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LOOP Flow Diagram WITH pemit modification Outfall 029_rcvd_081015 v2.pdf

Good morning Mike and Rusty,

I am Stacey Dwyer, Acting Deputy Director in the Water Division at the US EPA in Dallas, Texas. Mike Tucker and I were on a conference call with Tina Alvarado on Monday and this email is a follow-up request.

EPA is in the process of working with the State of Louisiana in drafting a joint NPDES permit (renewal) for the LOOP facility (Deepwater port). LOOP has outfalls discharging to State waters (concentrated brine discharge from 8 salt caverns) and outfalls in Federal waters (Oil/water separator, sewage treatment & non-contact cooling water). In the proposed permit, LOOP has asked for EPA to include a new outfall in Federal waters for discharges from a desalination unit. I have attached a schematic provided by LOOP to this email.

To ensure that EPA meets all the consultation requirements, we are requesting a meeting with all our Federal Partners. It is important that EPA understands the type of analysis required and discuss timeframes.

EPA is currently scheduled to meet with the US FWS in Lafayette next week (Tuesday or Thursday) and we propose to meet with all the NOAA parties in Louisiana. In addition, it is possible that the US Coast Guard and MIRAD would like to attend this meeting with us to ensure that they are meeting all consultation requirements.

Please let me know your availability for either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday (February 6, 7, or 8th) of next week. If I have left off a NOAA division in this email, please forward my email.

Thank you,

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