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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

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District Response Advisory Team (DRAT)
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500 Poydras Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

Dear Mike:

Per your request, I am providing you with the U.S. Department of the Interior's concurrence with the RRT-6 Surface Washing Agent preapproval. This preapproval is for use of surface washing agents within the Corpus Christi Inner Harbor as depicted in the attachment to Captain Gaynor's request on behalf of the South Texas Zone Area Committee. In addition, as noted in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Endangered Species Act consultation for this action, Clare Lee, who was given as the local FWS point of contact for assistance in implementation of the preapproval, is retiring. Please use Denise Ruffino instead (denise_ruffino@fws.gov, phone (281) 212-1514, mobile (281) 667-2088). Please feel free to contact myself or Susan King at 505-563-3572 if you have questions about our concurrence.

Sincerely,

Stephen R. Spencer, Ph.D.
Regional Environmental Officer

cc: Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Houston, TX
Attn: Denise Ruffino
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