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Mr. Paul MacLean
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Re: Bayou Postillion Project

Dear Mr. MacLean:

We are in receipt of your letters of November 21, 2008, and February 6, 2009, regarding the Bayou Postillion water quality project. As you correctly noted, we are indeed currently involved in litigation over various aspects of this project. Accordingly, I am not at liberty to discuss many of the details of this ongoing litigation. With that said, I can report to you that recent studies conducted by Louisiana State University in the Bayou Postillion/Bayou Sorrel areas have demonstrated statistically significant improvements in the water quality of the adjacent swamps as a result of the dredging activity by the State. Thus, it is now clear that the water quality improvement aims of the project are being met and the project was a success in that regard. As to the remainder of the matters that you raise, we see nothing untoward in the State's conduct in this matter and are satisfied that the project was properly constructed and has accomplished its environmental conservation goals. With that said, we will keep all of the records that you provided to this Office on file and, should you feel the need to supplement the materials, we will review those as well.

With best regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

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