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Mr. Carlos A. Calix
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Dear Mr. Calix:

Please reference Mr. Kenneth Sigur's July 9, 2003, letter (received on July 29, 2003) requesting our review of the proposed Rigolets Estates Phase 3 project in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. Regarding his application for a Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality LPDES stormwater discharge permit. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has reviewed the application provided, and offers the following comments in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.).

Our records indicate that no Federally listed threatened or endangered species presently occur within the proposed project area. Therefore, no further consultation will be required unless there are changes in the scope or location of the project, or construction has not been initiated within 1 year. If the project has not been initiated within 1 year, follow-up consultation should be accomplished with this office prior to making expenditures for construction. If the scope or location of the proposed work is changed, consultation should occur as soon as such changes are made.

The proposed project may impact wetlands. For a complete jurisdictional wetland delineation of the proposed project, please contact Mr. John Bruza (504/862-1288) at the New Orleans District Corps of Engineers (Corps). If the Corps determines that the proposed project is within their regulatory jurisdiction, official U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service comments will be provided in response to the corresponding Public Notice.

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We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments in the planning stages of this proposed activity. If you need further assistance, please contact Angela Culpepper (337/291-3137) of this office.

Sincerely,



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Acting Supervisor
Louisiana Field Office

cc: Corps of Engineers, New Orleans, LA
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