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Honorable William "Billy" Tauzin  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

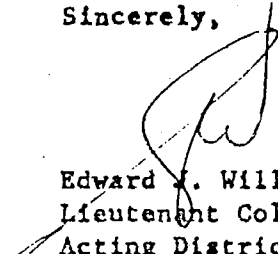
Dear Mr. Tauzin:

Reference your letter of June 17, 1985, concerning the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet project and the Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Protection project. You indicated an interest in the Corps developing mitigation measures which would offset environmental losses to the fullest possible extent.

Since mailing of your letter, your office should have received a copy of our "Announcement of Public Meeting" for the Lake Pontchartrain Mitigation Study. At this meeting on July 29th, we hope to obtain public input concerning mitigation plans for that project. An additional copy of the announcement is enclosed for your convenience. The announcement is a summary of the status of mitigation planning for that project.

Because of the complexity of the issues you have raised, additional time is required to prepare a complete response. That response will be provided in the near future. In the interim, if I can be of assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

  
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Acting District Engineer

Enclosure

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