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Mr. Mike Morris
US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District
CEMVN-PDS-C
7400 Leake Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70118

AI No.: 100781
Activity No.: CER20230001

RE: USACE, NOD – St. Tammany Parish Louisiana Feasibility Study
Water Quality Certification WQC 230516-01
St. Tammany Parish

Dear Mr. Morris:

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Water Permits Division (LDEQ), has received the application for a 401 Water Quality Certification to clear, grade, excavate, and place fill for the construction of a levee and floodwall system along an alignment in South and West Slidell and channelization of a portion of the Mile Branch in Covington. The West Slidell levee and floodwall system consists of approximately 18.4 miles of levee and floodwall, with approximately 15 miles of levee constructed in separate segments, and 3.4 miles of separate segments of floodwall. All work will occur in St. Tammany Parish. Prior to processing the certificate, LDEQ requires **ALL** of the following:

1. **A proof of publication of the Public Notice in THE ADVOCATE of Baton Rouge.**
   LAC 33:IX.1507.D

2. **A proof of publication of the Public Notice in the ST. TAMMANY FARMER of Covington.**
   LAC 33:IX.1507.D

Send all correspondence and your check or money order made payable to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to the following address:

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Water Permits Division
P.O. Box 4313
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313
Attn: Water Quality Certifications

The applicant may also hand-deliver the completed response to LDEQ at 602 N. 5th Street in Baton Rouge. **Responses to this request will not be accepted via electronic mail.** If this information is not received within 30 days from the date of this letter, your application will be considered inactive which could result in denial of the water quality certification. If you have any questions, contact Elizabeth Hill at (225) 219-3225 or by email at elizabeth.hill@la.gov.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure LDEQ receives all revised and updated documentation for issuance of the water quality certification. The documents submitted by the US Army Corps of Engineers on behalf of the applicant may not include all of the most recent information regarding the proposed project. It is recommended that LDEQ's Electronic Data Management System (EDMS) is viewed to ensure the administrative record reflects the most accurate documentation. The applicant is responsible for providing LDEQ with the most up to date information to ensure any changes do not render the water quality certification invalid. According to LAC 33:IX.1507.H.2, any issued certification is subject to revocation upon determination that information contained in the application or presented in support thereof is incorrect or if conditions under which the certification was made have changed.

Enclosed is a copy of the public notice to be published one time in the official State Journal, THE ADVOCATE of Baton Rouge, and the ST. TAMMANY FARMER of Covington. A period of ten days after the date of publication will be allowed for public comment. The applicant shall bear the costs of publication of the public notices in accordance with R.S. 30:2074(A)(3). Please furnish LDEQ with proofs of publication of these notices to the above address.

Please note that Best Management Practices (BMPs) are needed to control stormwater runoff and non-point source pollution from the site during and after construction of the proposed project. Information on BMPs is found on the Department's website listed under the Storm Water Permit Resources page at http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/page/storm-water-protection. A stormwater discharge permit may also be needed depending on the size of the project site.

To ensure all correspondence regarding this certification is properly filed into the Department's Electronic Document Management System (EDMS), you must reference Agency Interest (AI) number 100781 and Water Quality Certification 230516-01 on all future correspondence pertaining to this project.

Sincerely,

Scott Guilliams
Administrator
Water Permits Division

c: IO-W

ec: Michael.A.Morris@usace.army.mil

PUBLIC NOTICE TO RUN IN

THE ADVOCATE
10715 Rieger Rd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70809
Phone: (225) 388-0200
Email: legal.ads@theadvocate.com

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Comments concerning this application can be filed with the Water Permits Division within ten days of this notice by referencing WQC 230516-01, AI 100781 to the following address:

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Water Permits Division
P.O. Box 4313
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313
Attn: Elizabeth Hill

Comments may be submitted by email to DEQ-WaterQualityCertifications@la.gov.

A copy of the application is available for inspection and review at the LDEQ Public Records Center, on the first floor of the Galvez Building, Room 127 at 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The available information can also be accessed electronically on the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) on the LDEQ public website at www.deq.louisiana.gov.

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ST. TAMMANY FARMER
321 N New Hampshire St.
Covington, LA 70433
Phone: (985) 892-2323
Fax: (985) 892-2325
Email: publicnotices@sttammanyfarmer.ne

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