

ANNEX 7: Louisiana State Water Quality Certification
(Clean Water Act Section 401 Compliance)

USACE is updating its coordination with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality regarding Water Quality Certification (WQC) 170209-01 to account for project design changes since 2017. The updated WQC and associated coordination will be included in the Final GRR/SEIS.

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AI No.: 161278
Activity No.: CER20170001

RE: Mississippi River, Baton Rouge to the Gulf of Mexico, Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet, Louisiana,
New Industrial Canal Lock and Connecting Channels Project
Water Quality Certification WQC 170209-01
Orleans Parish

Dear Mr. Lahare:

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Water Permits Division (LDEQ), has reviewed your application to dredge and place fill to replace the Industrial Canal Lock, also referred to as the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC) Lock located on the Industrial Canal between the Claiborne Avenue and Florida Avenue bridges in New Orleans, Orleans Parish.

The information provided in the application and the additional information received March 27, 2017, has been reviewed in terms of compliance with State Water Quality Standards, the approved Water Quality Management Plan and applicable state water laws, rules and regulations. LDEQ determined that the requirements for a Water Quality Certification have been met. LDEQ concludes that the deposit of spoil will not violate water quality standards as provided for in LAC 33:IX.Chapter 11. Therefore, LDEQ hereby issues US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – Mississippi River, Baton Rouge to the Gulf of Mexico, Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet, Louisiana, New Industrial Canal Lock and Connecting Channels Project Water Quality Certification, WQC 170209-01.

Should you have any questions concerning any part of this certification, please contact Elizabeth Hill at (225) 219-3225 or by email at elizabeth.hill@la.gov. Please reference Agency Interest (AI) number 161278 and Water Quality Certification 170209-01 on all future correspondence to this Department to ensure all correspondence regarding this project is properly filed into the Department's Electronic Document Management System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Guilliams".

Scott Guilliams
Administrator
Water Permits Division

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