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Mr. Thomas M. Clark, Commissioner Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development 1201 Capitol Access Road Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Dear Commissioner Clark:

I am responding to your letter dated June 18, 2018 transmitting the revised Houma Navigation Canal, Section 203 Integrated Feasibility Report and DRAFT Environmental Impact Statement (dated June 2018), for review and processing under the provisions of Section 203 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986, as amended.

In accordance with Section 203 of WRDA 1986, I am responsible for determining whether the report, and the process under which the report was developed, comply with Federal laws and regulations applicable to feasibility studies of water resources development projects. I have determined that the project identified in the Integrated Feasibility Report and DRAFT Environmental Impact Statement is feasible. The results of my review are documented in the enclosed Review Assessment.

I have simultaneously submitted my Review Assessment to the Office of Management and Budget for clearance to submit it to Congress. Since the Administration has not completed its internal review of your study, the Army respectfully requests no further distribution of the assessment.

My staff will keep you regularly informed of our progress to complete the clearance process and submit your study and my Review Assessment to Congress.

R.D. James

Assistant Secretary of the Army

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Enclosure