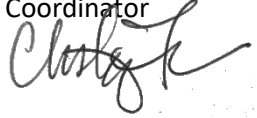




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MEMORANDUM FOR: FILE

FROM: Christy Fellas, DWH Environmental Compliance Coordinator
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DATE: April 2, 2019

SUBJECT: Lake Charles Science Center and Educational Complex from the LA TIG
RP/EA #2 and Supplement: ESA, EFH and MMPA Determinations

Based on my review of project materials (Spring 2018) and in coordination with representatives from NOAA's Protected Resource Division (PRD) and Habitat Conservation Division in the Southeast Regional Office, the NOAA Restoration Center (RC) determined that Lake Charles Science Center will have no effect to species or habitats listed under the Endangered Species Act or designated Essential Fish Habitat under the jurisdiction of National Marine Fisheries Service.

After review of the Biological Evaluation form and the addition of best management practices to protect marine mammals during pile driving in coordination with representatives from PRD, the NOAA RC determined that the project does not require further review under the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

This project will not require further evaluation under ESA, EFH or MMPA for species or habitats under the jurisdiction of NOAA. If the project is modified in a way that could change these determinations, it will be reevaluated as appropriate.