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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

NATIONWIDE PERMIT REGIONAL CONDITIONS FOR LOUISIANA

On February 21, 2012, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) published notice in the *Federal Register* announcing the reissuance of Nationwide Permits (NWP), general conditions, and definitions with some modifications. The NWPs became effective on March 19, 2012, and will expire on March 18, 2017. On March 15, 2012, the Mississippi Valley Division Engineer approved regional conditions for the NWPs in Louisiana. These conditions apply to all activities authorized by NWPs. Regional conditions provide additional protections for the aquatic environment by ensuring that the NWPs authorize only those activities with minimal adverse effects on the aquatic environment. The New Orleans District has posted the regional conditions for NWPs issued in Louisiana on our Regulatory webpage at:

http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/ops/regulatory/reg_program.asp.

On March 8, 2012, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) issued water quality certification (WQC) for all NWPs with the exception of NWP 29 and NWP 39. Applicants seeking authorization under NWP 29 or NWP 39 will be required to obtain individual WQC. The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has not taken action regarding Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) consistency. Prior to receiving DNR's CZMA consistency determination, applicants seeking authorization under a NWP will be required to obtain a coastal use permit. It is noted that in general, use of the Programmatic General Permit (PGP) supersedes the use of a NWP within the coastal zone of Louisiana.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Mr. Stephen Pfeffer at (504) 862-2227 (stephen.d.pfeffer@usace.army.mil) of the Regulatory Branch.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Pete J. Serio".

Pete J. Serio
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