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Louisiana Department of Natural Resources- Coastal Engineering Division
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Attention: Kristi Cantu, Agent for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

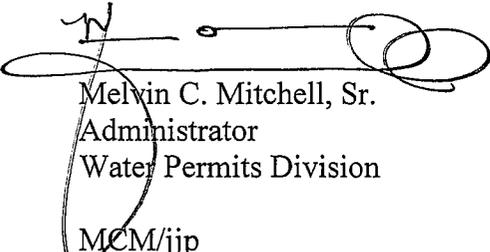
RE: Water Quality Certification (WQC 080424-01/AI 117287/CER 20090002)
Corps of Engineers Permit (MVN-2004-0014-CY)

Dear Ms. Cantu:

The Department has reviewed your revised application to dredge waterbottoms and place spoil and fill material for coastal marsh restoration (North Lake Mechant Landbridge Restoration Project (TE-44)), approximately 23.8 miles southwest of Houma, Louisiana. This revision concerns the construction of an additional earthen plug.

The requirements for Water Quality Certification have been met in accordance with LAC 33:IX.1507.A-E. Based on the information provided in your application, we have determined that the placement of the fill material will not violate the water quality standards of Louisiana provided for under LAC 33:IX.Chapter 11. Therefore, the Department has issued a Water Quality Certification.

Sincerely,



Melvin C. Mitchell, Sr.
Administrator
Water Permits Division

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c: Corps of Engineers- New Orleans District