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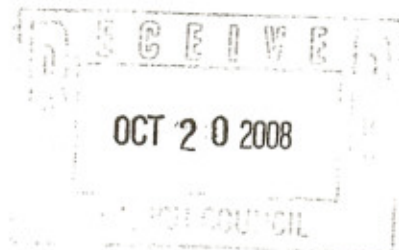
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

October 14, 2008

Barbara Jacob Tucker
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St. Charles Parish, Office of the Council
P.O. Box 302
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RE: Water Quality Certification (JM 080709-03/ AI 159578/ CER20080001)
Corps of Engineers Permit (MVN-1999-866-ETT)
Coastal Management Division Permit (P20070903)
St. Charles Parish

Dear Ms. Jacob-Tucker:

We have reviewed your letter concerning the application for a Corps of Engineers permit to dredge waterbottoms and place fill in order to construct 9 mooring dolphins at the existing barge fleeting facility at Ormond Plantation Batture off of Highway 48, 1.5 miles upriver from I-310 in New Sarpy, Louisiana.

Based on information provided in the application, we have determined that the placement of fill material will not violate the water quality standards of Louisiana provided for under LAC 33:IX.Chapter 11. The Department recognizes the other concerns referenced in your letter, however, the issues raised are not related to water quality. A public hearing is warranted due to the lack of Water Quality related issues pertaining to the proposed activities. Our review indicates that the requirements for Water Quality Certification have been met in accordance with LAC 33:IX.1507.A-E. Therefore, the Department has issued a Water Quality Certification.

Thank you for the opportunity to review your comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bijan Sharafkhani".

Bijan Sharafkhani, P.E.
Administrator
Waste Permits Division

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