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July 25, 2006

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RE: Alternative Arrangements, Reconstruction of Critical Infrastructure in the New Orleans Metropolitan Area, Grand Isle 32 Mile 18-Inch Diameter Water Supply Line, PW#: 10407, DR-1603-LA, PA ID: 051-99051-00

Dear Mr. Gonzales:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Public Assistance project, including codes and standards upgrades, for Grand Isle 32 Mile 18-Inch Diameter Water Supply Line, Grand Isle, LA 70358 (29.669 N, 90.112 W), qualifies for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Alternative Arrangements for the Reconstruction of Critical Infrastructure in the New Orleans Metropolitan Area.

Under the regular Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) NEPA review this project would have qualified for Categorical Exclusion XV. However, due to the unprecedented amount of grants requested that need to be processed in a short time, the potential cumulative effects, and potential environmentally-related socio economic effects of FEMA's funding in the New Orleans Metropolitan Area, FEMA has determined that this type of action may have significant impacts that cannot be reviewed under the normal Environmental Impact Statement process. FEMA, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) have adopted the Alternative Arrangements to address the basic elements of NEPA under these circumstances. For more information visit [www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/noma/index.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/noma/index.shtm).

While the use of Alternative Arrangements meets NEPA compliance requirements, there are requirements of other Environmental and Historic Preservation laws and executive orders that must be individually complied with. For the work described in this Project Worksheet the following conditions relating to those requirements apply:

- This project is located within the Louisiana Coastal Management Zone. Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LDNR) has determined that receipt of federal assistance is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resource Program. Projects within the coastal zone may still require a Coastal Use Permit or other authorization from LDNR. Projects may be coordinated by contacting LDNR at 1-800-267-4019.
- This scope of work involves in-water work. Project should not affect wetland values and functions. Care should be taken in equipment and materials storage (including equipment and materials staging) to ensure that wetlands are not adversely affected per the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Executive Order 11990.
- The applicant shall be responsible for complying with sections 401 and 404 of the CWA. The applicant shall coordinate with or obtain any required permits or certifications from the state and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) prior to initiating work. The applicant shall comply with all conditions of the required permits. All coordination pertaining to these activities should be documented and copies forwarded to the state and FEMA as part of the permanent project files.

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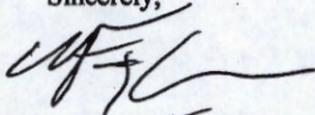
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Please note that this transmittal is a notification that this project has been cleared under NEPA only. **This is not a notice of final approval or eligibility.** Any change beyond the approval scope of work for this project will require additional environmental review by FEMA.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Liaison Officer

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Enclosures: PW # 10407

Cc: Oliver Mack, FEMA DPAO for Grants