

APPENDIX A
Figures



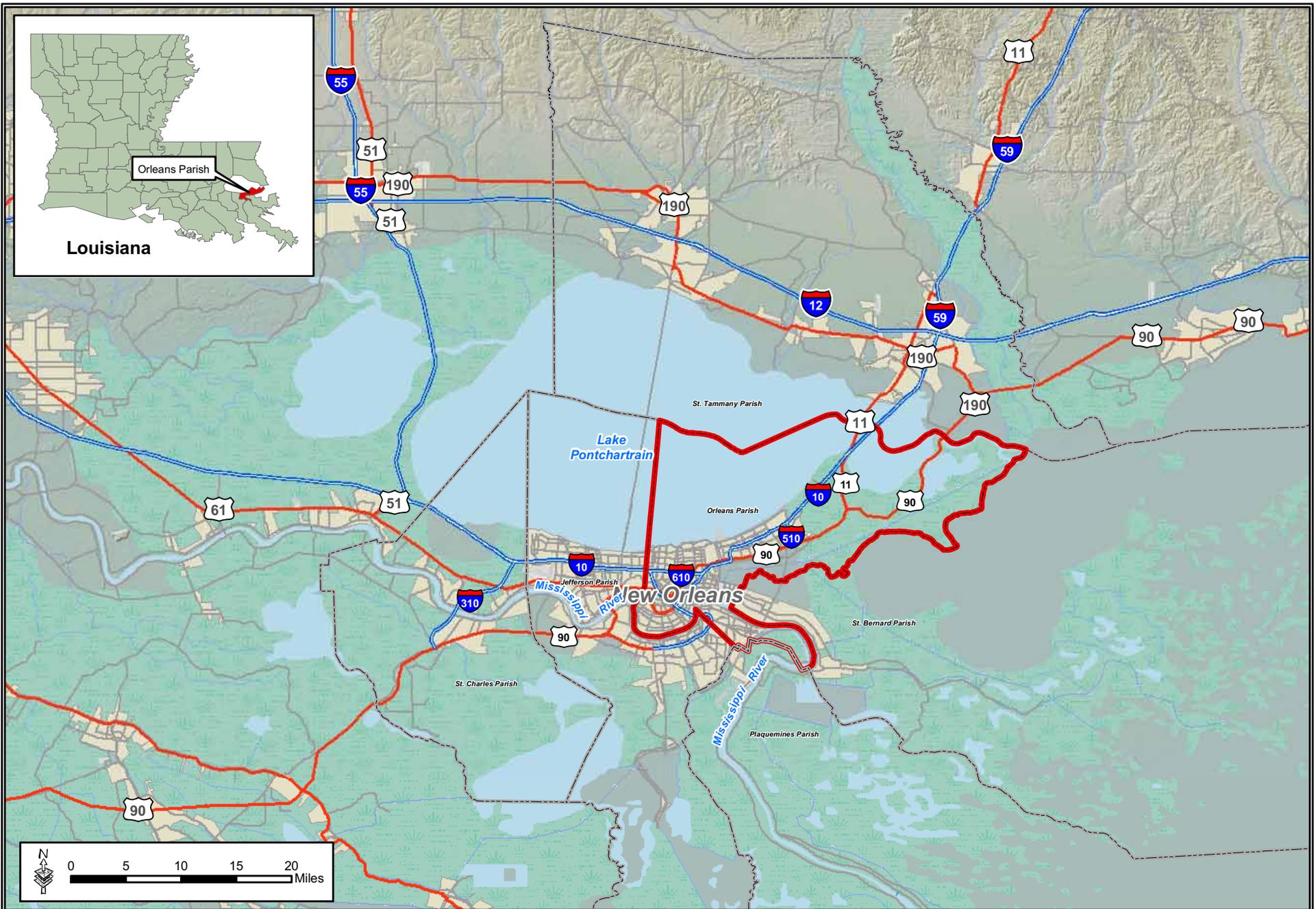
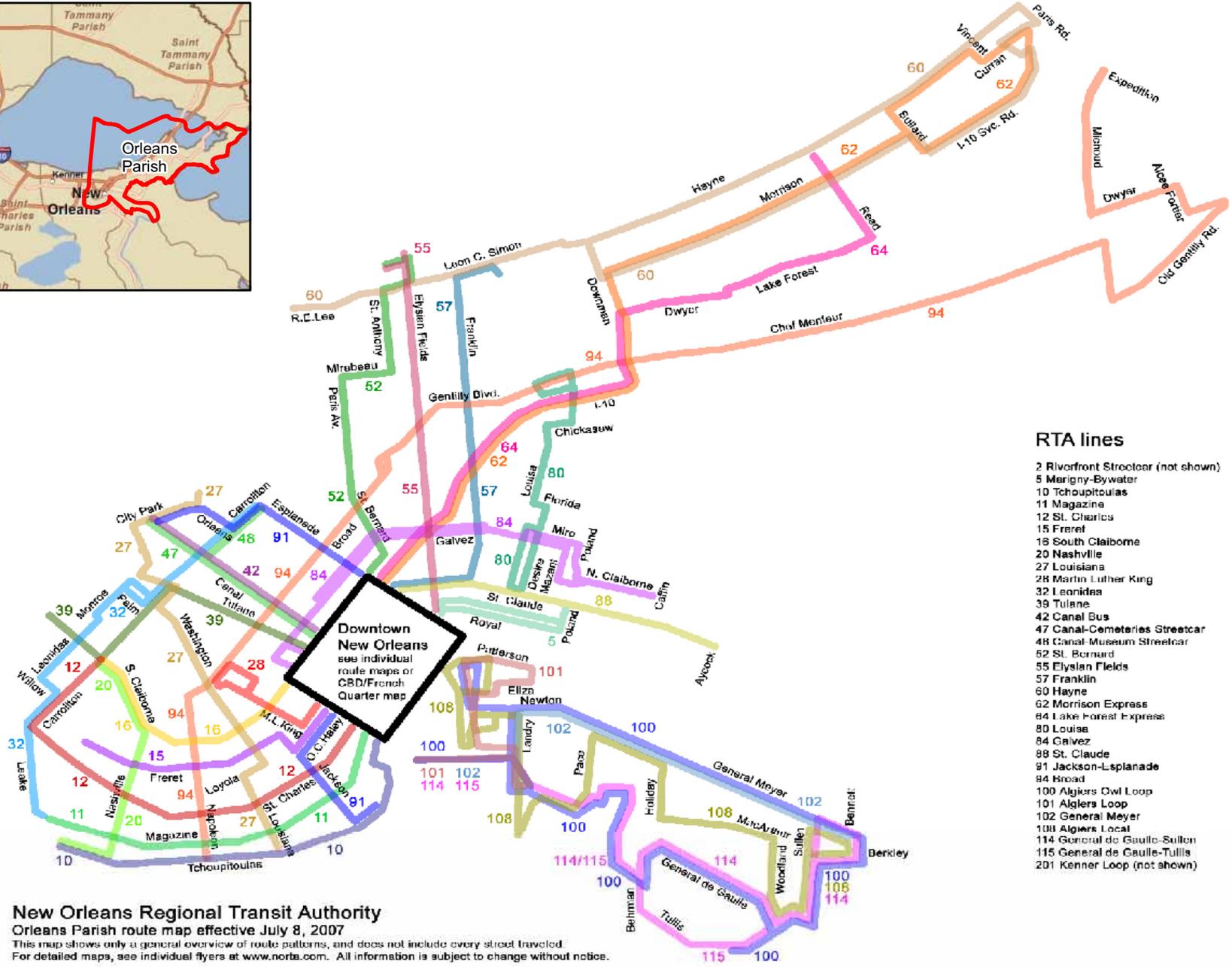


Figure 1: Vicinity Map



- RTA lines**
- 2 Riverfront Streetcar (not shown)
 - 5 Marigny-Bywater
 - 10 Tchoupitoulas
 - 11 Magazine
 - 12 St. Charles
 - 15 Freret
 - 16 South Claiborne
 - 20 Nashville
 - 27 Louisiana
 - 28 Martin Luther King
 - 32 Leonides
 - 39 Tulane
 - 42 Canal Bus
 - 47 Canal-Cemeteries Streetcar
 - 48 Canal-Museum Streetcar
 - 52 St. Bernard
 - 55 Elysian Fields
 - 57 Franklin
 - 60 Hayne
 - 62 Morrison Express
 - 64 Lake Forest Express
 - 80 Louisia
 - 84 Galvez
 - 88 St. Claude
 - 91 Jackson-Lesplanade
 - 94 Broad
 - 100 Algiers Owl Loop
 - 101 Algiers Loop
 - 102 General Meyer
 - 108 Algiers Local
 - 114 General de Gaulle-Sullen
 - 115 General de Gaulle-Tullis
 - 201 Kenner Loop (not shown)

New Orleans Regional Transit Authority
Orleans Parish route map effective July 8, 2007
 This map shows only a general overview of route patterns, and does not include every street traveled.
 For detailed maps, see individual flyers at www.norta.com. All information is subject to change without notice.

Figure 2: Mass Transportation System



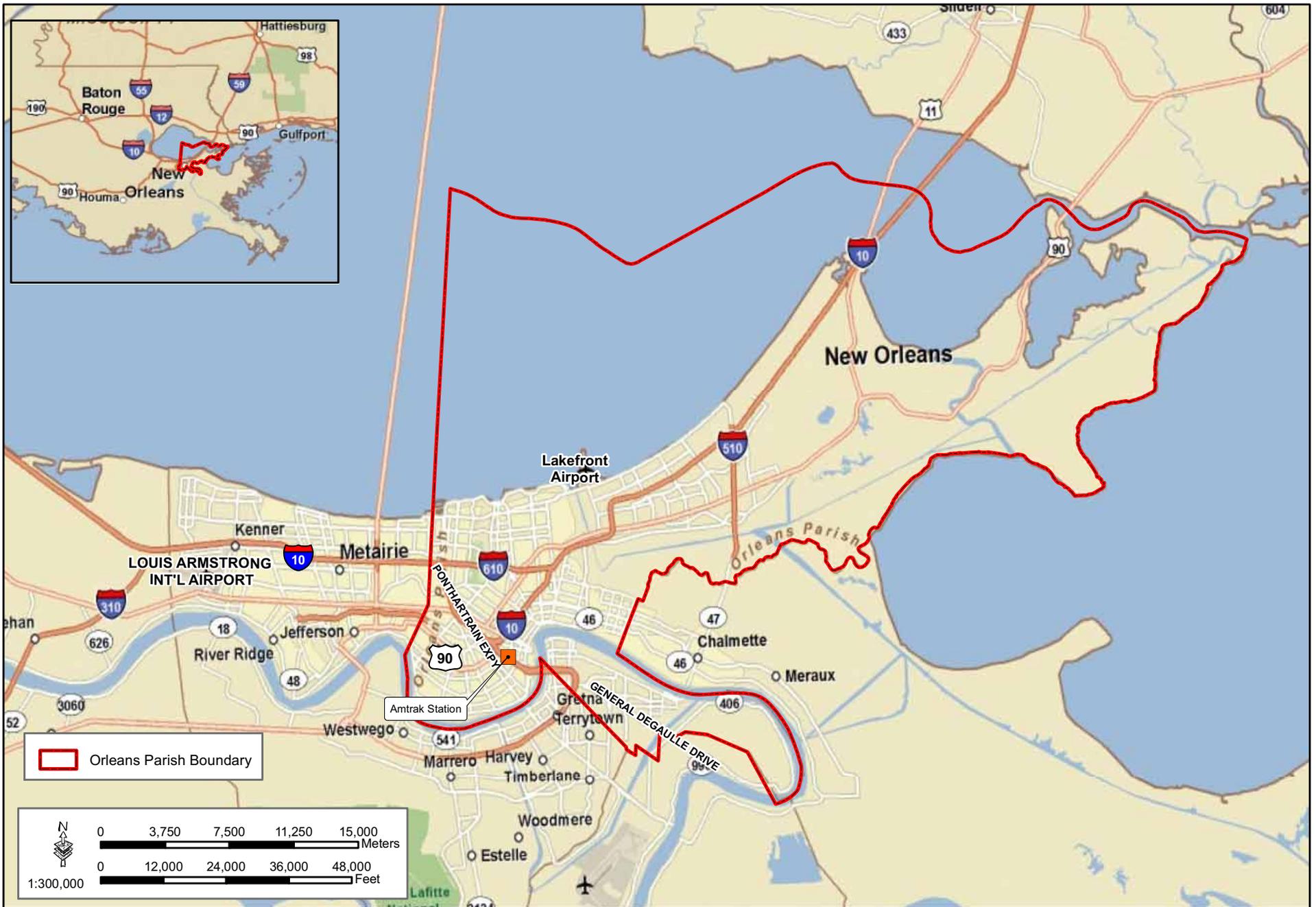


Figure 3: Transportation Map

APPENDIX B
Correspondence





March 17, 2009

Josh Marceaux
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Lafayette, LA 70506-4290

RE: Project review for the Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the Alternative Housing Pilot Program in Orleans Parish, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

Dear Mr. Marceaux:

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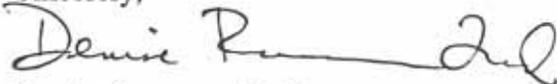
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Project Manager

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March 17, 2009

Richard Hartman
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NMFS CASC Route: Atmospheric Administration C/O LSU Center for Wetland Research
Baton Rouge, LA 70803-7535

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Project Manager

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RE: 80420001s



March 17, 2009

Tammy Mick
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RE: Project review for the Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the Alternative Housing Pilot Program in Orleans Parish, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

Dear Ms. Mick:

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March 17, 2009

Amy Powell
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New Orleans, LA 70160

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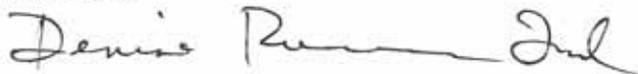
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USDA, Natural Resource Conservation Services
3737 Government Street
Alexandria, LA 71302

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Kyle Balkum
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
2000 Quail Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

RE: Project review for the Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the Alternative Housing Pilot Program in Orleans Parish, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

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Diane Hewitt

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality/Department of the Secretary
Department of the Secretary P.O. Box 4301
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4301

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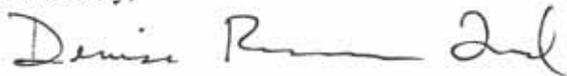
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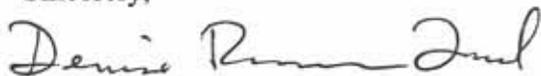
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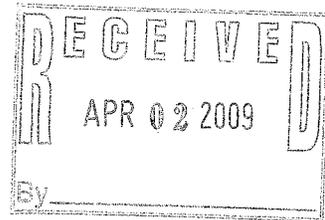


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Project Manager

Enclosure

RE: 80420001s

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March 17, 2009

Jim Boggs
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This project has been reviewed for effects to Federal trust resources under our jurisdiction and currently protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act). The project, as proposed,
 Will have no effect on those resources
 is not likely to adversely affect those resources.
This finding fulfills the requirements under Section 7(a)(2) of the Act.

Debra A. Jull *March 31, 2009*
Acting Supervisor Date
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