



Port Fourchon Belle Pass Channel Deepening Project, Louisiana



Appendix B: Annex 4 – Water Quality Certification

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AI No.: 116656
Activity No.: CER20240001

RE: Port Fourchon Belle Pass 203 Channel Deepening Project
Water Quality Certification WQC 240404-01
Lafourche Parish

Dear Ms. Logarbo:

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Water Permits Division (LDEQ), has reviewed the application requesting authorization to dredge and place spoil to investigate increasing the depth of the Bayou Lafourche Waterway Federal navigation channel at Port Fourchon to an engineering, economic, and environmentally feasible depth and to extend the main access channel to the natural contour of the Gulf of Mexico at the optimum depth in Lafourche Parish.

The information provided in the application has been reviewed to assess compliance with State Water Quality Standards, the approved Water Quality Management Plan and applicable state water laws, rules and regulations. LDEQ has complied with its public notice procedures established pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 401(a)(1). 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 – Port Fourchon Belle Pass 203 Channel Deepening Project Water Quality Certification, WQC 240404-01.

Should you have any questions concerning any part of this certification, please contact Elizabeth Hill at (225) 219-3336 or by email at elizabeth.hill@ldeq.louisiana.gov. Please reference Agency Interest (AI) number 116656 and Water Quality Certification 240404-01 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 blue ink that reads "Aurelia S. Giacometto".

Aurelia S. Giacometto
Secretary

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