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Mr. Gordon E. Dove,
Chairman
Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board
150 Terrace Avenue
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Dear Mr. Dove,

I appreciate your letter dated January 31, 2025, requesting for clarification on the 408-001-006 and 404-001-007 Records of Decision as we work together to mitigation the saltwater intrusion we have experienced in recent years.

In accordance with the aforementioned 408 and Record of Decision, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) should begin the process of building a team of engineers and/or scientists to collect salinity data in the Mississippi River. The team should have the capacity to analyze and understand the hydrodynamics of the saltwater intrusion with modeling or other analytical tools so that they can understand the changes to the progression of the salt water with the diversion in operation. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, will continue our salinity data collection, monitoring, and analysis as part of the mitigation requirements for the Mississippi River Deep Draft Navigation Project and will share salinity data and analysis with CPRA for successful operation of the diversion. The Special Conditions state that CPRA provide their work plan(s) for approval before operation, which would include salinity monitoring.

I hope this letter clarifies your request, and we look forward to continued collaboration on this effort. Should you have additional questions, please reach out to Mr. Durund F. Elzey, Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management Division, at Durund.Elzey@usace.army.mil, or (504) 862-2204.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C. A. Jones", is positioned above the typed name.

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