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Dear Mr. Mayer:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has participated on the Interagency Review Team (IRT) and reviewed the final version of the Ponderosa Ranch of Pointe Coupee Mitigation Bank Instrument submitted by Delta Land Services, LLC. The document is an agreement authorizing the establishment of the Ponderosa Ranch of Pointe Coupee Mitigation Bank, located in Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana.

The EPA has worked with the Corps and other members of the IRT in the development of the mitigation bank instrument (MBI). The final MBI and associated documents adequately address our previous recommendations for this mitigation bank. The EPA would support the use of the Ponderosa Ranch of Pointe Coupee Mitigation Bank to offset unavoidable adverse impacts to wetlands in accordance with the MBI.

Thank you for your continued collaboration with the EPA on this and other mitigation banking matters in the New Orleans District. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Dr. Raul Gutierrez of my staff at (214) 665-6697.

Sincerely,

Sharon Fancy Parrish

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