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Dear Mr. Naomi:

We have reviewed the draft reconnaissance report for the Hurricane Protection, LA study.

The conclusion of the draft reconnaissance report is that there is a Federal interest in conducting more detailed feasibility studies to provide increased levels of hurricane protection in the southeast Louisiana area. We understand that the reconnaissance report is based on preliminary economic and environmental analyses, and that there is a reasonable probability that a Federal project could be developed. We also understand that there is also a potential risk that a Federal project may not be recommended as a result of the study.

The project management plan is currently being prepared and will present detailed costs and implementation plans for the feasibility study. The scope of this study is extremely large and will encompass all of Southeastern Louisiana. Because of the large size and scope of the study, major efforts have been undertaken to ensure that the plans considered in the feasibility study are fully supported by local governments in the project area, levee boards and the State of Louisiana.

The State of Louisiana strongly supports the concept of providing higher levels of hurricane protection in Southeast Louisiana and supports moving this study forward into the feasibility phase. The satisfactory completion of negotiations related to the project management plan and the costs contained therein are critical to the execution of a feasibility study cost-sharing agreement with the Corps for the Hurricane Protection, LA feasibility study. This Department intends to form a coalition of affected Southeastern Louisiana communities in order to provide the financial resources to go forward with the project.

Sincerely,

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