



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**Region 6**

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February 5, 2013

Dr. J. Christopher Brown  
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New Orleans Environmental Branch  
New Orleans, LA 70160-0267

Dear Dr. Brown:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 has reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Mississippi River Levees Carr Point Spur Dike Repair in Point Coupee Parish, Louisiana. The proposed action will rebuild Carr Point Spur Dike, and repair scour holes that formed underneath the dike as a result of Mississippi River flooding in 2011. EPA offers the following comments for your consideration in preparation of the Final EA.

- Include a signed copy of the Section 404(b)(1) evaluation and State of Louisiana water quality certification (WQC 121015-02/AI101235/CER 20120008) in the Final EA.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments for the Draft EA. Please send the Final EA to my attention. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, do not hesitate to call me at 214-665-8006, or contact Keith Hayden of my staff, at 214-665-2133 or [hayden.keith@epa.gov](mailto:hayden.keith@epa.gov) for assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rhonda Smith", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rhonda Smith  
Chief, Office of Planning  
and Coordination