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United States Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District

Attn: Col. Cullen A. Jones

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RE: Suspension of DA Permit MVN-2012-02806-EOO

Request for Limited Activities

Dear Colonel Jones:

The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority ("CPRA") is in receipt of your letter dated April 25, 2025, wherein the DA permit for the Mid Barataria Sediment Diversion ("MBSD") was suspended. CPRA has apprised its partners of the suspension and is making every effort to comply with the District's directives.

As you know, CPRA previously ordered a 90-day suspension of work on MBSD to mitigate costs while next steps were determined. During the 90-day suspension, the contractor is expected to maintain security and perform site maintenance, including ensuring drainage, as well as proceed with demobilization of unnecessary equipment, personnel, and on-site office space. Further, Shell has been working to relocate a pipeline which would have been within the MBSD outfall. Relocation of this pipeline is being performed during a scheduled window of inactivity and will be necessary for any future diversion project in this location.

CPRA respectfully requests the District approve the following limited activities to proceed, as these activities will be necessary to secure and prepare the site for any future project:

- 1. Site security
- 2. Necessary site maintenance
- 3. Restoration of drainage
- 4. Demobilization activities
- 5. Pipeline relocation performed by Shell
- 6. Necessary repair to revetment damaged during previous dredging operations
- 7. Capping of previously drilled test wells

CPRA appreciates the District's attention to these matters. I look forward to hearing from you.



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Sincerely,

Gordon Dove

CPRA Board Chairman

Cc: Glenn Ledet, Jr., CPRA Executive Director

Clay Parker, CPRA Deputy Director