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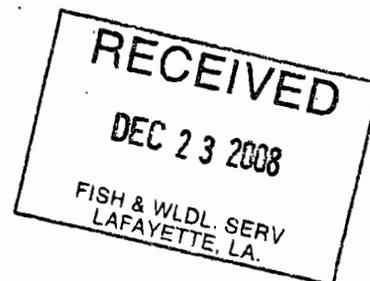
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

December 19, 2008

Planning, Programs, and
Project Management
Environmental Planning and
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James Boggs
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Dear Mr. Boggs:

A project description, project location map, and determination of the effect the proposed action will have on threatened and endangered (T&E) species in the vicinity of the New Orleans Lakefront Levee, West of Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC), Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity (LPV), Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (GNOHSDRRS) Project, Orleans Parish, Louisiana (Individual Environmental Report [IER] #4) have been prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New Orleans District (CEMVN), and are enclosed for your review and comment. IER # 4 will be completed in the next few weeks and will be forwarded to you upon completion.

Project Description

The proposed action is located in Orleans Parish, Louisiana. The proposed action would provide 100-year level of protection for Orleans Parish. The elevations of the existing levees, floodwalls, structures, and gates for each proposed action would be raised to a height that would provide the 100-year level of protection, ranging from 16 feet (ft) to 19 ft. In areas where the existing authorized height is at or higher than the 100-year level of protection and no additional right-of-way clearance is required, no additional action is proposed. The LPV project areas have been divided into numerous reaches, with every reach identified by a project identification number (e.g., LPV 101). The proposed project area comprises four reaches (LPV 101, 102, 103, and 104) totaling approximately 5.8 miles in length (figure 1). No additional action is proposed as part of this IER in much of the overall project corridor, including specific areas where the existing authorized height already is at or higher than the 100-year level of protection and no additional right-of-way clearances are required, including areas where Phase 1 construction to achieve previously authorized levels is planned or underway.

This project has been reviewed for effects to Federal trust resources under our jurisdiction and currently protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act). The project, as proposed,
() Will have no effect on those resources
(-) Is not likely to adversely affect those resources.

This finding fulfills the requirements under Section 7(a)(2) of the Act.

[Signature]
Acting Supervisor
Louisiana Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

1/25/09
Date