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New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

SEP 28 2023

AI No.: 233717  
Activity No.: CER20230001

RE: Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans – Geotechnical Field Exploration  
Surcharge Test Plots  
Water Quality Certification WQC 230613-01  
Corps of Engineers Permit MVN-2021-00270-EG  
Coastal Management Division P20220075  
St. Benard Parish

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Dear Ms. Walker:

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Water Permits Division (LDEQ), has reviewed the application to clear, excavate, and place fill to determine the effectiveness of soil surcharging for consolidation of soils. The Port of New Orleans proposes to construct two (2) surcharge test plots by installing prefabricated vertical drains and/or geotechnical instrumentation to variable depths and for two (2) embankments located on St. Benard Highway in Violet, St. Benard Parish.

The information provided in the application and the additional information received August 28 and September 25, 2023 has been reviewed in terms of compliance with State Water Quality Standards, the approved Water Quality Management Plan and applicable state water laws, rules and regulations. LDEQ determined that the requirements for a Water Quality Certification have been met. LDEQ concludes that the discharge of fill will not violate water quality standards as provided for in LAC 33:IX.Chapter 11. Therefore, LDEQ hereby issues Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans – Geotechnical Field Exploration - Surcharge Test Plots Water Quality Certification, WQC 230613-01.

Should you have any questions concerning any part of this certification, please contact Elizabeth Hill at (225) 219-3225 or by email at [elizabeth.hill@la.gov](mailto:elizabeth.hill@la.gov). Please reference Agency Interest (AI) number 233717 and Water Quality Certification 230613-01 on all future correspondence to this Department to ensure all correspondence regarding this project is properly filed into the Department's Electronic Document Management System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bliss M. Higgins".

Bliss M. Higgins  
Assistant Secretary

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