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ATTENTION OF

MAY 22 1992

Operations and Readiness Division
Eastern Evaluation Section

SUBJECT: SE(17th Street Canal)2

Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans
525 St. Joseph Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70165

Gentlemen:

As requested in your letter dated May 27, 1992, the authorization granted by the Secretary of the Army in permit dated June 13, 1984, from the District Engineer at New Orleans, Louisiana, to dredge to enlarge and maintain an area and install and maintain flood walls and mooring structures, in the 17th Street Canal (Metairie Relief Canal) from Pumping Station No. 6 to a point about 400 feet north of the Bucktown Pedestrian Bridge, in Lake Pontchartrain, at Metairie, Louisiana, in Jefferson Parish, is specifically extended to June 13, 1997.

The permittee is reminded of special conditions v through hh of the subject permit. These and all other conditions to which the work is made subject, excepting the time limit for completion, remain in full force and effect.

BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

Albert J. Guillot

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Assistant Chief, Operations and
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James V. Hall
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
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Department of the Army Permit Evaluation

and Decision Document

Applicant: Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans

Application No.: SE (17th Street Canal)2

This document constitutes the Environmental Assessment, Statement of Findings, and, if applicable, review and compliance determination according to the 404(b)(1) guidelines for the proposed work.

The applicant has requested Department of the Army permit approval to complete project authorized June 13, 1984.

I have determined that the proposed work need not be advertised by public notice for the reason indicated below.

(X) The proposed request is for a time extension to continue work previously authorized. Regulations under 33 CFR 325.6(d) allow granting of time extensions without the need to readvertise a project by public notice if there have been no significant changes in the attendant circumstances since the authorization was issued.

() The proposed work is a minor modification or addition to work previously permitted. The impacts of the proposed work are expected to have no adverse impacts or only very minor impacts.

() The proposed work qualifies for approval under 33 CFR 325.2(c)(1) by a letter of permission.

Although the proposed work is being authorized in accordance with abbreviated procedures allowed under

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regulations found under 33 CFR 320 through 330, the project has been assessed to include all the evaluation factors cited in 33 CFR 325.3(c) even though a detailed Environmental Assessment and a detailed Statement of Findings have not been prepared.

(X) Alternatives to include no action, other project designs, and other sites were considered but not found to be practical or feasible.

Other factors relevant to the review of the applicant's proposal, if any, are listed below.

The permittee indicated by letter dated May 27, 1992, that Phase I and III of the project work has been completed. Phase II of the project was delayed due to the permittee trying to negotiate a joint agreement between Jefferson Parish and Orleans Parish Levee Districts to combine the flood protection work with the permittee's dredging operation (Phase IIA & IIB). Once after the agreement has been settled, approximately 60 per cent of Phase IIA has been completed, and Phase IIB of the project commenced the first week in June, 1992. In the approval, the permittee was reminded that special conditions v through hh and all other conditions of the permit, which the work is made subject, still remain in full force and effect.

Having reviewed the information provided by the applicant, the permit file, and the assessment of environmental impacts, I find this permit action will not have a significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required.

I find that issuance of a Department of the Army permit, as prescribed by regulations published in 33 CFR 320 to 330 and 40 CFR 230, is not contrary to the overall public interest.

June 17, 1992
Date

Wanda B. Weston
Preparer

18 June 92
Date

H. Z. Only
Reviewer

June 23, 1992
Date

Albert J. Bennett
Approving Officer

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