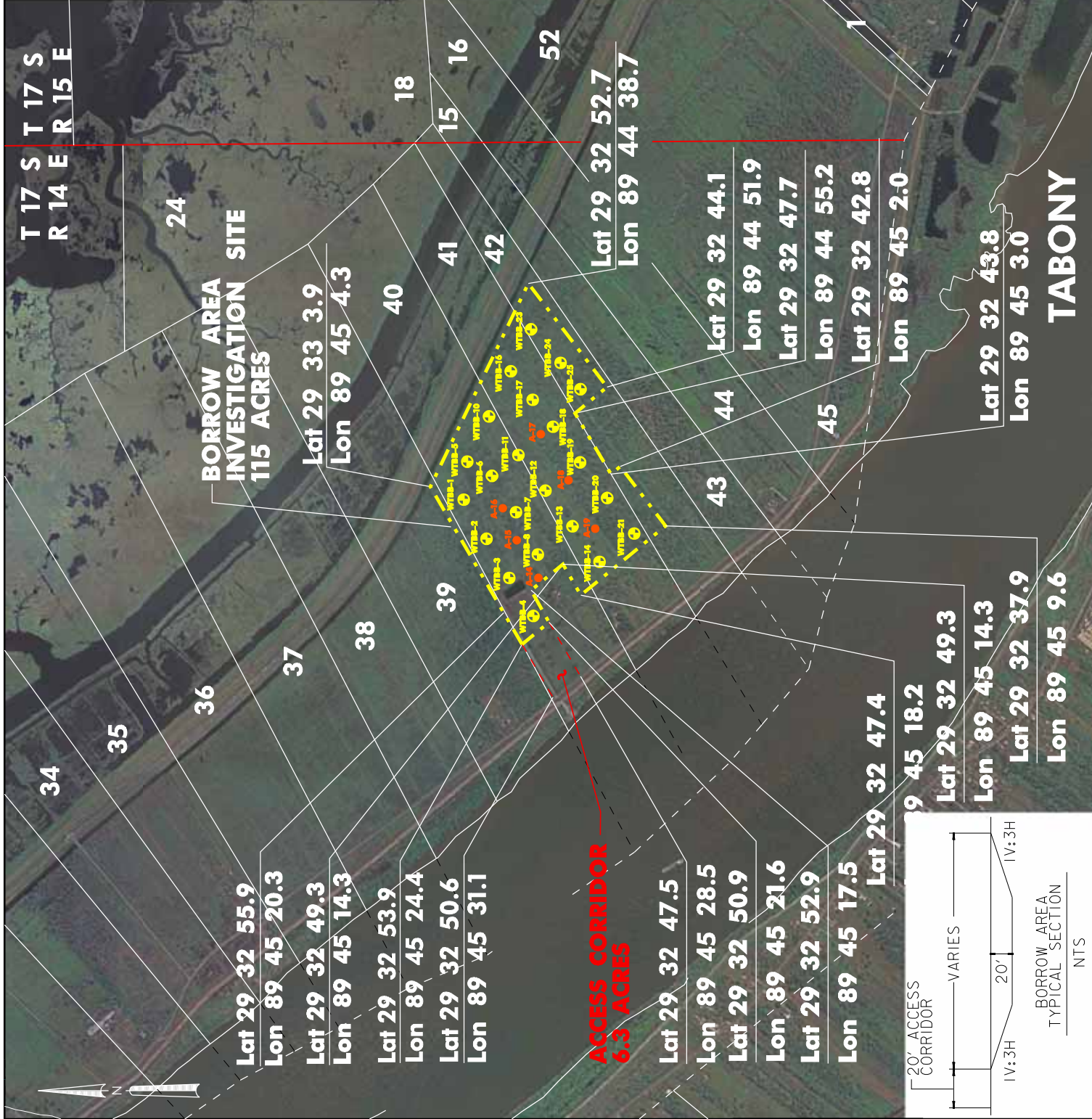
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Ms. Rhianna Rogers,

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2. Map of the proposed Tabony borrow pit, Site 16PL135, and a 350' buffer zone around 16PL135.

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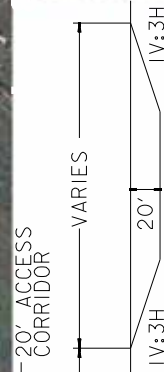
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**ACCESS CORRIDOR
6.3 ACRES**

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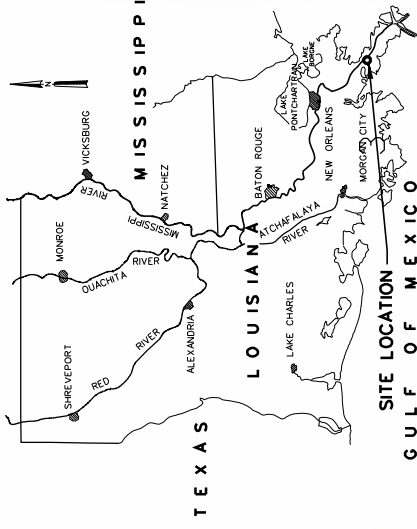
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**SITE LOCATION
GULF OF MEXICO**

VICINITY MAP
SCALE OF MILES

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BORING LOCATIONS

ITEMS	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	DEPTH
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TABONY BORROW SITE INVESTIGATION RIGHT OF ENTRY		
MACUMINES PARISH, LOUISIANA		
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BORROW AREA TYPICAL SECTION		DWG. 1 OF 1

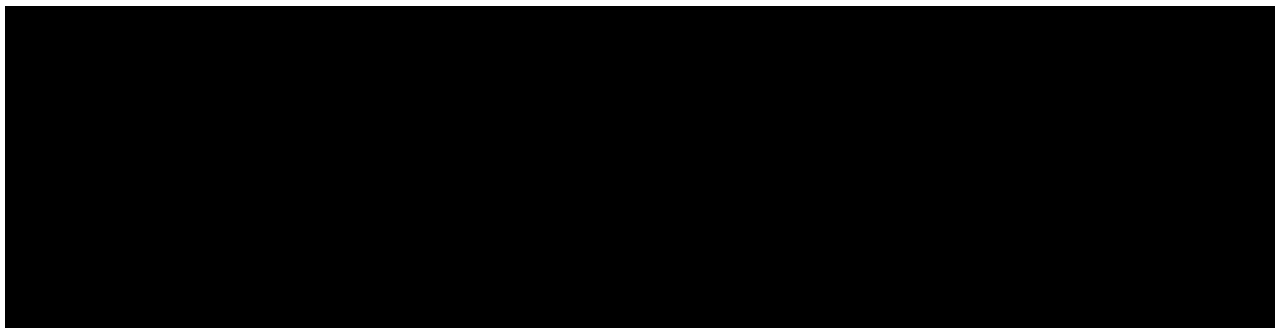
STATE OF LOUISIANA
SITE RECORD UPDATE FORM

Site Name: [REDACTED]

Site Number: 16PL135

Other Site Designations: n/a

Parish: Plaquemines



Physical Setting

Landform: Mississippi River natural levee

Geologic Processes: Mississippi River natural levee and backswamp

Elevation: 0-5 ft

Slope: 0-1 percent

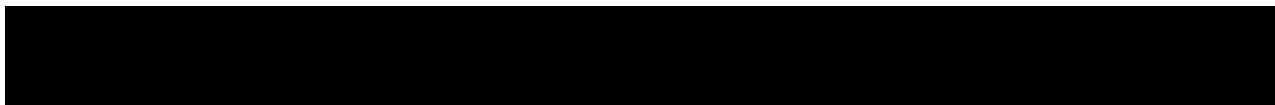
Distance and Direction to Nearest Water: Mississippi River lies 185m to the south west

Drainage Basin: Mississippi River

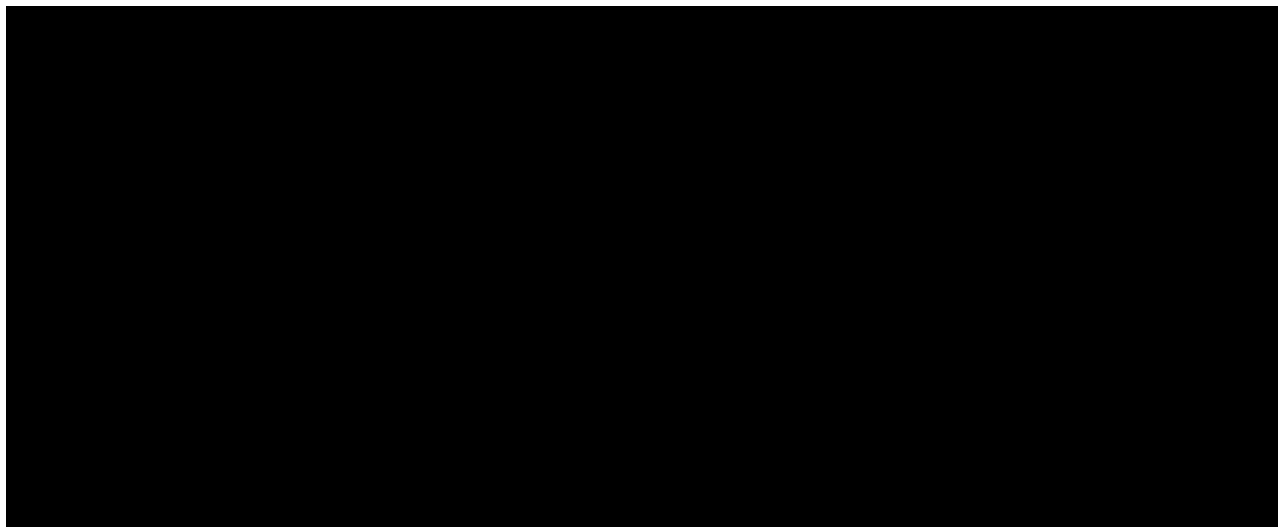
Flooding: Periodic

Soil Series: Commerce-Mhoon- Sharkey Association, gray and gray-brown loamy soils, and gray or gray-brown clays mottled with brown

Other Potential Resources: unknown



Site Description



Collections

Survey Method: Pedestrian survey supplemented with shovel testing

Ground Visibility/Collecting Conditions: Ground visibility is low and collecting conditions are poor due to downed trees and secondary growth.

Description of Material [REDACTED]

Site Name: [REDACTED]

Site Number: 16PL135

Site Condition

Present Use: abandoned

Erosion or Disturbance: [REDACTED]

Disturbance Degree: major disturbance

Probable Future Destruction: [REDACTED]

Site Evaluation

Research Potential: Good, intact brick features and probable midden

National Register Eligibility: potentially eligible

Recommendations: Avoidance during all borrow activities. Further testing to determine nature and integrity of features.

Other Remarks: The USACE has proposed a 350 ft buffer to protect the site during borrow activities. ESI recommends that this buffer is sufficient.

Records

Owner and Address: Jack Hodges 805 Pierson St, Alexandria, LA 71301

Tenant and Address: N/A

Informants: N/A

Previous Investigations: Goodwin et al. 1986

References: Harlan 2007

Previous Collections and Availability: N/A

Disposition of Current Collection: currently housed at ESI 4212 St. Claude Ave., NOLA 70117

Photographs and Maps: currently on file at ESI

Recorded by: David Harlan (ESI)

Date: 8/3/2007

LACAD CODING FORM

Site Name: Tabony Site

Site Number: 16PL135

Landform (1 Entry)

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Soil Area (1 Entry)

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Cultural Features (4 Entries)

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Remarks (C.F.)_____

Cultural Affiliation (7 Entries)

Site Function (3 Entries)

Description of Material (6 Entries)

Method of Investigation at Site (3 Entries)

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Disturbance Degree (1 Entry)

National Register Status (1 Entry)

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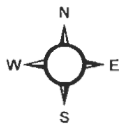
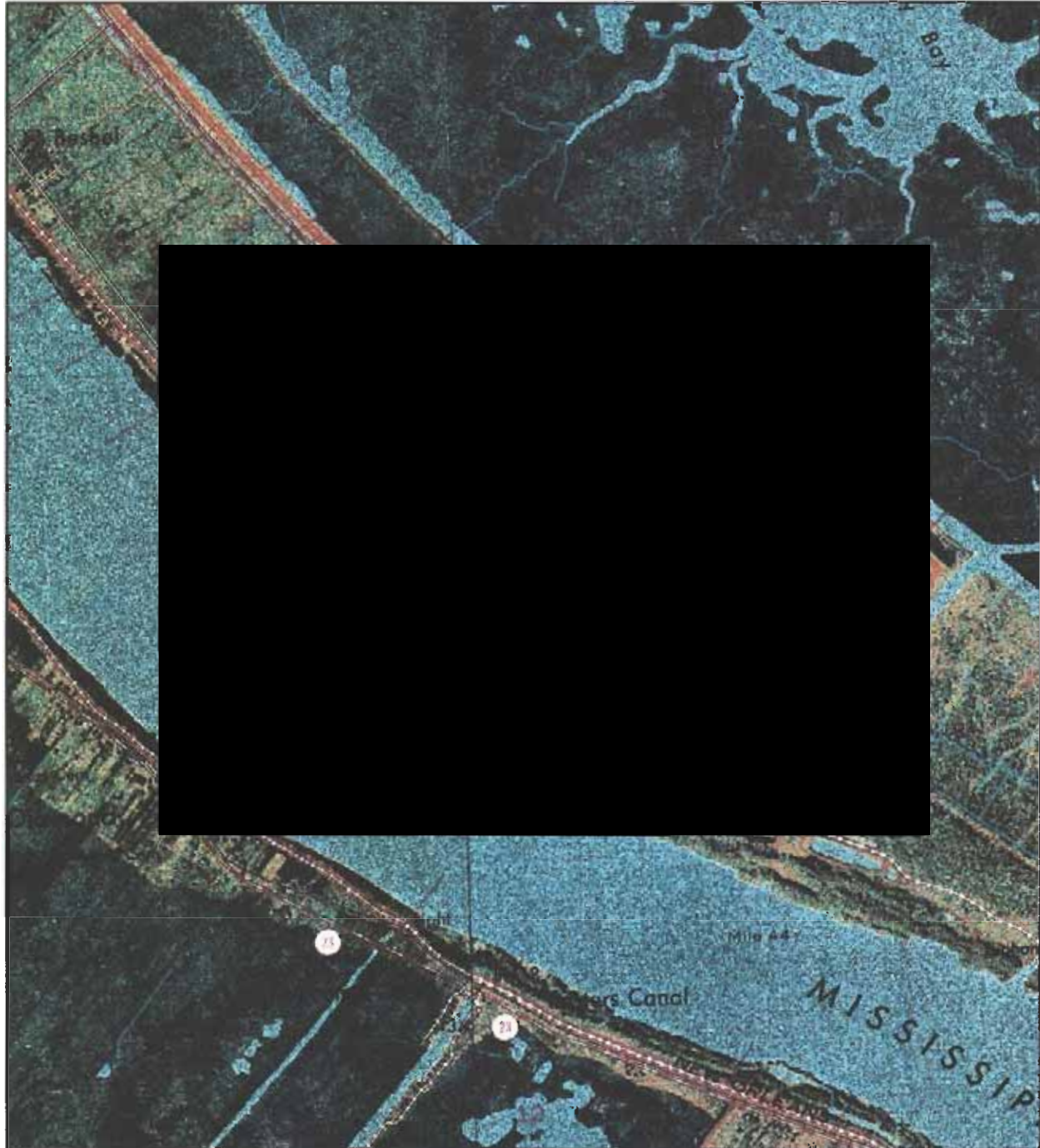
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MAP FORM

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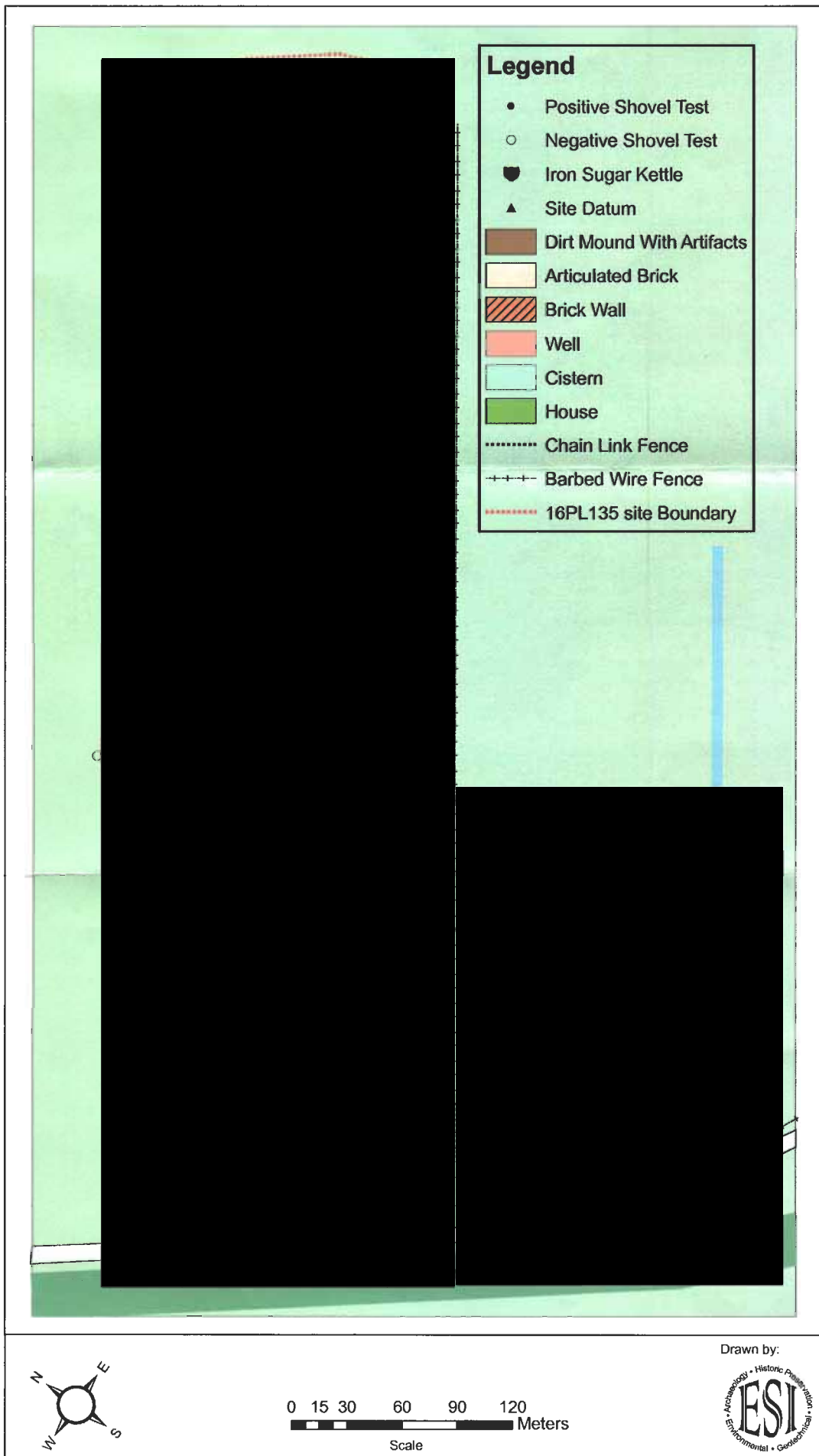
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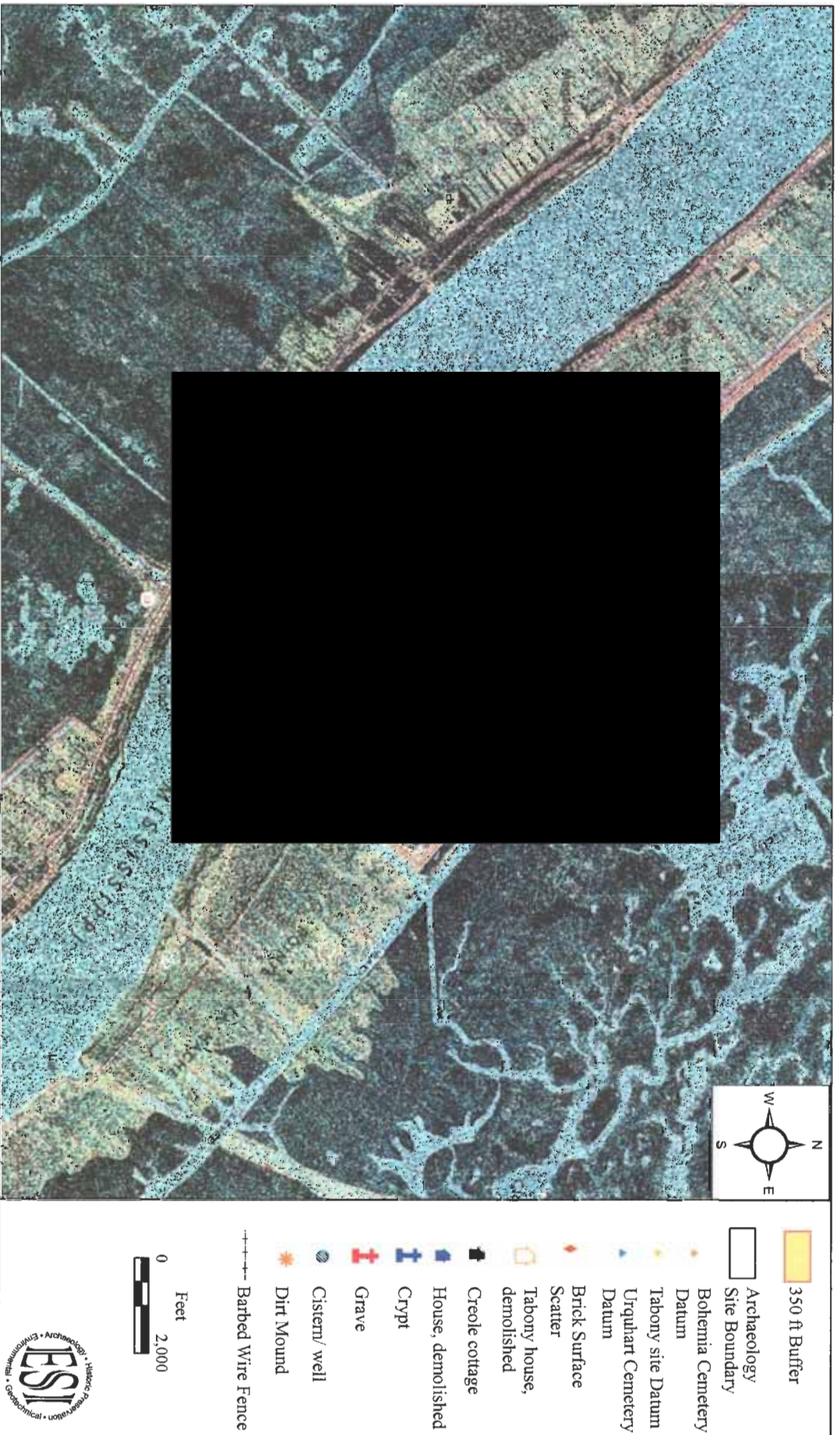
USGS 7.5' QUADRANGLE MAP OF SITE AREA



16PL135
Site Boundary









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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Gregory Pyle
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box Drawer 1210
Durant, OK 74701

RE: Proposed Tabony Borrow pit, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Gregory Pyle:

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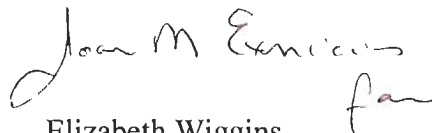
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Elizabeth Wiggins
Chief, Environmental Planning
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CF: Mr. Terry D. Cole, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma



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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

LaRue Parker
Caddo Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 487
Binger, OK 73009

RE: Proposed Tabony Borrow pit, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Chief Parker:

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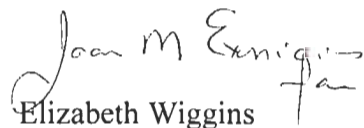
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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Kevin Battise
Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas
571 State Park Rd. 56
Livingston, TX 77351

RE: Proposed Tabony Borrow pit, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Kevin Battise,:

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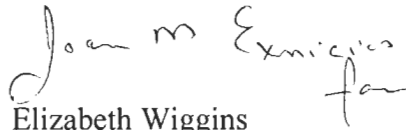
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CF: Ms. Beryl Battise, Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas



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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Chief Earl Barbry Sr.
Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana
P.O. Box 1589
Marksville, LA 71351

RE: Proposed Tabony Borrow pit, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Chief Barbry:

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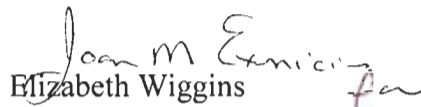
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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

John Berrey
Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 765
Quapaw, OK 74363

RE: Proposed Tabony Borrow pit, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear John Berrey:

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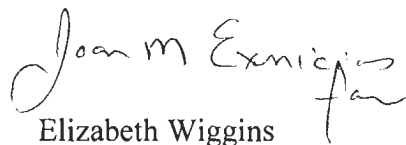
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Sincerely,

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Chief, Environmental Planning
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Gregory E. Pyle
Chief

Gary Batton
Assistant Chief

December 5, 2007

Elizabeth Wiggins
Dept. of the Army
New Orleans District, Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267

Dear Elizabeth Wiggins:

We have reviewed the following proposed project (s) as to its effect regarding religious and/or cultural significance to historic properties that may be affected by an undertaking of the projects area of potential effect.

Project Description: Gravolet Canal closure and Mississippi River levee repairs

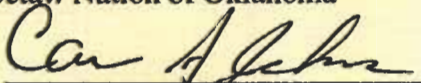
Project Location: T17S, R14E, Sections 39 & 40

County-State: Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Comments: After further review of the above mentioned project (s), to the best of our knowledge it will have no adverse effect on any historic properties in the project's area of potential effect. However, should construction expose buried archaeological or building materials such as chipped stone, tools, pottery, bone, historic crockery, glass or metal items, this office should be contacted immediately @ 1-800-522-6170 ext. 2137.

Sincerely,

Terry D. Cole
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

By: 

Caren A. Johnson
Administrative Assistant

CAJ: vr



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July 9, 2007

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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Ms. Pam Breaux
State Historic Preservation Officer
Office of Cultural Development
Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
P.O. Box 44247
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

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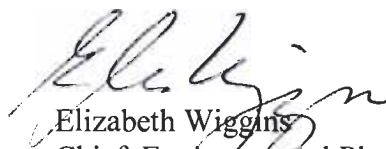
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State Historic Preservation Officer
Office of Cultural Development
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Date: <u>7-31-07</u>
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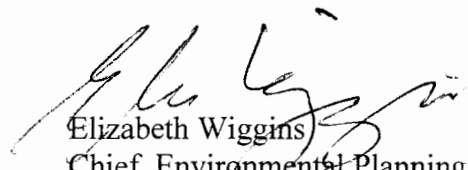
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Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2007 9:12 AM
To: McCormack, Valerie J MVN
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Valerie,

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From: Carleton, Ken [KCarleton@choctaw.org]
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2007 10:26 AM
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Kenneth H. Carleton

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer/Archaeologist

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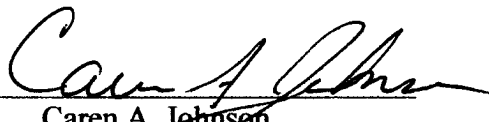
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Comments: Based on the information provided, to the best of our knowledge it will have no adverse effect on any historic properties in the project's area of potential effect. However, should construction expose buried archaeological or building materials such as chipped stone, tools, pottery, bone, historic crockery, glass or metal items, this office should be contacted immediately @ 1-800-522-6170 ext. 2137.

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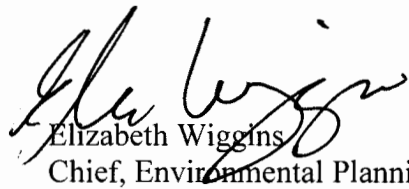
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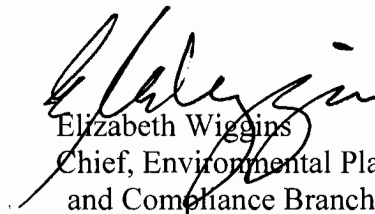
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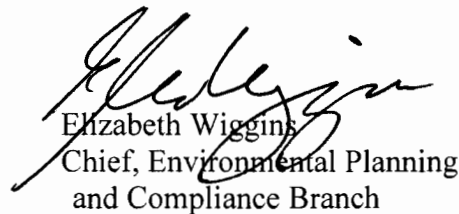
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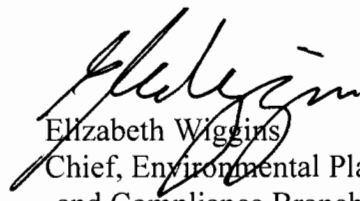
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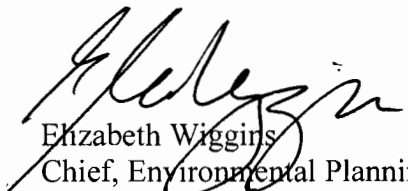
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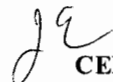
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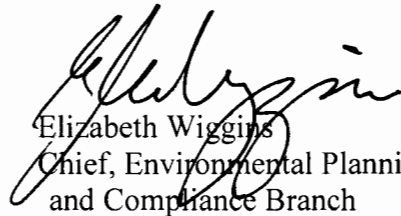
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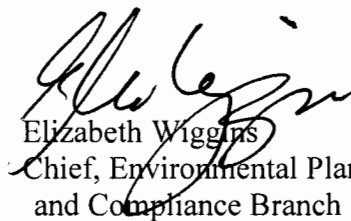
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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

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Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas
571 State Park Rd.
Livingston, TX 77351

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P.O. Box 765
Quapaw, OK 74363

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January 14, 2008

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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Ms. Pam Breaux
State Historic Preservation Officer
Office of Cultural Development
Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
P.O. Box 44247
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

RE: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank Borrow Pit F,
Jefferson, Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

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Enclosures: Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank Borrow Pit F, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana (two copies).



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February 4, 2008

Ms. Elizabeth Wiggins
Chief, Environmental Planning and Compliance Branch
Department of the Army
New Orleans District, Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0276

Re: Draft Reconnaissance Survey Report
LA Division of Archaeology Report No. 22-3035
*Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank
Borrow Pit F, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana*
Earth Search, Inc.

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

We acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated January 14, 2008 and two copies of the above referenced report. We have completed our review of the report and offer the following comments.

With a few exceptions (see enclosed comments) the reports meets the Division of Archaeology's standards. We concur with the findings presented in the draft report by Earth Search, Inc. that the proposed area for the Westbank borrow Pit F does not contains unrecorded historic properties and it is unlikely that historic properties will be affected by the excavation of the borrow pit.

Please review the enclosed technical comments and the photocopy of the draft report with comments or corrections noted. They are not extensive and require minor editing of report structure as well as the inclusion of a culture history overview chapter. We request that you submit two copies of the final report after making these adjustments. If you should have any questions please contact Stacie Palmer at the Division of Archaeology spalmer@crtv.state.la.us or 225-342-8170.

Sincerely,

Pam Breau
State Historic Preservation Officer

Technical Comments:

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Ms. Elizabeth Wiggins
February 4, 2008
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Enclosures: As stated

CC: Dr. Jill-Karen Yakubik
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Chief Lonnie Martin
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
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Charenton, LA 70523

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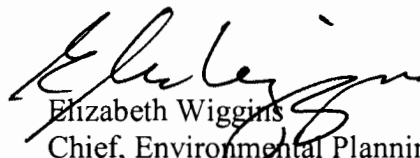
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Sincerely,



Elizabeth Wiggins
Chief, Environmental Planning
and Compliance Branch

CF: Mr. Pare Bowlegs, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma



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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Chistine Norris, Principal Chief
Jena Band of the Choctaw Indians
P.O. Box 14
Jena, LA 71342

RE: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank Borrow Pit F,
Jefferson, Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Chief Norris:

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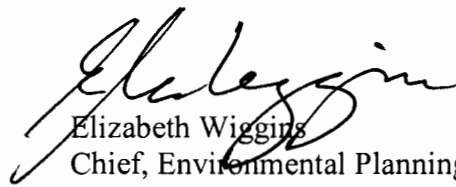
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Enclosures: Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank Borrow Pit F, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.



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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Mitchell Cypress, Chairman
Seminole Tribe of Florida
6300 Stirling Road
Hollywood, FL 33024

RE: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank Borrow Pit F,
Jefferson, Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Chairman Cypress:

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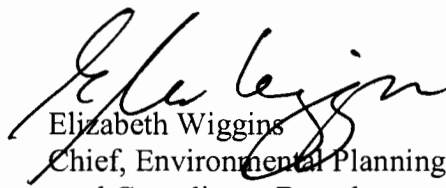
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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Kevin Sickey, Chief
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
P.O. Box 818
Elton, LA 70532

RE: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank Borrow Pit F,
Jefferson, Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Chief Sickey:

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Gregory E. Pyle, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box Drawer 1210
Durant, OK 74701

RE: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank Borrow Pit F,
Jefferson, Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Chief Pyle:

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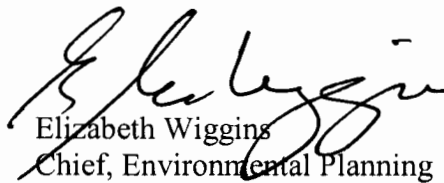
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Wiggins", is written over the typed name and title.

Elizabeth Wiggins
Chief, Environmental Planning
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CF: Mr. Terry D. Cole, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma



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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

LaRue Parker, Chairperson
Caddo Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 487
Binger, OK 73009

RE: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank Borrow Pit F,
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Dear Chief Parker:

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Elizabeth Wiggins
Chief, Environmental Planning
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CF: Mr. Rober Cast, Caddo Nation of Oklahoma



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Oscola Clayton M. Sylestine, Principal Chief
571 State Park Rd.
Livingston, TX 77351

RE: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank Borrow Pit F,
Jefferson, Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Principal Chief Sylestine:

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Enclosures: Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank Borrow Pit F, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

CF: Historic Preservation Officer, Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas



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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Chairman Earl Barbry Sr.
Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana
P.O. Box 1589
Marksville, LA 71351

RE: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank Borrow Pit F,
Jefferson, Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Chairman Barbry:

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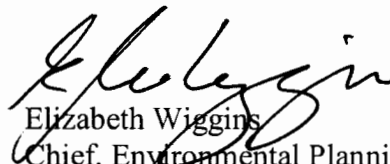
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Elizabeth Wiggins
Chief, Environmental Planning
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CF: Earl Barbry, Jr., Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana



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John Berrey, Chairman
Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 765
Quapaw, OK 74363

RE: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank Borrow Pit F,
Jefferson, Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Chairman Berrey:

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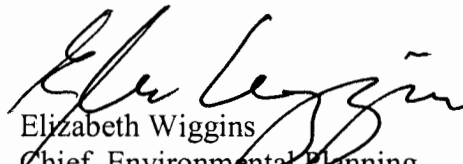
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McCormack, Valerie J MVN

From: Leland Thompson [LThompson@CoushattaTribeLA.org]
To: McCormack, Valerie J MVN
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2008 9:18 AM
Subject: Read: Proposed Westbank F borrow pit, Jefferson Parish, LA

Your message

To: LThompson@CoushattaTribeLA.org
Subject:

was read on 1/17/2008 9:18 AM.

McCormack, Valerie J MVN

From: Carleton, Ken [KCarleton@choctaw.org]
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 12:14 PM
To: McCormack, Valerie J MVN
Subject: RE: Proposed Westbank F borrow pit

January 14, 2008

Valerie J. McCormack
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District

Planning, Programs, and Project Management Division
Environmental Planning and Compliance Branch
Cultural Resources

Dear Ms McCormack:

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians has no concerns about this borrow area. If during construction any archaeological material is encountered, all work in the vicinity of the discovery should be stopped and I should be contacted as soon as possible for further consultation.

Kenneth H. Carleton

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer/Archaeologist

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

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Choctaw, MS 39350

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-----Original Message-----

From: McCormack, Valerie J MVN [mailto:Valerie.J.Mccormack@usace.army.mil]
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 11:51 AM
To: Carleton, Ken
Subject: Proposed Westbank F borrow pit

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Thank you for this consideration,
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<<MBoC-wbF.pdf>> <<WestBankF_01102008.pdf>>

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From: McCormack, Valerie J MVN
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 12:02 PM
To: Earl Barbry Jr. (earlii@tunica.org)
Subject: Proposed borrow, Westbank F, Jefferson Parish, LA

Attachments: T-BofLA-wbF.pdf; WestBankF_01102008.pdf



T-BofLA-wbF.pdf (27 KB)



WestBankF_01102008.pdf (1 MB)

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McCormack, Valerie J MVN

From: McCormack, Valerie J MVN
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 12:01 PM
To: Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas (histpres@actribe.org)
Subject: Proposed Westbank F borrow pit, Jefferson Parish, LA
Attachments: WestBankF_01102008.pdf; AICof TX-wbF-2.pdf



WestBankF_011020AICof TX-wbF-2.pdf
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McCormack, Valerie J MVN

From: McCormack, Valerie J MVN
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 11:59 AM
To: Robert Cast (culture@caddonation-nsn.gov)

Attachments: CNofo-wbF.pdf; WestBankF_01102008.pdf



CNofo-wbF.pdf (470 KB)



WestBankF_01102008.pdf (1 MB)

Dear Mr. Cast:

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McCormack, Valerie J MVN

From: McCormack, Valerie J MVN
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 11:58 AM
To: Leland Thompson (lthompson@coushattatribela.org)
Subject: Proposed Westbank F borrow pit, Jefferson Parish, LA

Attachments: WestBankF_01102008.pdf; CToLA-wbF.pdf



WestBankF_011020CToLA-wbF.pdf (27
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Dear Mr. Langley and Mr. Thomas:

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From: System Administrator
To: cpp69602@centurytel.net
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To: chief@jenachoctaw.org
Subject: Proposed Westbank F, Jefferson Parish, LA
Sent: 1/14/2008 11:55 AM

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From: McCormack, Valerie J MVN
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 11:55 AM
To: Christine Norris (chief@jenachoctaw.org)
Subject: Proposed Westbank F, Jefferson Parish, LA

Attachments: JBofC-wbF.pdf; WestBankF_01102008.pdf



JBofC-wbF.pdf (27 KB)



WestBankF_01102008.pdf (1 MB)

Dear Chief Norris:

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From: McCormack, Valerie J MVN
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 11:52 AM
To: Pare Bowlegs (HPO@seminolenation.com)
Subject: Proposed Westbank F borrow in Jefferson Parish, LA

Attachments: WestBankF_01102008.pdf; SN-wbF.pdf



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Dear Mr. Bowlegs:

A private contractor is planning on developing a borrow pit in Hancock County, Mississippi and selling the material to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (CEMVN). Sediment from the borrow will be used for levee repair and improvements for coastal and hurricane protection. Two files are attached: (1) a letter from the CEMVN to Chief Haney and (2) a .pdf of the Phase I cultural resource survey report.

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McCormack, Valerie J MVN

From: McCormack, Valerie J MVN
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 11:51 AM
To: Kenneth H. Carleton (kcarleton@choctaw.org)
Subject: Proposed Westbank F borrow pit

Attachments: MBoC-wbF.pdf; WestBankF_01102008.pdf



MBoC-wbF.pdf (24 KB)



WestBankF_01102008.pdf (1 MB)

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October 10, 2007

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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Ms. Pam Breaux
State Historic Preservation Officer
Office of Cultural Development
Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
P.O. Box 44247
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

RE: Westbank I Borrow Pit, Jefferson Parish, Township 13S, Range
22E, Sections 1, 2, 23, and 26

Dear Ms. Breaux:

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“Borrow pit excavation in this area will not impact any historic resources, and no further cultural resources investigation is recommended”.

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Sincerely,



Elizabeth Wiggins
Chief, Environmental Planning
and Compliance Branch

Enclosures: Management Summary of Phase I Survey of the Proposed Westbank Borrow Pit I, Jefferson Parish, LA.

CF: Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Beryl Battise
Caddo Nation of Oklahoma, Robert Cast
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, Kimberly, S. Walden
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Terry D. Cole
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, Leland Thompson
Jena Band of the Choctaw Indians, Christine Norris
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Seminole Tribe of Florida, Bill Steele
Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, Earl Barbry, Jr.



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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Mr. Terry D. Cole
Director/Historic Preservation Officer
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box Drawer 1210
Durant, OK 74701

RE: Westbank I Borrow Pit, Jefferson Parish, Township 13S, Range
22E, Sections 1, 2, 23, and 26

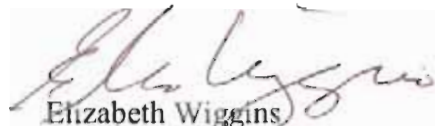
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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Mr. Terry D. Cole
Director/Historic Preservation Officer
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box Drawer 1210
Durant, OK 74701

RE: Westbank I Borrow Pit, Jefferson Parish, Township 13S, Range
22E, Sections 1, 2, 23, and 26

Dear Mr. Cole:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley, New Orleans District (CEMVN) is currently identifying borrow sources for its continuing efforts to repair and strengthen levees in Southeastern Louisiana. The proposed 33 acre Westbank I borrow area, Jefferson Parish, is located in Township 13S, Range 22E, Sections 1, 2, 23, and 26. CEMVN contracted Earth Search, Inc. to complete a Phase I cultural resource survey of the proposed Westbank I borrow pit. The proposed borrow areas is located on the New Orleans West 7.5' USGS topographic quadrangle, and can be viewed on Figure 1 in the enclosed management summary. The borrow pit will be excavated to a maximum depth of 20 feet below ground surface. Given that the proposed action has the potential to impact cultural resources, the CEMVN requests a review of the project as per 36 CFR 800.3(c).

The enclosed management summary includes a literature review, site record search, and results of the field work. On July 10, 2007, a property caretaker, Vincent Vastola, reported to CEMVN archaeologist Jerica Richardson that a mass burial dating to the early 19th century is located in the vicinity of the project area. Mr. Vastola, however, had no specific information on the location of such mass burial. ESI's historian Harriet Swift investigated these claims and failed to find any evidence to substantiate the claims. This background research is being synthesized and will appear in the Phase I survey report (Rhonda Smith, personal communication 9/29/2007). General background research revealed that no previously recorded archaeological sites are present in the project area, and only one archaeological site is located within a one mile radius of the project area. Field investigations included the excavation of shovel tests placed along six transects that paralleled the long axis of the proposed borrow. ESI concludes that "Borrow pit excavation in this area will not impact any historic resources, and no further cultural resources investigation is recommended".

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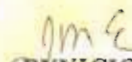
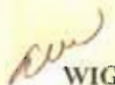
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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wiggins
Chief, Environmental Planning
and Compliance Branch

Enclosures: Management Summary of Phase I Survey of the Proposed Westbank Borrow Pit I,
Jefferson Parish, LA.

CF: Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Beryl Battise
Caddo Nation of Oklahoma, Robert Cast
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, Kimberly, S. Walden
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Terry D. Cole
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, Leland Thompson
Jena Band of the Choctaw Indians, Christine Norris
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Kenneth H. Carleton
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Pare Bowlegs
Seminole Tribe of Florida, Bill Steele
Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, Earl Barbry, Jr.


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November 28, 2007

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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Ms. Pam Breaux
State Historic Preservation Officer
Office of Cultural Development
Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
P.O. Box 44247
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

RE: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank N Borrow
Area, Plaquemines, Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Ms. Breaux:

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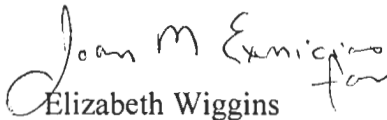
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Sincerely,


Elizabeth Wiggins
Chief, Environmental Planning
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Enclosures: Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank N Borrow Area, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

CF: Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Chairman Kevin Batisse and Beryl Battise
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Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, Chairman Alton LeBlanc and Kimberly, S. Walden
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Chief Gregory E. Pyle and Terry D. Cole
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, Chief Kevin Sickey and Leland Thompson
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Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Chief Beasley Denson and Kenneth H. Carleton
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Chairman John Berrey and Pare Bowlegs
Seminole Tribe of Florida, Chairman Mitchell Cypress
Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, Chairman John Berrey
Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, Chairman Earl J. Barbary Sr. and Earl Barbry, Jr.



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PAM BREAU
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

December 26, 2007

Ms. Elizabeth Wiggins
Environmental Planning and
Compliance Branch
New Orleans District, Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, LA 70160-0267

Re: Draft Reconnaissance CRM Report
LA Division of Archaeology Report No. 22-3022
*Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed West Bank
N Borrow Area, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana*
Earth Search, Inc.

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 28, 2007, transmitting two copies of the above-referenced report. We have completed our review and offer the following comments.

The report meets most of the Division of Archaeology's standards and we concur with the **findings presented in the draft report by Earth Search, Inc. It does not appear that any subsurface archaeological sites will be affected by the planned project for which the cultural resources investigations were done.** There are standing structures within the project area, however, that have not been taken into account in the reconnaissance survey. Enclosed figures show the locations of structures that should be noted in the final version of this report.

Technical comments of a minor nature are also included with this letter, as are photocopied pages of the report with other comments/corrections noted. Please address these as appropriate and transmit **two** copies of the final report. Should you have any questions concerning our comments, do not hesitate to contact Dennis Jones in the Division of Archaeology at (225) 342-8170 or by email at djones@crt.state.la.us

Ms. Elizabeth Wiggins
December 26, 2007
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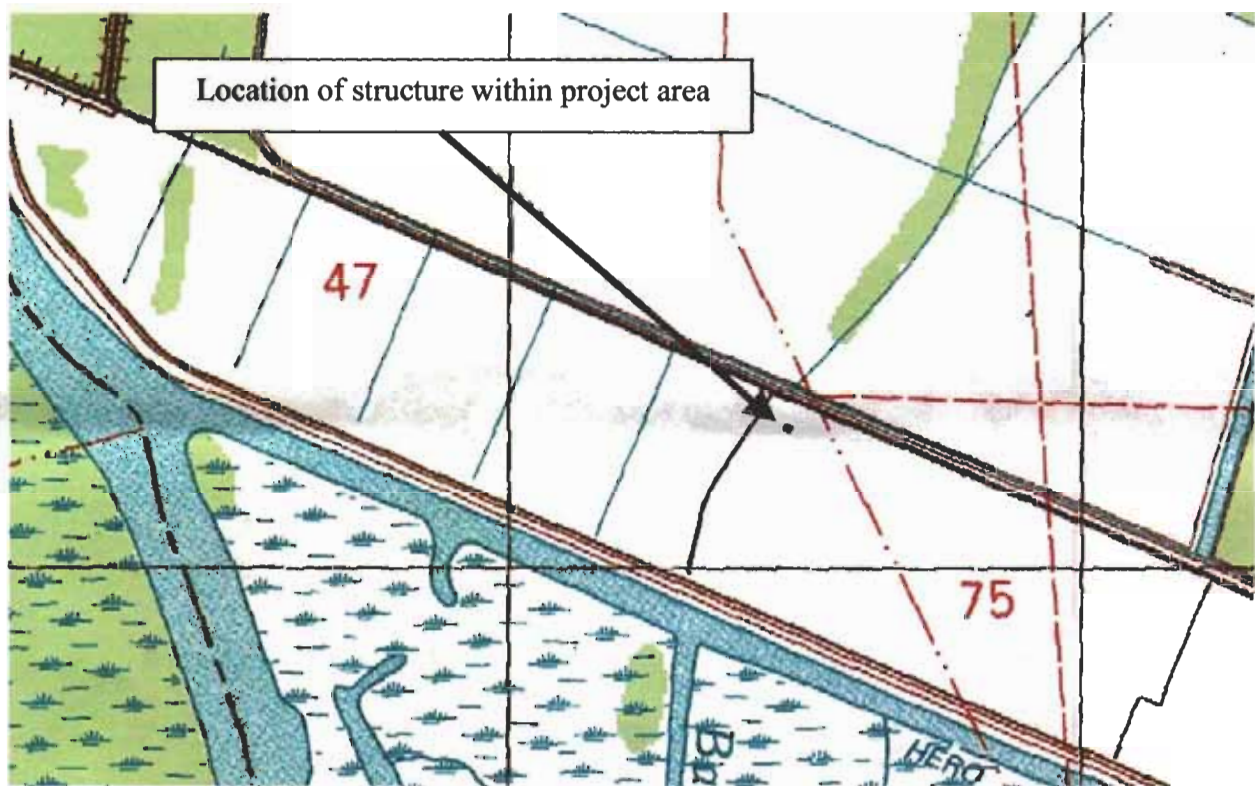
Pam Breaux
State Historic Preservation Officer

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C: Dr. Jill-Karen Yakubik, Earth Search, Inc. (w/enclosures)

TECHNICAL COMMENTS

1. Page 2, Figure 1. The location map for the project area would be enhanced if the location of the area in relation to Oakville, La could be presented.
2. Pages 3-4. The reporting of the past cultural resource investigations in the vicinity of the project area is well done and corroborates the absence of subsurface cultural resources within the current project area.
3. Pages 4 & 6. The dimensions of the project area given as 200 m by 1700 m do not agree with the scaled dimensions of the project area in Figure 4.
4. **This reconnaissance survey has not addressed the presence of what appear to be standing structures within the project area. See attached figures.**



Downloaded detail of Betrandsville, LA quad available from <http://atlas.lsu.edu/rasterdown.htm>



Area of structures shown on
USGS topographic quadrangle

Downloaded detail from Google Earth.com showing presence of structures within the project area.

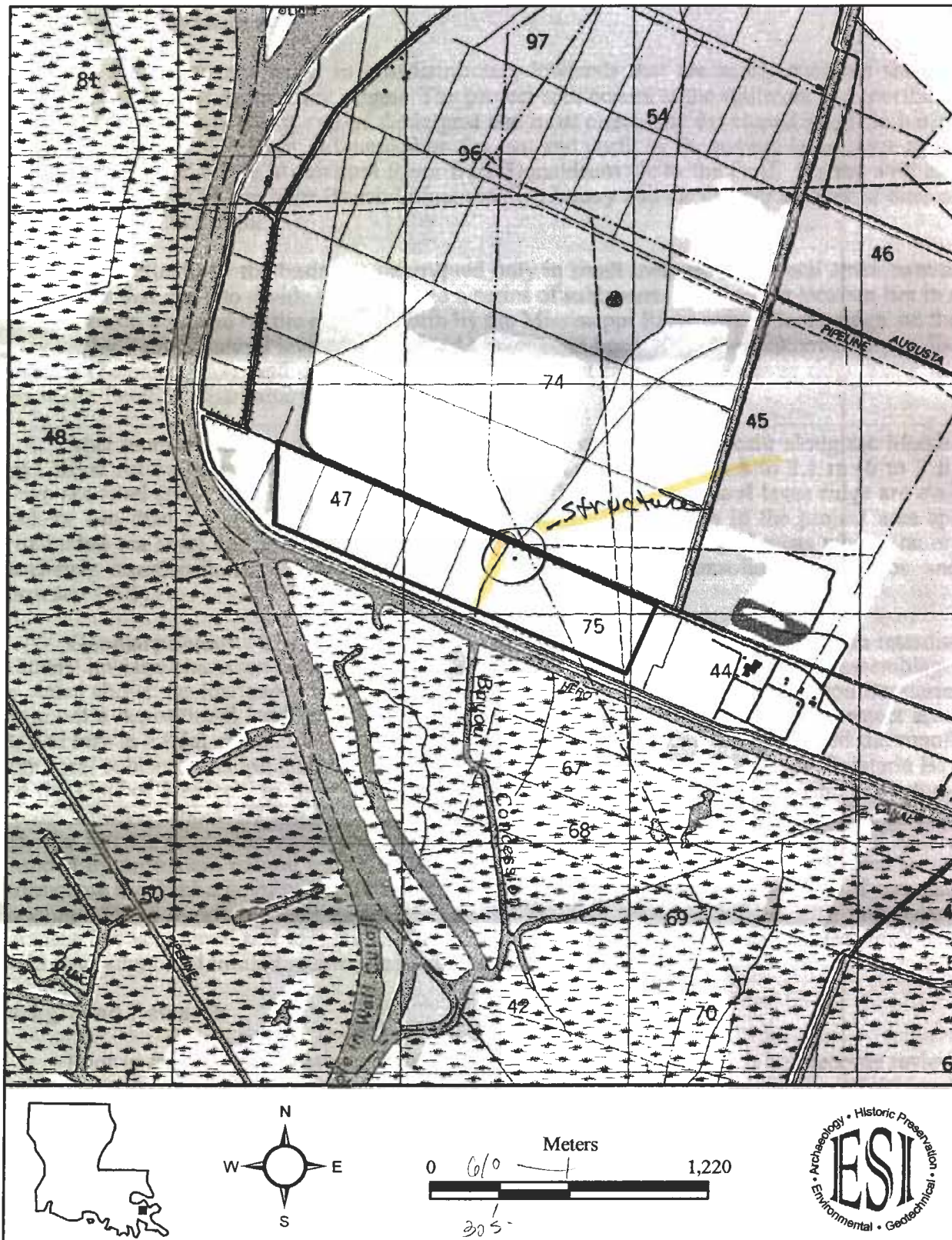


Figure 1. Excerpt from USGS *Bertrandville, LA* 1:24,000 quadrangle showing the project area in red.

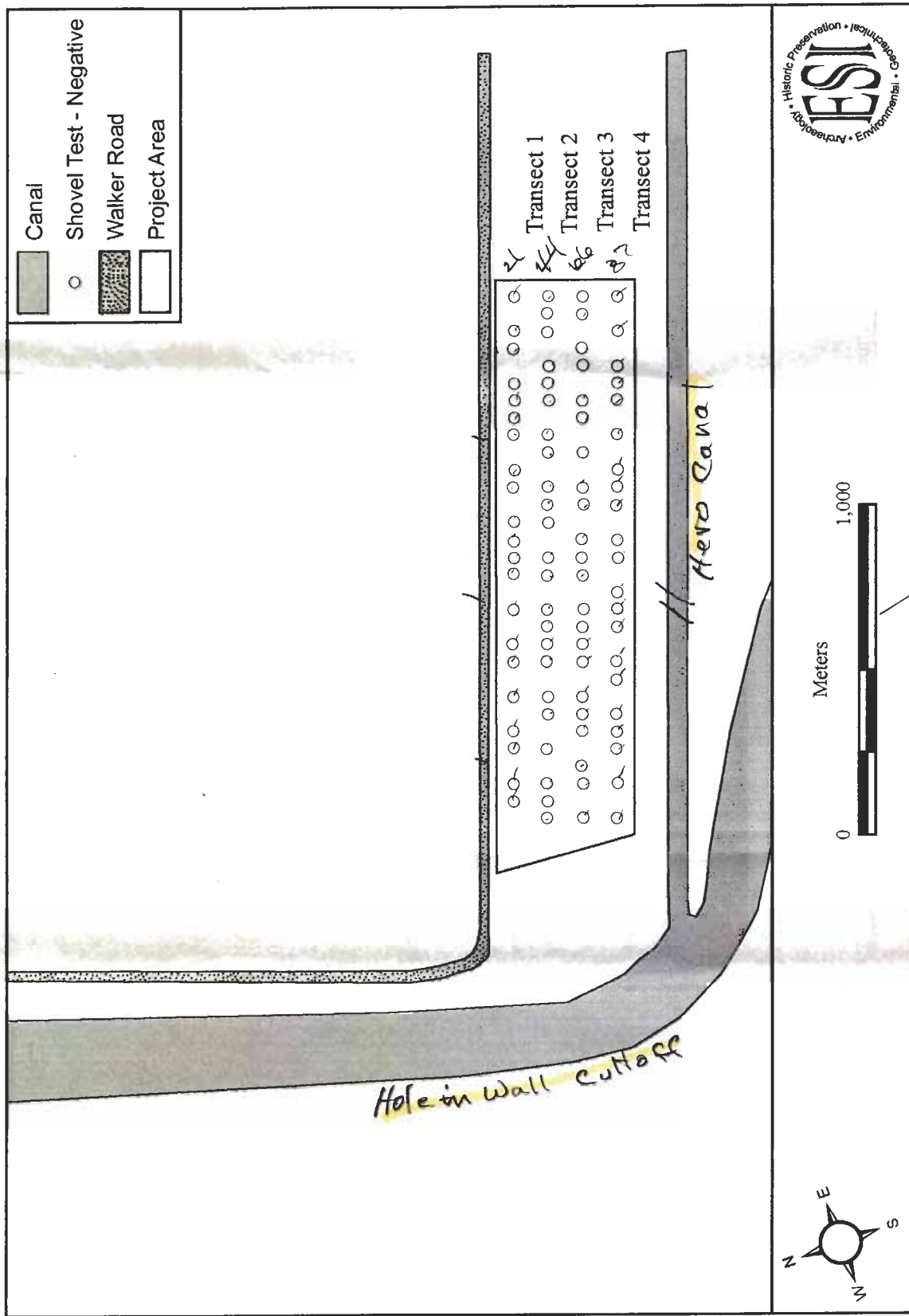


Figure 3. Map showing location of excavated shovel tests.



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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Chariman Alton LeBlanc
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
P.O. Box 661
Charenton, LA 70523

RE: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank N Borrow
Area, Plaquemines, Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Chariman LeBlanc:

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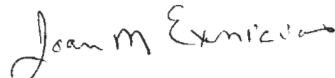
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Elizabeth Wiggins
Chief, Environmental Planning
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CF: Ms. Kimberly Walden, Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana



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CULTURAL DEPARTMENT

December 27, 2007

Ms. Elizabeth Wiggins
Chief, Environmental Planning and Compliance Branch
U.S. Corps of Engineers
CEMVN-PM-RN
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, LA 70160-0267

Re: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank N Borrow Area
Plaquemines Parish, LA

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

We are in receipt of your letter, dated December 11, 2007, concerning the above referenced project. The parish where the proposed project is to take place is part of the aboriginal Chitimacha homeland. That is, historically and prehistorically the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana was located near this area. This homeland contains many village sites, religious/sacred sites, and burial sites, which must be taken into account in the planning process.

Our records and oral traditions do not indicate that a specific Chitimacha archaeological site or Traditional Cultural Property is in the immediate vicinity of your project, therefore we have no objection to the implementation of the proposed activity. However, if archaeological remains representing a village site and/or burial site are discovered during the process of construction you should stop and contact the tribe and the State Historic Preservation Office immediately, in order to begin consultation regarding the encountered remains.

The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana appreciates your compliance with federal and state laws concerning Native American notification and consultation. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me (337) 923-9923.

Sincerely,

Kimberly S. Walden,
Director, Cultural Department

KW:JD



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November 28, 2007

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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Chief Beasley Denson
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
P.O. Box 6257
Choctaw, MS 39350

RE: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank N Borrow
Area, Plaquemines, Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Chief Denson:

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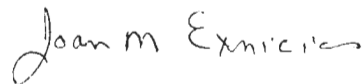
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CF: Mr. Kenneth H. Carleton, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

McCormack, Valerie J MVN

From: Carleton, Ken [KCarleton@choctaw.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2008 9:56 AM
To: McCormack, Valerie J MVN
Subject: RE: Proposed Westbank N borrow, Plaquemines Parish

January 15, 2008

Valerie J. McCormack
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District

Planning, Programs, and Project Management Division
Environmental Planning and Compliance Branch
Cultural Resources

Dear Ms McCormack:

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians has no concerns about the proposed Westbank N borrow, Plaquemines Parish. If during construction any archaeological material is encountered, all work in the vicinity of the discovery should be stopped and I should be contacted as soon as possible for further consultation.

Kenneth H. Carleton

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer/Archaeologist

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

P.O. Box 6257 or 101 Industrial Road

Choctaw, MS 39350

601.650.7316

FAX: 601.650.7454

-----Original Message-----

From: McCormack, Valerie J MVN [mailto:Valerie.J.Mccormack@usace.army.mil]
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2007 10:01 AM
To: Carleton, Ken
Subject: Proposed Westbank N borrow, Plaquemines Parish

Dear Mr. Carleton:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (CEMVN) is proposing to develop the Westbank N borrow pit in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. Sediment from the borrow will be used for levee repair and improvements for coastal and hurricane protection. Summary information on these investigations will appear in the Individual Environmental Report # 22, a National Environmental Policy Act document. Earth Search, Inc. under contract to

CEMVN conducted a reconnaissance survey of the project area. No cultural resources were identified within the Area of Potential Effects following the completion of background research and fieldwork. Information regarding the investigations can be found in the attached report. Also a letter from CEMVN to Chief Denson requesting Section 106 review is attached.

We request that the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians review this information as per the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800.3) and provide comment. Also please inform us, if you choose not to provide comment. If you require additional information or have any questions, please contact me at the phone number below or e-mail me.

In addition, if you prefer to be notified by a hard copy please inform me, and I will send you information through the postal service in the future.

For more information on NEPA alternative arrangements please visit www.nolaenvironmental.gov

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Valerie J. McCormack
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Principal Chief Enoch Haney
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 1498
Wewoka, OK 74884

RE: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank N Borrow
Area, Plaquemines, Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

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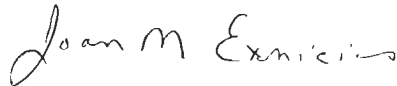
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Chief, Environmental Planning
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CF: Mr. Pare Bowlegs, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma



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Principal Chief Chistine Norris
Jena Band of the Choctaw Indians
P.O. Box 14
Jena, LA 71342

RE: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank N Borrow
Area, Plaquemines, Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Principal Chief Norris:

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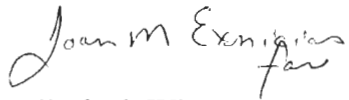
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Elizabeth Wiggins
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Enclosures



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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Mitchell Cypress
Seminole Tribe of Florida
6300 Stirling Road
Hollywood, FL 33024

RE: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank N Borrow
Area, Plaquemines, Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Mitchell Cypress:

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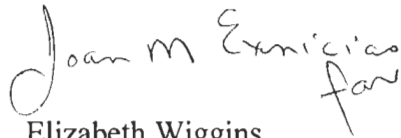
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likelihood for the presence of burials. CEMVN invites comments from the Seminole Nation of Florida in order to meet CEMVN responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, (36 CFR 800.3) and Executive Order 13175 that directs Government-to-Government consultation. If you or anyone in your organization desires a copy of this report or other material relating to this project please contact, please contact Dr. Valerie McCormack at 504-862-2167.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan M Enricio" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Elizabeth Wiggins
Chief, Environmental Planning
and Compliance Branch



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November 28, 2007

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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Kevin Sickey
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
P.O. Box 818
Elton, LA 70532

RE: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank N Borrow
Area, Plaquemines, Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Kevin Sickey:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley, New Orleans District (CEMVN) is currently identifying borrow sources for its continuing efforts to repair and strengthen levees in Southeastern Louisiana. The proposed 76 acre Westbank N borrow area, Plaquemines Parish, is located in Township 15S, Range 24E, Sections 45, 47, 74, and 75. CEMVN contracted Earth Search, Inc. to complete a Phase I cultural resource survey of the proposed Westbank N borrow pit. Earth Search, Inc. has completed the draft report, and CEMVN is pleased to present the report to your office for your review. Information regarding this cultural resource survey will be included in the Individual Environmental Report #22.

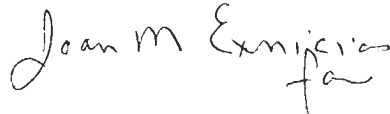
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The CEMVN believes that the existing evidence suggests that the proposed 76 acre proposed Westbank N borrow pit does not contain unrecorded cultural resources. The CEMVN therefore believes that cultural resources will not be impacted if this land is excavated as a

borrow pit and recommends that the borrow area be developed as proposed. In the event that unanticipated discoveries are encountered, work will stop immediately and consulting parties will be contacted. We request that you review this information pursuant to National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, (36 CFR 800.3.) and provide comment. If you require additional information, please contact Valerie McCormack at 504-862-2167.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joan M. Exmiera".

Elizabeth Wiggins
Chief, Environmental Planning
and Compliance Branch

CF: Mr. Rayne Langley, Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
Mr. Leland Thompson, Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana



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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Gregory Pyle
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box Drawer 1210
Durant, OK 74701

RE: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank N Borrow
Area, Plaquemines, Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Gregory Pyle:

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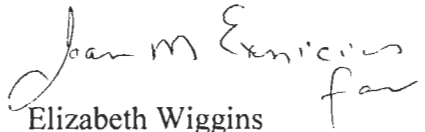
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The CEMVN believes that the existing evidence suggests that the proposed 76 acre proposed Westbank N borrow pit does not contain unrecorded cultural resources. The CEMVN therefore believes that cultural resources will not be impacted if this land is excavated as a

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Elizabeth Wiggins
Chief, Environmental Planning
and Compliance Branch

CF: Mr. Terry D. Cole, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma



Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

P.O. Box 1210 • Durant, OK 74702-1210 • (580) 924-8280

Gregory E. Pyle
Chief

Gary Batton
Assistant Chief

December 5, 2007

Elizabeth Wiggins
Dept. of the Army
New Orleans District, Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267

Dear Elizabeth Wiggins:

We have reviewed the following proposed project (s) as to its effect regarding religious and/or cultural significance to historic properties that may be affected by an undertaking of the projects area of potential effect.

Project Description: Westbank N. Borrow area

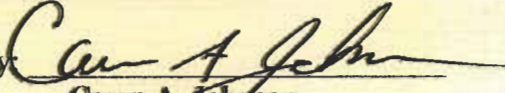
Project Location: T15S, R24E, Sec., 45, 47, 74, 75

County-State: Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Comments: After further review of the above mentioned project (s), to the best of our knowledge it will have no adverse effect on any historic properties in the project's area of potential effect. However, should construction expose buried archaeological or building materials such as chipped stone, tools, pottery, bone, historic crockery, glass or metal items, this office should be contacted immediately @ 1-800-522-6170 ext. 2137.

Sincerely,

Terry D. Cole
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

By 
Caren A. Johnson
Administrative Assistant

CAJ: vr



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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

LaRue Parker
Caddo Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 487
Binger, OK 73009

RE: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank N Borrow
Area, Plaquemines, Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear LaRue Parker:

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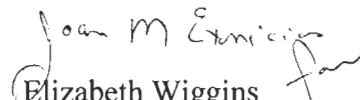
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Sincerely,


Elizabeth Wiggins
Chief, Environmental Planning
and Compliance Branch

CF: Mr. Rober Cast, Caddo Nation of Oklahoma



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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Kevin Battise
Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas
571 State Park Rd. 56
Livingston, TX 77351

RE: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank N Borrow
Area, Plaquemines, Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Kevin Battise:

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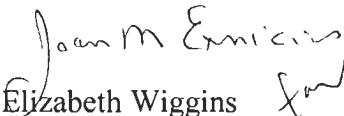
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Sincerely,


Elizabeth Wiggins
Chief, Environmental Planning
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CF: Ms. Beryl Battise, Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas



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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

Chairman Earl Barbry Sr.
Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana
P.O. Box 1589
Marksville, LA 71351

RE: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank N Borrow
Area, Plaquemines, Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear Chairman Barbry:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley, New Orleans District (CEMVN) is currently identifying borrow sources for its continuing efforts to repair and strengthen levees in Southeastern Louisiana. The proposed 76 acre Westbank N borrow area, Plaquemines Parish, is located in Township 15S, Range 24E, Sections 45, 47, 74, and 75. CEMVN contracted Earth Search, Inc. to complete a Phase I cultural resource survey of the proposed Westbank N borrow pit. Earth Search, Inc. has completed the draft report, and CEMVN is pleased to present the report to your office for your review. Information regarding this cultural resource survey will be included in the Individual Environmental Report #22.

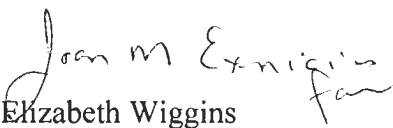
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The CEMVN believes that the existing evidence suggests that the proposed 76 acre proposed Westbank N borrow pit does not contain unrecorded cultural resources. The CEMVN therefore believes that cultural resources will not be impacted if this land is excavated as a

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Sincerely,


Elizabeth Wiggins
Chief, Environmental Planning
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CF: Earl Barbry, Jr., Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana



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Attn: CEMVN-PM-RN

John Berrey
Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 765
Quapaw, OK 74363

RE: Draft Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Westbank N Borrow
Area, Plaquemines, Parish, Louisiana (IER #22)

Dear John Berrey:

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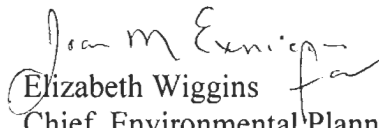
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The CEMVN believes that the existing evidence suggests that the proposed 76 acre proposed Westbank N borrow pit does not contain unrecorded cultural resources. Communication between CEMVN staff archaeologist Dr. Valerie McCormack and with your

Tribal Preservation Officer Ms. Carrie V. Wilson reveal that the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma prefers to review borrow projects in Orleans Parish Louisiana. While this project lies in Plaquemines Parish, CEMVN invites comments from the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma in order to meet CEMVN responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, (36 CFR 800.3) and Executive Order 13175 that directs Government-to-Government consultation. If you or anyone in your organization desires a copy of this report or other material relating to this project please contact, please contact Dr. Valerie McCormack at 504-862-2167.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth Wiggins
Chief, Environmental Planning
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McCormack, Valerie J MVN

From: McCormack, Valerie J MVN
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 1:39 PM
To: Kenneth H. Carleton (kcarleton@choctaw.org)
Subject: FW: Proposed Westbank N borrow, Plaquemines Parish

Attachments: WestBankNDraft.pdf; WestbankN-MSChoctaw.pdf



WestBankNDraft.pdf (3 MB)



WestbankN-MSChoctaw.pdf (29 KB)

Mr. Carleton:

I am resending a message regarding a proposed borrow pit in Plaquemines Parish. I have not yet received a response from you. Since you typically respond quickly, I'm not sure if you received this e-mail or if it became buried among your many e-mails.

Thanks,
Valerie

-----Original Message-----

From: McCormack, Valerie J MVN
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2007 10:01 AM
To: Kenneth H. Carleton (kcarleton@choctaw.org)
Subject: Proposed Westbank N borrow, Plaquemines Parish

Dear Mr. Carleton:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (CEMVN) is proposing to develop the Westbank N borrow pit in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. Sediment from the borrow will be used for levee repair and improvements for coastal and hurricane protection. Summary information on these investigations will appear in the Individual Environmental Report # 22, a National Environmental Policy Act document. Earth Search, Inc. under contract to CEMVN conducted a reconnaissance survey of the project area. No cultural resources were identified within the Area of Potential Effects following the completion of background research and fieldwork. Information regarding the investigations can be found in the attached report. Also a letter from CEMVN to Chief Denson requesting Section 106 review is attached.

We request that the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians review this information as per the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800.3) and provide comment. Also please inform us, if you choose not to provide comment. If you require additional information or have any questions, please contact me at the phone number below or e-mail me.

In addition, if you prefer to be notified by a hard copy please inform me, and I will send you information through the postal service in the future.

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Valerie J. McCormack
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
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504-862-2167

McCormack, Valerie J MVN

From: McCormack, Valerie J MVN
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2007 10:53 AM
To: Pare Bowlegs (HPO@seminolenation.com)
Subject: Proposed Westbank N borrow pit in Plaquemines Parish

Attachments: WestbankN_SeminoleOK.pdf; WestBankNDraft.pdf



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Dear Mr. Bowlegs:

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Cheers,
Valerie McCormack

P.S. Pare--I'm expecting to send out two more letters on borrow pits in the next week or so. I believe it will be a few months before we have the Phase I investigations completed on more borrow pits.

Valerie J. McCormack
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
Planning, Programs, and Project Management Division
Environmental Planning and Compliance Branch
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McCormack, Valerie J MVN

From: EIS Exchange Service Account
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2007 10:49 AM
To: McCormack, Valerie J MVN
Subject: Delivery Status Notification (Relay)

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McCormack, Valerie J MVN

From: McCormack, Valerie J MVN
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2007 10:48 AM
To: Beryl Battise (histpres@actribe.org)
Subject: Proposed Westbank N borrow pit, Plaquemines parish

Attachments: WestBankNDraft.pdf; WestbankN_ALCoushatta.pdf



WestBankNDraft.pdf (3 MB)



WestbankN_ALCoushatta.pdf (28 MB)

Dear Ms. Battise:

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McCormack, Valerie J MVN

From: McCormack, Valerie J MVN
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2007 10:47 AM
To: Robert Cast (culture@caddonation-nsn.gov)
Subject: Proposed Westbank N borrow pit, Plaquemines Parish

Attachments: WestBankNDraft.pdf; WestbankN-CaddoOK.pdf



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Dear Mr. Cast:

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Dear Mr. Carleton:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (CEMVN) is proposing to develop the Westbank N borrow pit in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. Sediment from the borrow will be used for levee repair and improvements for coastal and hurricane protection. Summary information on these investigations will appear in the Individual Environmental Report # 22, a National Environmental Policy Act document. Earth Search, Inc. under contract to CEMVN conducted a reconnaissance survey of the project area. No cultural resources were identified within the Area of Potential Effects following the completion of background research and fieldwork. Information regarding the investigations can be found in the attached report. Also a letter from CEMVN to Chief Denson requesting Section 106 review is attached.

We request that the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians review this information as per the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800.3) and provide comment. Also please inform us, if you choose not to provide comment. If you require additional information or have any questions, please contact me at the phone number below or e-mail me.

In addition, if you prefer to be notified by a hard copy please inform me, and I will send you information through the postal service in the future.

For more information on NEPA alternative arrangements please visit www.nolaenvironmental.gov

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