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Mr. Steven Epstein
FEMA
Environmental and Historic Preservation Division
#1 Seine Court
New Orleans, LA 70114

Subject: St. Bernard III
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Epstein:

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) received form HUD-4128 for St. Bernard III to be located at 4300 Highway 22, Mandeville, LA 70471 and did not have any issues with the Environmental Assessment. Subsequent to our initial receipt of the Environmental Assessment, the footprint of the proposed project was altered to include an additional portion of undeveloped land which included a section that is considered a wetland habitat.

HUD has received documentation of the change in the footprint of the building from Christopher Homes, Inc. and based upon maps supplied by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the altered footprint does not impact the wetland habitat. The change in the project footprint does not alter our findings of the initially prepared Environmental Assessment.

Should you have questions, you may contact Ronald Cooper, Chief of Asset Management, at 504-671-3773.

Sincerely,

Art J. Wells
Director, Louisiana Multifamily Program Center