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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers- Vicksburg District 4155 Clay Street Vicksburg, MS 39180

Attention: Daniel Sumerall

RE: Water Quality Certification (WQC 110718-04/AI 101235/CER 20110006)

New Orleans to Venice Hurricane Risk Reduction Project

Incorporation of Non-Federal Levees from St. Jude to Venice & Phoenix to Bohemia

Plaquemines Parish

Dear Mr. Sumerall:

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (the Department) has reviewed your application to excavate land and place spoil material for the improvement of hurricane protection levees, in the vicinities between St. Jude to Venice & Phoenix to Bohemia, Louisiana.

Based on the information provided in the application, the Department made a determination that the requirements for a Water Quality Certification have been met and concludes that the placement of the fill material will not violate water quality standards of Louisiana as provided for in LAC 33:IX. Chapter 11. Therefore, the Department hereby issues a Water Quality Certification to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers- Vicksburg District.

If you have any questions, please call Jamie Phillippe at 225-219-3225.

Sincerely.

Melvin C. Mitchell, Sr.

Administrator

Water Permits Division

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