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Mr. David W. Fruge
Administrator
Coastal Management Division
Department of Natural Resources
Office of Coastal Resoration & Management
P.O. Box 44487
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4487

Dear Mr. Fruge:

Region 6 of the Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to jointly re-issue the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit for LOOP LLC (LA0049492/AI4634). The permit presently authorizes discharges from a deepwater port, pipelines and storage facilities for the transportation of crude oil to Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico seaward of the outer boundary of the territorial seas of Louisiana. The proposed re-issuance of the permit will not authorize any new discharges.

EPA also has determined that the re-issuance of this permit is not likely to affect the approved Louisiana Coastal Resource Program (LCRP) as required by Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972. The proposed permit language and fact sheet are enclosed for your review. Please notify us within 30 days whether or not you concur with our conclusion that the discharges authorized by this proposed permit are not likely to affect the LCRP.

Thank you for the assistance and cooperation in this matter. If you should have any questions concerning this proposed permit action please contact Maria Okpala at (214) 665-3152.

Sincerely yours,

Claudia V. Hosch
Chief
Permits & TMDL Branch

Enclosures
cc:

Sonja Loyd (LDEQ Permits Division)
Scott Guilliams (LDEQ Permits Division)