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Dear Ms. Exnicios:

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has received the draft **Individual Environmental Report (IER) #27** provided by your letter dated September 2, 2010. The draft IER evaluates embankment remediation on the 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Orleans Avenue, and London Avenue outfall canals in Jefferson and Orleans Parish, Louisiana.

NMFS has reviewed the draft IER and finds that the disclosure and assessment of impacts associated with the embankment improvements are adequately addressed. NMFS also agrees that project implementation would not adversely impact wetlands or essential fish habitat. As such, we have no comments to provide on the draft IER #27.

We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on the draft IER.

Sincerely,

for Miles M. Croom  
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