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Mr. Pete J. Serio, Chief
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New Orleans, LA 70160-0267

RE: *Draft of Individual Environmental Report # 12 (IER # 12) and related Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 public notice*
Public Notice Date: January 05, 2009

Dear Mr. Serio:

The professional staff of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has reviewed the above referenced Public Notice. Based upon this review, the following has been determined:

During the detailed planning and construction phases, effort should be made to reduce wetland impacts, especially those impacts affecting higher quality wetlands. When practicable, access and construction activity should occur from existing waterways, and temporary workspaces and access roads should be minimized.

The impoundment of wetlands should be avoided; however, where impounding is unavoidable, measures aimed at maintaining hydrologic connections and natural flow regimes shall be taken. To this end, flood protection and control structures should be designed for operational flexibility and when deemed beneficial, control structures should remain open except when a risk of flooding exists.

LDWF would like to remain part of any Bayou aux Carpes management plan development, as well as have opportunity to review any modifications, and additional impacts. The department would also like involvement in any further detailed planning of project features and to be granted an opportunity to review and submit recommendations on such.

Additionally, the Corps shall provide adequate and appropriate mitigation for any additional unavoidable impacts to wetland functions.

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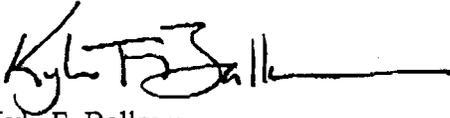
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The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries appreciates the opportunity to review and provide recommendations to you regarding this proposed activity. Please do not hesitate to contact Habitat Section biologist Matthew Weigel at 225-763-3587 should you need further assistance.

Sincerely,



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