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SUBJECT: Comments regarding draft Environmental Assessment (EA) #420 for Proposed Development and Management Measures, Old River Control Master Plan Complex Area, Pointe Coupee, West Feliciana, and Concordia Parishes, Louisiana

Dear Mr. King:

In accordance with your letter dated December 27, 2010, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 is providing the following comments for the draft EA and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). EPA has identified potential areas of concern that should be addressed in the EA:

- upland vegetation impacts should be quantified by type and area
- document how the Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Wastes (HTRW) search was completed
- Section 404(b)(1) impacts should be quantified by type and area

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments for the draft EA and FONSI. Thank you for your coordination and don't hesitate to contact John MacFarlane, of my staff, at 214-665-7491 or macfarlane.john@epa.gov should you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhonda Smith".

Rhonda Smith
Chief, Office of Planning and
Coordination