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Sent: Friday, July 17, 2009 12:09 PM
To: Swanda, Michael L MVN
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Subject: RE: IER #3 - Expanded APE - July 16, 2009 to Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

July 17, 2009

Joan M. Exnicios
Chief, Environmental Planning and Compliance Branch
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Corps of Engineers
New Orleans, LA

RE: Request to Continue Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

For Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity Project, Jefferson East Bank, HSDRRS, Individual Report #3,

Jefferson Parish, Louisiana

Dear. MS Exnicios:

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians concurs with your finding of Adverse Effect to the Pontchartrain Causeway. However, since this adverse effect involves only twentieth century structures, we have no interest in consulting about this project.

We do have some concern about the dredging for the floatation channels since we really don't know what is laying in or on the bottom of the lake in the proposed locations for these channels. There is some possibility that there are the remains of eroded/destroyed archaeological sites off-shore and these remains could include eroded shell middens. If this is the case, there is a high possibility for the presence of human remains which were located in the middens. When the dredging is begun, there should be archaeological monitoring of the dredged material to insure that human remains are not present. If it turns out that human remains are in fact present, my office should be contacted immediately for further consultation.

Sincerely,

Kenneth H. Carleton

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer/Archaeologist

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From: Swanda, Michael L MVN [mailto:Michael.L.Swanda@usace.army.mil]

Sent: Friday, July 17, 2009 10:58 AM

To: Carleton, Ken

Subject: IER #3 - Expanded APE - July 16, 2009 to Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

Dear Ken,

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is providing additional project documentation for the proposed Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity Hurricane Protection Project, Jefferson East Bank, Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System, Individual Environmental Report #3, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. The project's area of potential effects is being expanded to include construction of a new section of T-wall and a new overpass. The CEMVN has found that these proposed activities will have an "adverse effect" on the 1956 Pontchartrain Causeway and associated southern toll plaza, which is an historic property eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Please review the enclosed project information and if you would like to comment on our National Register eligibility evaluation and "adverse effect" finding and participate in further consultation to resolve the adverse effect, we are asking that you respond within 30 days of receipt of this email. Please contact me at 504-862-2036 if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael Swanda,
Archaeologist

Natural & Cultural Resources Analysis Section Environmental Branch New Orleans District
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