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Ms. Elizabeth Wiggins  
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Re: Management Summary  
LA Division of Archaeology Report No. 22-3216  
*Management Summary: Phase I Cultural Resources  
Survey and Archaeological Inventory, Nautical Remote  
Sensing Survey, and Phase II National Register Testing  
and Evaluation of Locus 07-02-E-011, Target 36\_2 and  
Site 16OR453, Performed for Lake Pontchartrain and  
Vicinity Project, Individual Environmental Report Area 7  
(IER#7), Orleans Parish*  
R. Christopher Goodwin, & Associates, Inc.

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

We acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated January 19, 2009, and two copies of the above-referenced draft report. We have completed our review and offer the following comments on the preferred alignment for IER#7.

Based in the report findings, we concur that archaeological sites 16OR28 and 16OR447, located within the Area of Potential Effects (APE), are not eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Locus 07-02-E-01, originally thought to be the remnants of archaeological site 16OR12, does not warrant further consideration. In regards to site 16OR12, testing confirmed that there was no indication of this archaeological site in the recorded location and that the site has probably been destroyed as previously reported. The recorded presence of burials at this site raises concern, and although testing indicated that the site was probably destroyed, there is still a possibility of remnants of the site present. We therefore recommend that this area be monitored during ground disturbing activity.

Staging area SA07-1, located in the near vicinity of 16OR70, was not subject to subsurface testing because of the presence of a gravel surface. It is unclear if this area will be subject to ground disturbing activity. If so, we highly recommend that the area be monitored at that time. Staging area SA07-2 was similarly graveled and considered in a high probability area. We would also recommend monitoring of this high probability area if ground-disturbing activity is planned.

Archaeological sites 16OR37 and 16OR38 were previously determined to be ineligible for the NRHP. According to the current APE, these locations will be on the periphery and will not be affected by the proposed project; therefore, no further consideration is necessary.

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In regard to the nautical survey of this IER, we concur that shipwreck 16OR453 does not possess the qualities of significance for eligibility on the NRHP. We also concur that Target 36\_2 does not warrant site status. Target 37\_1 identified-, as a potentially significant submerged cultural resource, should be avoided by a buffer zone. If avoidance is not feasible, then further testing of this anomaly will be required.

The remains of the Pointe Aux Herbes Lighthouse (16OR226) will need to be assessed. It is unclear, based on the report, as to whether or not this resource is within or adjacent to the APE. In either case, this potentially historic property should be addressed in the document. The remains of the destroyed fishing camps along Lake Pontchartrain should also be recorded as an archaeological site and assessed under the NRHP criteria.

Please review the enclosed technical comments and photocopied pages with comments/corrections noted. We look forward to receiving two copies of the draft report with comments addressed, as appropriate. All site and site update forms will need to be finalized prior to the acceptance of the final report. If you should have any questions, please contact Stacie Palmer in the Division of Archaeology by email at [spalmer@crt.state.la.us](mailto:spalmer@crt.state.la.us) or by phone at (225) 342-5737 or if you should have questions in regards to site form submittal, please contact either Cheraki Williams or Jill Andrew at (225) 342-8170.

Sincerely,



Scott Hutcheson  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosure: as stated

Cc: Mr. William P. Athens  
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Technical Comments:

1. Suggestion – Phase II testing implies that there is a known archaeological site. We suggest that you use the term additional phase I testing for site identification.
2. Survey Method – Our standards require that high probability areas be surveyed at 30m intervals. Please justify shovel testing at 50m intervals in high probability areas.
3. Survey Method – Why was the area of the previously recorded site 16OR12 tested at 30m intervals instead of the standard 10m intervals?



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Dear Ms. Wiggins:

In response to your letter dated January 19<sup>th</sup> we offer the following comments. We believe, based on the information provided, that the proposed undertakings for IER#7 (preferred alignment) should have no affect on historic properties.

After a discussion with Cheraki Williams it was agreed that the remains of the destroyed fishing camps along Lake Pontchartrain would not need to be recorded as an archaeological site. The associated standing structure forms for these fish camps, however, will need to be reviewed and updated for the final report. If you should have any questions, please contact either Stacie Palmer or Cheraki Williams in the Division of Archaeology by phone at (225) 342-8170.

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The draft programmatic fish coordination act report dated 26 November 2007 can be viewed on [www.nolaenvironmental.gov](http://www.nolaenvironmental.gov) at the following link:

[http://www.nolaenvironmental.gov/nola\\_public\\_data/projects/usace\\_levee/docs/original/FWCADraftReportProgramtic.pdf](http://www.nolaenvironmental.gov/nola_public_data/projects/usace_levee/docs/original/FWCADraftReportProgramtic.pdf)