UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
PROGRAM PLANNING AND INTEGRATION
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

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To All Interested Government Agencies and Public Groups:

Under the National Environmental Policy Act, an environmental review has been performed on the following action.

TITLE: Finding of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment for Chenier Ronquille Barrier Island Restoration Project (Fed No. BA-76)

LOCATION: Barataria Basin near Empire, Louisiana in Plaquemines Parish

SUMMARY: The purpose of this project is to re-establish Chenier Ronquille Island by funding construction of approximately 275 acres of wetlands and 135 acres of dune/beach. This action will not result in any significant impacts on the human environment. Short-term minor to moderate adverse impacts in creation of these habitats on existing vegetation, aquatic and benthic habitats, water quality, and noise are not considered to be significant. Long-term moderate beneficial impacts are expected on a variety of resources as a result of implementing the preferred alternative.

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The environmental review process led us to conclude that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared. A copy of the finding of no significant impact (FONSI) including the supporting environmental assessment (EA) is enclosed for your information.

Although NOAA is not soliciting comments on this EA or FONSI, we will consider any comments submitted that would assist us in preparing future NEPA documents. Please submit any written comments to the responsible official named above.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Montanio
NOAA NEPA Coordinator

Enclosure

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