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May 29, 2009

Attn: Gib Owen
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Environmental Planning and Compliance Branch
United States Army Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 60267
New Orleans, LA 70160-0267

RE: *Application Number: Individual Environmental Report #16 (IER #16)*
Applicant: Corps of Engineers - New Orleans District
Public Notice Date: March 19, 2009

Dear Mr. Owen:

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:

LDWF recommends that the natural resource agencies be provided an opportunity to review and comment on plans to construct additional water control structures, deemed necessary to provide adequate cross sectional area.

The Corps of Engineers shall also develop a mitigation plan designed to off-set impacts to fish and wildlife resources. The mitigation plan shall be approved by the resource and regulatory agencies. The approved mitigation plan shall be incorporated as part of the conditions of the permit.

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 Chris Davis at 225-765-2642 should you need further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy L. Anthony".

Jimmy L. Anthony
Assistant Secretary

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c: Chris Davis, Biologist
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