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SUBJECT: Comments regarding the draft Environmental Report Supplemental #12/13 Waterline (IERS #12/13) titled West Bank and Vicinity, Gulf Intercoastal Waterway (GIWW), Harvey and Algiers Levees and Floodwalls/Hero Canal Levee and Eastern Tie-In, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Dear Ms. Gilmore:

In accordance with your letter dated December 20, 2010, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 is providing the following comments for the draft IERS #12/13. EPA has identified potential areas of concern that should be addressed in the IERS:

- upland vegetation impacts do occur and should be included in Section 3.2.3, Upland Resources/Non-Wet Resources by type and area (14,900 ft² of wooded habitat)
- according to Executive Order 11988, federal actions must address potential impacts to or within the floodplain

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments for the draft IERS. 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 cursive script that reads "Rhonda Smith".

Rhonda Smith
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Coordination