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RE: Lake Pontchartrain and  
Vicinity Hurricane Protection  
Levee

Dear Mr. Wagahoff:

I would like to express my appreciation for the Corps' willingness to investigate and consider the alternative mitigation plans we submitted well beyond the designated comment period.

Members of my staff recently met with several representatives of the Corps to clarify appropriate locations for detailed investigation. Two adjoining areas were delineated. Shown on the enclosed map, one is bounded by a pipeline canal to the north and Bayou Yscloskey to the south and the other immediately adjacent to the southeast is bounded by Doulluts Canal. These small areas were selected because of their rapid erosion and their potential for restoration. It was determined that together these parcels are of an appropriate scale to satisfy mitigation requirements without undue financial burden.

Nevertheless we maintain our objection to local financial participation and maintenance. These obstacles should be addressed as a separate issue incidental to environmental considerations.

We reiterate our appreciation and support for your efforts and the efforts of your associates. If we can provide additional information, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

DAVID B. FARBER  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Enclosure: