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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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Planning, Programs, and
Project Management Division
Environmental Planning
and Compliance Branch

Mr. Michael Shapiro
Acting Assistant Administrator for Water
Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Shapiro:

I am writing to you today to reaffirm the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) November 4, 2008, commitment to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that the Corps will plan, design, ensure full funding, implement and monitor all mitigation, augmentations and monitoring measures that are described in the May 28, 2009, Modification to the 1985 Clean Water Act Section 404 (c) Final Determination for Bayou aux Carpes, subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Additional information on the Corps' approved project to reduce the risk of hurricane and storm damage to the people of the West Bank of New Orleans, Louisiana, and the Corps' plans to complete mitigation and augmentations for unavoidable impacts to the Bayou aux Carpes 404(c) area can be found in Final Individual Environmental Report 12 and Decision Record dated February 18, 2009. A copy of this report can be obtained by contacting Mr. Gib Owen or directly from the nolaenvironmental.gov web site.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Gib Owen at: US Army Corps of Engineers, CEMVN PM-R, Attn: Mr. Gib Owen, P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70160-0267. Mr. Owen can be contacted by E-mail: gib.a.owen@usace.army.mil or by phone at (504) 862-1337.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alvin B. Lee".

Alvin B. Lee
Colonel, US Army
District Commander