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In the Matter of: § Docket No. CWA-06-2017-2704
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Lafourche Parish Government, § Status Report
a Louisiana Municipality §
§
Respondent. §
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STATUS REPORT

Comes now the Director of the Water Division, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 (“EPA” or “Complainant”) to provide a Status Report for the above-captioned matter.

Complainant filed an Administrative Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing on October 24, 2016, seeking a civil monetary penalty for violation of Section 301(a) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a). On or about April 3, 2017, Complainant sent a letter to the Lafourche Parish Government (“Respondent” or “the Parish”) explaining procedural requirements relevant to this matter, chronicling the factual history, and setting forth preliminary, proposed terms for settlement.

During the week of April 10, 2017, an Assistant District Attorney for the Parish contacted EPA to express that the District Attorney’s office had been unaware of this matter until receipt of an electronic copy of the April 3, 2017, letter from EPA. On April 19, 2017, representatives of the Parish, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and EPA participated in a teleconference to initiate settlement discussions. In this teleconference, EPA and the Corps agreed to provide information by April 28, 2017, that will help the Parish ascertain the cost of compliance with permitting requirements and EPA enforcement orders. Representatives of the Parish agreed that they will work to bring this matter before the Lafourche Parish Council at a meeting on May 9, 2017.

EPA will provide another Status Report between May 10 and May 12, 2017.

Respectfully,



Jay Przyborski

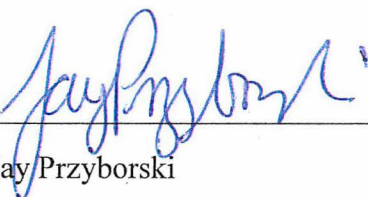
Assistant Regional Counsel, EPA, Region 6

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the original of the foregoing STATUS REPORT was hand delivered to the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA – Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733 and a true and correct copy was sent to the following on this 12th day of May, 2017, by the method indicated below:

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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