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Ms. Rebecca W. Hanmer
Acting Assistant Administrator
Office of Water
Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D. C. 20460

Dear Ms. Hanmer:

Thank you for your letter of January 13, 1989, in which you requested higher level review of issues related to a permit application being considered by the New Orleans District Corps of Engineers for a project proposed by Plantation Landing Resort, Incorporated.

Based on the criteria in the Memorandum of Agreement, we have decided to elevate this case to the Office of the Chief of Engineers for policy level review.

As you know, the issues that you presented for national policy-level review concerning the practicable alternative and mitigation provisions of the Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines have been under consideration by our agencies for some time now. However, in our view the district may have improperly interpreted or misapplied existing Army policies and procedures in making its 404(b)(1) determination.

You also based your elevation request upon insufficient interagency coordination. It appeared from the record that EPA comments were given full consideration and that there was sufficient coordination between our two agencies.

Sincerely,

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Robert W. Page
Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Civil Works)

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