

**APPENDIX B**

**AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE**



**Environmental Section**

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**Bobby Jindal**, Governor  
**Sherri H. LeBas**, P.E., Secretary

June 10, 2013

STATE PROJECT NO.: H010571.2  
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO.: H010571  
LA 70 DETOUR ROUTE  
ROUTE LA 70  
ASSUMPTION PARISH

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**SUBJECT: Solicitation of Views**

Early in the planning stages of a transportation facility, views from federal, state and local agencies, organizations, and individuals are solicited. The special expertise of these groups can assist the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) with the early identification of potentially economic, social, or environmental effects associated with project development. Your assistance in this effort is appreciated.

Under contract to DOTD, Providence is preparing two Environmental Assessments (EAs) to provide a detour route and a bypass for LA 70 in the vicinity of LA 69 (see the attached project description). One of the projects is for a detour route that could be constructed in the event of imminent threat to the integrity of LA 70 associated with failures of the Napoleonville Salt Dome. The other is a permanent bypass. The Feasibility Study and Environmental Inventory for the proposed projects are ongoing. Due to the time frame requested for the completion of the LA 70 Detour Route EA, this Solicitation of Views (SOV) addresses only the LA 70 Detour Route. A second SOV will be transmitted upon development of the LA 70 Bypass alternatives in the near future.

To assist in your review and comment, a project description and a map identifying the corridor area for the LA 70 Detour Route are attached. We request that you review the attached information and provide us with your views and comments within 30 days. All comments should be addressed to:

Mr. Paul Griggs  
LA70 Detour Route c/o Providence  
1201 Main Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
Fax: 225.766.7440  
e-mail: paulgriggs@providenceeng.com

Please refer to State Project No. H.010571.2 in your reply.

Thank you for your input regarding the proposed project. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Mr. Paul Griggs, the consultant project manager at Providence, at (225) 766-7400.

Sincerely,

Noel Ardoin  
Environmental Engineer Administrator

**Attachments**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION  
STATE PROJECT NO.: H010571.2  
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO.: H010571  
LA 70 DETOUR ROUTE  
ROUTE LA 70  
ASSUMPTION PARISH

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) proposes a detour route of LA 70 near its intersection with LA 69 in Assumption Parish.

The LA 70 Detour Route is proposed due to concerns for the integrity of LA 70 associated with failures of the Napoleonville Salt Dome, which in the past year have caused surface instability. During the summer of 2012, a large sinkhole developed south of LA 70 near Bayou Corne. In August 2012, an emergency proclamation was issued by the Governor declaring a statewide emergency as a result of the subsidence and subsurface instability. On March 8, 2013, it was announced that a second cavern is closer to the edge of the Napoleonville Salt Dome than previously thought. This cavern is approximately 500 feet closer to LA 70 than the cavern that failed forming the sinkhole. The Assumption Parish public officials expressed concern for the integrity of LA 70. DOTD is actively monitoring LA 70 in the vicinity of the sinkhole. DOTD is preparing a Stage 1 Environmental Assessment (EA) to determine if a detour route could be built in the affected area in the event LA 70 is compromised. The LA 70 Detour Route would allow emergency access around the roadway should it be closed for local responders and residents.

While a long-term solution is being developed, further subsidence or subsurface instability could result in an immediate need to close LA 70. The closing of LA 70 would result in the re-routing of Assumption Parish school buses on an hour long existing roadway detour for high school students traveling from Pierre Part to Assumption High School. The LA 70 Detour Route would allow traffic to resume on this important roadway until a more permanent solution is approved and constructed. The LA 70 Detour Route is envisioned as a temporary solution. In addition to proposing the detour route, the DOTD is also proposing the implementation of a permanent bypass route. A separate EA will be prepared for the LA 70 Bypass.

The Stage 0 (Feasibility Study) for the LA 70 Detour Route and the LA 70 Bypass and was initiated in March 2013 and is anticipated to be completed by September 2013. Due to the potential need for the LA 70 Detour Route, the Stage 1 (Planning/Environmental) process will begin prior to the completion of Stage 0. One LA 70 Detour Route build alternative will be developed during Stage 0 and advance directly into the Stage 1 process after DOTD's approval. This build alternative will fall within the corridor area boundary on the attached map.

Additional right-of-way may be required and residential and business relocations may occur. The EA for the LA 70 Detour Route will include analysis of possible impacts to wetlands, threatened and endangered species, cultural resources, business and residential relocations, community, environmental justice, noise, air, and contamination concerns. Other factors will include the location of flood zones, prime farmland, and threatened and endangered species critical habitats. This study will also utilize readily available GIS information and aerial photographs, as well as on-site visits. Impacts and benefits to the above-referenced resources and communities will be identified and weighed to focus on a preferred alternative.

One public meeting will be held under the Stage 0 scope and one public hearing will be held under the Stage 1 scope for the LA 70 Detour Route. Additionally, one public meeting and one public hearing will be held for the LA 70 Bypass. There will also be an agency and local stakeholder review meeting held for each project prior to the public meetings. It is anticipated that the EA for the LA 70 Detour Route would be completed in six months, and the EA for the LA 70 Bypass would be completed in twelve months.

In addition to your comments on the LA 70 Detour Route corridor area, we respectfully request your input on the project's preliminary purpose and need, screening methodology, range of alternatives, and planned coordination efforts. This information will be helpful in the development of the EA for this proposed project. As mentioned in the cover letter, we will solicit comments regarding the LA 70 Bypass in the near future.



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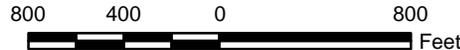
**Legend**

Corridor Area



**Reference**

Base map comprised of 2013 aerials provided by Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.



**Solicitation of Views**

**LA 70 Detour Route**  
**State Project No. H.010571.2**  
Pierre Part, Assumption Parish, Louisiana

**Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development**



**PROVIDENCE**

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**LA 70 DETOUR ROUTE SOV MAILING LIST  
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US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 5	HONORABLE RODNEY ALEXANDER	1900 STUBBS AVE, STE B	MONROE	LA	71201
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US NATIONAL PARK SERVICE	SOUTHEAST REGION	100 ALABAMA ST, SW 1924 BUILDING	ATLANTA	GA	30303



BOBBY JINDAL  
GOVERNOR

State of Louisiana  
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

ROBERT J. BARHAM  
SECRETARY  
JIMMY L. ANTHONY  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

**Date** June 13, 2013

**Name** Paul Griggs

**Company** Providence

**Street Address** 1201 Main Street

**City, State, Zip** Baton Rouge, La 70802

**Project** LA 70 Detour Route  
State Project No. H.010571.2

**Project ID** 2092013

**Invoice Number** 13061305

Personnel of the Habitat Section of the Coastal & Nongame Resources Division have reviewed the preliminary data for the captioned project.

Our database indicates the presence of bird nesting colonies within the project area. Please be aware that entry into or disturbance of active breeding colonies is prohibited by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. In addition, LDWF prohibits work within a certain radius of an active nesting colony.

Nesting colonies can move from year to year and no current information is available on the status of these colonies. If work for the proposed project will commence during the nesting season, conduct a field visit to the worksite to look for evidence of nesting colonies. This field visit should take place no more than two weeks before the project begins. If no nesting colonies are found within 400 meters (700 meters for brown pelicans) of the proposed project, no further consultation with LDWF will be necessary. If active nesting colonies are found within the previously stated distances of the proposed project, further consultation with LDWF will be required. In addition, colonies should be surveyed by a qualified biologist to document species present and the extent of colonies. Provide LDWF with a survey report which is to include the following information:

1. qualifications of survey personnel;
2. survey methodology including dates, site characteristics, and size of survey area;
3. species of birds present, activity, estimates of number of nests present, and general vegetation type including digital photographs representing the site; and
4. topographic maps and ArcView shapefiles projected in UTM NAD83 Zone 15 to illustrate the location and extent of the colony.

Please mail survey reports on CD to: Louisiana Natural Heritage Program  
La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries  
P.O. Box 98000  
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

To minimize disturbance to colonial nesting birds, the following restrictions on activity should be observed:

- For colonies containing nesting wading birds (i.e., herons, egrets, night-herons, ibis, roseate spoonbills, anhingas, and/or cormorants), all project activity occurring within 300 meters of an active nesting colony should be restricted to the non-nesting period (i.e., September 1 through February 15).

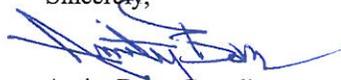
- For colonies containing nesting gulls, terns, and/or black skimmers, all project activity occurring within 400 meters (700 meters for brown pelicans) of an active nesting colony should be restricted to the non-nesting period (i.e., September 16 through April 1).

If you have any questions, want additional information, or need to coordinate activities on waterbird nesting colonies or Brown Pelicans, please contact Michael Seymour at 225-763-3554.

After careful review of our database, no other impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitats are anticipated for the proposed project. No state or federal parks, wildlife refuges, scenic streams, or wildlife management areas are known at the specified site within Louisiana's boundaries.

The Louisiana Natural Heritage Program (LNHP) has compiled data on rare, endangered, or otherwise significant plant and animal species, plant communities, and other natural features throughout the state of Louisiana. Heritage reports summarize the existing information known at the time of the request regarding the location in question. The quantity and quality of data collected by the LNHP are dependent on the research and observations of many individuals. In most cases, this information is not the result of comprehensive or site-specific field surveys; many natural areas in Louisiana have not been surveyed. This report does not address the occurrence of wetlands at the site in question. Heritage reports should not be considered final statements on the biological elements or areas being considered, nor should they be substituted for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. LNHP requires that this office be acknowledged in all reports as the source of all data provided here. If at any time Heritage tracked species are encountered within the project area, please contact the LNHP Data Manager at 225-765-2643. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call 225-765-2357.

Sincerely,



Amity Bass, Coordinator  
Natural Heritage Program



**Environmental Section**

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**Bobby Jindal**, Governor  
**Sherri H. LeBas**, P.E., Secretary

November 22, 2013

STATE PROJECT NO.: H.010571.2  
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. H010571  
LA 70 BYPASS  
ROUTE LA 70  
ASSUMPTION PARISH

No known historic properties will be affected by this undertaking. This effect determination could change should new information come to our attention.

*Pam Breaux*      12-20-13

Pam Breaux      Date  
State Historic Preservation Officer

**SUBJECT: Solicitation of Views**

Early in the planning stages of a transportation facility, views from federal, state and local agencies, organizations, and individuals are solicited. The special expertise of these groups can assist the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) with the early identification of potentially economic, social, or environmental effects associated with project development. Your assistance in this effort is appreciated.

Under contract to DOTD, Providence is preparing two Environmental Assessments (EA) to provide a detour route and a bypass for LA 70 in the vicinity of LA 69. A Solicitation of Views (SOV) request addressing only the LA 70 Detour Route was mailed to your office on June 10, 2013; we appreciate all comments provided relative to the LA 70 Detour Route. This SOV is for a permanent bypass. The attached project description and map provide more details on the proposed action and the project study area along with currently proposed Build Alternatives for the bypass.

We request that you review the attached information and provide us with your views and comments within 30 days. All comments should be addressed to:

Mr. Paul Griggs  
LA 70 Bypass c/o Providence  
1201 Main Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
Fax: 225.766.7440  
e-mail: [paulgriggs@providenceeng.com](mailto:paulgriggs@providenceeng.com)  
or [noel.ardoin@la.gov](mailto:noel.ardoin@la.gov)

Please refer to State Project No. H.010571.2 in your reply.

Thank you for your input regarding the proposed project. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at (225) 242-4502 or Mr. Paul Griggs, the consultant project manager at Providence, at (225) 766-7400.

Sincerely,

Noel Ardoin  
Environmental Engineer Administrator

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## Monica Herrera

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**From:** Noel Ardoin <Noel.Ardoin@LA.GOV>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2013 8:06 AM  
**To:** Kerry Oriol; Paul Griggs  
**Subject:** FW: LADOT, State Project No. H.010571.2, LA 70 Detour Route, Assumption Parish. LA

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**From:** Johnnie L. Jacobs [mailto:jjacobs@choctawnation.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 09, 2013 11:41 PM  
**To:** Noel Ardoin  
**Subject:** LADOT, State Project No. H.010571.2, LA 70 Detour Route, Assumption Parish. LA

Dear Noel,

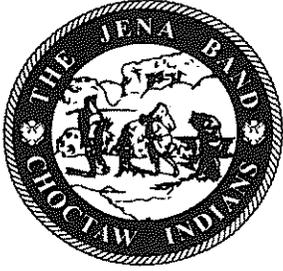
Thank you for the correspondence regarding the above referenced project. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is unaware of any Choctaw cultural or sacred sites located within the immediate project area. We believe there should be no effects to any known historic properties and that work should proceed as planned. However, as the project is located in an area that is of general historic interest to the Tribe, we request that work be stopped and our office contacted immediately if any Native American cultural materials are encountered. This stipulation should be placed on the construction plans to insure contractors are aware of it. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Ms. Johnnie Jacobs  
NHPA Section 106 Coordinator  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma  
Historic Preservation Department  
P.O. Box 1210  
Durant, OK 74701  
[jjacobs@choctawnation.com](mailto:jjacobs@choctawnation.com)

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# *Jena Band of Choctaw Indians*

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December 30, 2013

Department of Transportation and Development  
Environmental Section  
P. O. Box 94245  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

RE: State Project NO. H.010571  
LA 70 Bypass  
Route LA 70  
Assumption Parish

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. We have no concerns at this time. However, if any culturally significant artifacts are discovered please contact our office immediately.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Dana Masters, THPO Officer/Cultural Director, at 318-992-1205 or [danammasters@aol.com](mailto:danammasters@aol.com).

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana Masters".

Dana Masters  
THPO/ Cultural Director  
Council Member



JAY DARDENNE  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

**State of Louisiana**  
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION & TOURISM  
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May 27, 2014

Ms. Kerry Oriol  
Project Manager  
Providence Engineering and Environmental Group LLC  
1201 Main Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: State Project H.010571.2 LA Bypass  
Section 6(f) Review

Dear Ms. Oriol,

Your solicitation of views for the LA 70 Bypass project to ensure linkage and access in the event of a permanent closure of that roadway was passed to my desk today.

The Division of Outdoor Recreation in the Louisiana Office of State Parks administers the Land and Water Conservation Fund program for Louisiana. In this capacity we compile an inventory of recreational sites within the state for publication in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) published periodically. The most recent SCORP was published for the period of 2009-2014 with an inventory developed in 2009.

One Land and Water Conservation Fund site encumbered by Section 6(f)(3) exists in proximity to this study area. That project is the Belle River Recreation Complex of Pierre Part. The GPS coordinates for this facility are N 29.9729, W 91.192333. Any infringement of this facility would require a conversion of use in accordance with LWCF policy. Otherwise, there are no known conflicts with recreation in the study area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cleve Hardman".

Cleve Hardman  
Director of Outdoor Recreation



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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June 18, 2013

Mr. Paul Griggs  
LA70 Detour Route c/o Providence  
1201 Main Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Mr. Griggs:

We received Noel Ardoin's June 10, 2013, letter requesting our evaluation of the potential environmental impacts which might result from changes to a previously approved project:

**Provide a Detour Route & Bypass  
LA 70 in the vicinity of LA 69  
STP No. H010571.2  
FAP No. H015071  
Assumption Parish, Louisiana**

In administering the sole source aquifer (SSA) program under Section 1424 of the Safe Drinking Water Act our Office performs evaluations of projects with federal financial assistance which are located over a designated sole source aquifer.

Based on the information provided, we have concluded that the project does not lie within the boundaries of a designated sole source aquifer and is thus not eligible for review under the SSA program.

If you did not include a project description, project location, the parish or the federal funding agency please do so in future Sole Source Aquifer correspondence.

If you have any questions on this letter or the sole source aquifer program please contact me at (214) 665-7133.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Bechdol".

Michael Bechdol, Coordinator  
Sole Source Aquifer Program  
Ground Water/UIC Section

cc: Noel Ardoin, LDOTD  
Jesse Means, LDEQ

United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service  
3737 Government Street  
Alexandria, LA 71302

(318) 473-7751  
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June 13, 2013

Mr. Paul Griggs  
Providence Engineering  
1201 Main Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

RE: State Project No. H.010571.2 – Assumption Parish, LA – LA 70 Detour Route

Dear Mr. Griggs:

I have reviewed the above referenced project for potential requirements of the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) and potential impact to Natural Resource Conservation Service projects in the immediate vicinity.

Projects are subject to FPPA requirements if they may irreversibly convert farmland (directly or indirectly) to nonagricultural use and are completed by a federal agency or with assistance from a federal agency. For the purpose of FPPA, farmland includes prime farmland, unique farmland, and land of statewide or local importance. Farmland subject to FPPA requirements can be forest land, pastureland, cropland, or other land, but not water or urban built-up land.

The project map and narrative submitted with your request indicates that the proposed construction areas will potentially impact the following prime or unique farmland soils:

CmA – Cancienne silt loam	1.7 ac.	
CnA – Cancienne silty clay loam	27.8 ac.	
<u>SkA – Shriever clay</u>	<u>0.2 ac.</u>	
	Total = 29.7 ac.	RV = 99

Please find attached an NRCS-CPA-106 Farmland Conversion Impact Rating for Corridor Type Projects with our agencies information completed and a Prime Farmland Classification map. Furthermore, we do not predict impacts to NRCS work in the vicinity.

For specific information about the soils found in the project area, please visit our Web Soil Survey at the following location: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/>

For more information on FPPA requirements or the process to receive a Farmland Conversion Impact Rating (Form AD-1006 or CPA-106) please visit the following location:  
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/landuse/fppa/>

Please direct all future correspondence to me at the address shown above.

Respectfully,

Sarah Haymaker  
State Conservationist

Enclosure

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**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING  
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS**

<b>PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request	6/10/13	4. Sheet 1 of 1
1. Name of Project	State Project No. H.010571.2	5. Federal Agency Involved	DOTD	
2. Type of Project	LA 70 Detour Route	6. County and State	Assumption, LA	
<b>PART II (To be completed by NRCS)</b>		1. Date Request Received by NRCS	6/12/13	2. Person Completing Form M. Lindsey
3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form.)		YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	4. Acres Irrigated: Average Farm Size 559
5. Major Crop(s) Sugarcane	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: 86443 %	7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: 86201 %		
8. Name of Land Evaluation System Used LESA	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System NA	10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS 6/13/13		

<b>PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>	<b>Alternative Corridor For Segment</b>			
	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	30.3			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services				
C. Total Acres In Corridor	30.3	0	0	0

<b>PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information</b>				
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	29.7			
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland				
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	0.030			
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	26			

<b>PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)</b>	99			
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<b>PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(e))</b>		Maximum Points				
1. Area in Nonurban Use	15					
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10					
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20					
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20					
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10					
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25					
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5					
8. On-Farm Investments	20					
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25					
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10					
<b>TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS</b>	160	0	0	0	0	0

<b>PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>						
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100					
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)</b>	260	0	0	0	0	0

1. Corridor Selected:	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project:	3. Date Of Selection:	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Reason For Selection:			

Signature of Person Completing this Part: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor**



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY  
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COMMISSIONER



July 22, 2013

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Mr. Paul Griggs  
LA70 Detour Route c/o Providence  
1201 Main Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

RE: State Project No. H.010571.2

Subject: Solicitation of Views

Dear Mr. Griggs:

This office has no comment or objection to these projects.

Sincerely,

Bradley E. Spicer  
Assistant Commissioner  
Louisiana Depart of Ag & Forestry  
Office of Soil & Water Conservation

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**From:** Linda (Brown) Hardy <Linda.Hardy@la.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 01, 2013 3:47 PM  
**To:** Noel Ardoin; Monica Herrera; Paul Griggs  
**Subject:** DEQ SOV 130611/1105LA 70 Detour Route

July 1, 2013

Noel Ardoin, Environmental Engineering Administrator

LA DOTD

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RE: 130611/1105 LA 70 Detour Route  
H.010571.2 Will be determined if the project proceeds to Stage 2  
Assumption Parish

Dear Ms. Ardoin:

The Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), Business and Community Outreach Division has received your request for comments on the above referenced project.

After reviewing your request, the Department has no objections based on the information provided in your submittal. However, for your information, the following general comments have been included. Please be advised that if you should encounter a problem during the implementation of this project, you should immediately notify LDEQ's Single-Point-of-contact (SPOC) at (225) 219-3640.

- Please take any necessary steps to obtain and/or update all necessary approvals and environmental permits regarding this proposed project.
- If your project results in a discharge to waters of the state, submittal of a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) application may be necessary.
- If the project results in a discharge of wastewater to an existing wastewater treatment system, that wastewater treatment system may need to modify its LPDES permit before accepting the additional wastewater.
- All precautions should be observed to control nonpoint source pollution from construction activities. LDEQ has stormwater general permits for construction areas equal to or greater than one acre. It is recommended that you contact the LDEQ Water Permits Division at (225) 219-9371 to determine if your proposed project requires a permit.
- If your project will include a sanitary wastewater treatment facility, a Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit application or Notice of Intent must be submitted no later than January 1, 2013. Additional information may be obtained on the LDEQ website at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2296/Default.aspx> or by contacting the LDEQ Water Permits Division at (225) 219- 9371.
- If any of the proposed work is located in wetlands or other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you should contact the Corps directly regarding permitting issues. If a Corps permit is required, part of the application process may involve a water quality certification from LDEQ.
- All precautions should be observed to protect the groundwater of the region.
- Please be advised that water softeners generate wastewaters that may require special limitations depending on local water quality considerations. Therefore if your water system improvements include water softeners, you are advised to contact the LDEQ Water Permits to determine if special water quality-based limitations will be necessary.

- Any renovation or remodeling must comply with LAC 33:III.Chapter 28, Lead-Based Paint Activities; LAC 33:III.Chapter 27, Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools and State Buildings (includes all training and accreditation); and LAC 33:III.5151, Emission Standard for Asbestos for any renovations or demolitions.
- If any solid or hazardous wastes, or soils and/or groundwater contaminated with hazardous constituents are encountered during the project, notification to LDEQ's Single-Point-of-Contact (SPOC) at (225) 219-3640 is required. Additionally, precautions should be taken to protect workers from these hazardous constituents.

**Currently, Assumption Parish is classified as attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and has no general conformity determination obligations.**

Please send all future requests to my attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (225) 219-3954 or by email at [linda.hardy@la.gov](mailto:linda.hardy@la.gov).

Sincerely,

*Linda M. Hardy*

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July 11, 2013

TO: Mr. Paul Griggs  
Providence Engineering  
1201 Main Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

RE: Solicitation of Views  
LA 70 Detour Route- State Project No. H010571.2  
Assumption Parish

Dear Mr. Griggs:

As you are aware, the Office of Conservation has been involved in the response to the emergency associated with the sinkhole located immediately to the south of your proposed project. This emergency response includes the construction and operation of vent wells, flares, flow-lines and other equipment. Because of the fluid nature of this response, new information is becoming available daily. For that reason, this response only specifically identifies existing facilities and operations near the proposed project area.

In addition to information associated with the emergency response, please be advised that the Office of Conservation collects and maintains many types of information regarding oil and gas exploration, production, distribution, and other data relative to the petroleum industry as well as related and non-related injection well information, surface mining and ground water information and other natural resource related data. Most information concerning oil, gas and injection wells for any given area of the state, including the subject area of your letter can be obtained through records search via the SONRIS data access application available at:

<http://www.dnr.louisiana.gov>

A review of our computer records for the referenced project area indicates that there are numerous oil, gas, pressure relief, and/or injection wells located in the vicinity of the

project area. If you can provide this office with a GIS shape file of the project detour route, we will be happy to plot those features on a map for you to identify those within the proposed detour route, and those within the immediate vicinity. If you have any questions about what type of shape file is necessary contact David Elfert at [david.elfert@la.gov](mailto:david.elfert@la.gov), or (225) 342 – 5501.

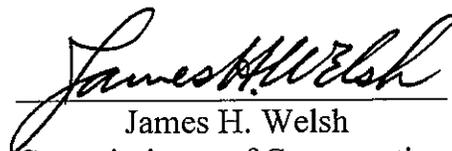
Additionally, the DNR water well database indicates that there are registered water wells in the vicinity of the project area. It is also possible that unregistered water wells may be located in the area.

The Office of Conservation maintains records of all activities within its jurisdiction in paper, microfilm or electronic format. These records may be accessed during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, except on State holidays or emergencies that require the Office to be closed. Please call 225-342-5540 for specific contact information or for directions to the Office of Conservation, located in the LaSalle Building, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. For pipelines and other underground hazards, please contact Louisiana One Call at 1-800-272-3020 prior to commencing operations. Should you need to direct your inquiry to any of our Divisions, you may use the following contact information:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone No.</u>	<u>E-mail Address</u>
Engineering	Jeff Wells	225-342-5638	<a href="mailto:jeff.wells@la.gov">jeff.wells@la.gov</a>
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Injection & Mining	Angela Howard	225-342-7198	<a href="mailto:angela.howard@la.gov">angela.howard@la.gov</a>
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Environmental	Gary Snellgrove	225-342-7222	<a href="mailto:gary.snellgrove@la.gov">gary.snellgrove@la.gov</a>

If you have difficulty in accessing the data via the referenced website because of computer related issues, you may obtain assistance from our technical support section by selecting Help on the SONRIS tool bar and submitting an email describing your problems and including a telephone number where you may be reached.

Sincerely,

  
James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

Operations Division  
Operations Manager,  
Completed Works

Mr. Paul Griggs  
Providence Engineering  
1201 Main Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Dear Mr. Griggs:

This is in response to your Solicitation of Views request dated June 10, 2013, concerning the LA 70 Detour Route, in Assumption Parish, Louisiana.

We have reviewed your request for potential Department of the Army regulatory requirements and impacts on any Department of the Army projects.

We do not anticipate any adverse impacts to any Corps of Engineers projects.

Based on the information provided, we have determined that information and signatures obtained from recent maps, aerial photography, and local soil surveys concerning the site are indicative of the occurrence of waters of the United States, including wetlands. However, these waters cannot be accurately delineated without a field investigation. If an accurate delineation is needed, please furnish us with the field data concerning vegetation, soils, and hydrology that we require for all jurisdictional decisions. A Department of the Army (DA) permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will be required prior to the deposition or redistribution of dredged or fill material into jurisdictional waters occurring on the site.

This preliminary determination is advisory in nature. The fact that a field wetland delineation/determination has not been completed does not alleviate your responsibility to obtain the proper DA permits prior to working in jurisdictional wetlands or waters occurring on this property.

Please be advised that this property is in the Louisiana Coastal Zone. For additional information regarding coastal use permit requirements, contact Ms. Christine Charrier, Office of Coastal Management, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources at (225) 342 7953.

You are advised that this determination is valid for a period of 5 years from the date of this letter unless new information warrants revision prior to the expiration date or the District Commander has identified, after public notice and comment, that specific geographic areas with rapidly changing environmental conditions merit re-verification on a more frequent basis.

Off-site locations of activities such as borrow, disposals, haul-and detour-roads and work mobilization site developments may be subject to Department of the Army regulatory requirements and may have an impact on a Department of the Army project.

You should apply for said permit well in advance of the work to be performed. The application should include sufficiently detailed maps, drawings, photographs, and descriptive text for accurate evaluation of the proposal.

Please contact Mr. Robert Heffner, of our Regulatory Branch by telephone at (504) 862-1288, or by e-mail at [Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil](mailto:Robert.A.Heffner@usace.army.mil) for questions concerning wetlands determinations or need for on-site evaluations. Questions concerning regulatory permit requirements may be addressed to Mr. Darrell Barbara by telephone at (504) 862-2260 or by email at [Darrell.Barbara@usace.army.mil](mailto:Darrell.Barbara@usace.army.mil).

Future correspondence concerning this matter should reference our account number MVN-2013-02575-SK. This will allow us to more easily locate records of previous correspondence, and thus provide a quicker response.

We apologize for missing the target date of May 14, 2004 listed in your request. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Sincerely,



Karen L. Clement  
Solicitation of Views Manager

Copy Furnished:

Ms. Christine Charrier  
Coastal Zone Management  
Department of Natural Resources  
Post Office Box 44487  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4487

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**OFFICE OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT**

12/04/2013

PROVIDENCE  
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Attn: Paul Griggs

**RE: P20131650, Solicitation of Views**  
**LA DOTD**

**Description:** Proposed permanent bypass for LA 70 in the vicinity of LA 69 (State Project No. H010571 / Federal Aid Project No. H010571).

**Location:** Project Center - Lat. 30° 02' 20.29"N, Long. 91° 08' 12.75"W

**Assumption Parish, LA**

Dear Paul Griggs:

We have received your Solicitation of Views for the above referenced project, which has been found to be inside the Louisiana Coastal Zone. In order for us to properly review and evaluate this project, we require that a complete Coastal Use Permit Application packet (Joint Application Form, locality maps, project illustration plats with plan and cross section views, etc.) along with the appropriate application fee be submitted to our office. Using your complete application, we can provide you with an official determination, and begin the processing of any Coastal Use Permit that may be required for your project. You may obtain a free application packet by calling our office at (225) 342-7591 or (800)-267-4019, or by visiting our website at <http://www.dnr.state.la.us/crm/coastmgt/cup/cup.asp>.

We recommend that, during your planning process, you make every effort to minimize impacts to vegetated wetlands. As our legislative mandate puts great emphasis on avoiding damages to these habitats, in many cases the negotiations involved in reducing such disturbances and developing the required mitigation to offset the lost habitat values delay permit approval longer than any other factor. Additionally, the following sensitive features may require additional processing time by the appropriate resource agencies: The area where the project is located is all part of the aboriginal homelands of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana. As such, large villages, burial sites, and sacred sites were in place in that entire area. Please contact Kimberly S. Walden (Cultural Director) or Melanie Aymond (Research Coordinator) at (337) 923-9923 or (337) 923-4395. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. and on Friday between 7:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. Also, the project area is within the vicinity of a Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Louisiana Natural Heritage Program feature. Please contact Dave Butler at 225-763-3595 for additional information.

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Should you desire additional consultation with our office prior to submitting a formal application, we recommend that you call and schedule a pre-application meeting with our Permit Section staff. Such a preliminary meeting may be helpful, especially if a permit application that is as complete as possible is presented for evaluation at the pre-application meeting.

If you have any questions, would like to request an application packet or would like to schedule a pre-application meeting, please contact Stephanie Zumo at (225) 342-7591 or [stephanie.zumo@la.gov](mailto:stephanie.zumo@la.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl L. Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Karl L. Morgan  
Administrator

**Karl L. Morgan/sz**

Attachments

**P20131650, Solicitation of Views**  
**LA DOTD**  
**12/04/2013**  
**Page 3**

**Final Plats:**

1) [P20131650](#)    [Final Plats](#)    [11/25/2013](#)

cc: Jessica Diez, OCM w/plats  
Rod Pierce, CMD/FI w/plats  
LA DOTD w/plats



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STATE PROJECT NO.: H010571.2  
 FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO.: H010571  
 LA 70 DETOUR ROUTE  
 ROUTE LA 70  
 ASSUMPTION PARISH

**SUBJECT: Solicitation of Views**

June 10, 2013 project has been reviewed for effects to Federal trust resources under our jurisdiction and currently protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act). The project, as proposed,  
 Will have no effect on those resources  
 Is not likely to adversely affect those resources.  
 This finding fulfills the requirements under Section 7(e)(2) of the Act.

*Debrah A. Gully* June 20, 2013  
 Acting Supervisor  
 Louisiana Field Office  
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
 Date

Early in the planning stages of a transportation facility, views from federal, state and local agencies, organizations, and individuals are solicited. The special expertise of these groups can assist the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) with the early identification of potentially economic, social, or environmental effects associated with project development. Your assistance in this effort is appreciated.

Under contract to DOTD, Providence is preparing two Environmental Assessments (EAs) to provide a detour route and a bypass for LA 70 in the vicinity of LA 69 (see the attached project description). One of the projects is for a detour route that could be constructed in the event of imminent threat to the integrity of LA 70 associated with failures of the Napoleonville Salt Dome. The other is a permanent bypass. The Feasibility Study and Environmental Inventory for the proposed projects are ongoing. Due to the time frame requested for the completion of the LA 70 Detour Route EA, this Solicitation of Views (SOV) addresses only the LA 70 Detour Route. A second SOV will be transmitted upon development of the LA 70 Bypass alternatives in the near future.

To assist in your review and comment, a project description and a map identifying the corridor area for the LA 70 Detour Route are attached. We request that you review the attached information and provide us with your views and comments within 30 days. All comments should be addressed to:

Mr. Paul Griggs  
 LA70 Detour Route c/o Providence  
 1201 Main Street  
 Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
 Fax: 225.766.7440  
 e-mail: paulgriggs@providenceeng.com

Please refer to State Project No. H.010571.2 in your reply.

Thank you for your input regarding the proposed project. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Mr. Paul Griggs, the consultant project manager at Providence, at (225) 766-7400.

Sincerely,  
*Noel Ardoin*  
 Noel Ardoin  
 Environmental Engineer Administrator

Attachments

# ASSUMPTION PARISH POLICE JURY



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Mr. Paul Griggs  
LA70 Detour Route c/o Providence  
1201 Main Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: State Project No. H.010571.2  
Assumption Parish

Dear Mr. Griggs:

At the regular meeting of the Assumption Parish Police Jury, held on Wednesday, June 26, 2013, the jury reviewed the proposed captioned project. The jury has no objection to the imminent threat detour route. We do, however, request that DOTD consider a right to reserve a right of access to the detour route right-of-way in the event that the parish waterlines have to also be re-located.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Kim M. Torres  
Secretary-Treasurer

cc: Henry Dupre

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June 25, 2013

Mr. Paul Griggs  
LA70 Detour Route c/o Providence  
1201 Main Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

**SUBJECT: State Project No. H.010571.2**

Dear Mr. Griggs:

In response to the subject letter dated June 10, 2013, the Assumption Parish School System is not expected to be adversely affected by the proposed detour route.

Sincerely,



Earl T. Martinez  
Superintendent  
Assumption Parish School System

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June 28, 2013

Mr. Paul Griggs  
LA 70 Detour Route c/o Providence  
1201 Main Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: Solicitation of Views  
Assumption Parish  
LA 70 Detour Route  
State Project No. H.010571.2

The Houma Thibodaux MPO thanks you for your request for views and comments with regards to the LA 70 Detour Route project. Upon review of the documentation provided, we are pleased to report that, in our opinion, the project as proposed will not add an undue burden upon the existing transportation system.

If we can assist your efforts in any way, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



Leonard P. Marretta  
SCPDC Transportation Division Director and HTMPO Administrator



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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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10 July 2014

Noel Ardoin  
Environmental Engineer  
Dept of Transportation and Development  
PO Box 94245  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Re: Draft Report  
La Division of Archaeology Report No. 22-4692  
*Phase I Cultural Resource Investigations for Louisiana Highway 70 Detour Route, Assumption Parish, Louisiana*

Dear Ms. Ardoin:

We acknowledge receipt your letter dated 9 June 2014 and two copies of the above-referenced report. We have completed our review of this report and offer the following comments.

Our office is concerned by the absence of systematic survey across a majority of the proposed ROW, in particular that segment that crosses the slightly higher area just north of the current LA 70. This is a high probability area for cultural resources. The report does not offer any explanation for the lack of survey in this area, other than a general reference to development of an oil and gas field. Examination of aerial images indicates that there has been a series of wells recently drilled in this area, however, they are not located in the proposed ROW and there is little visual impact within the ROW. Our office is not comfortable making a determination that no historic properties will be impacted in the absence of systematic data demonstrating their absence. We request either further documentation concerning the level of disturbance within the project ROW or additional survey to examine this area.

Our office does concur that no standing structures will be impacted by this project.

We look forward to receiving a revised draft report addressing the concerns noted above. If you have any questions, please contact Chip McGimsey in the Division of Archaeology by email at [cmcgimsey@crt.la.gov](mailto:cmcgimsey@crt.la.gov) or by phone at 225-219-4598.

Sincerely,

Pam Breux  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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25 August 2014

Noel Ardoin  
Environmental Engineer  
Dept of Transportation and Development  
PO Box 94245  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Re: Revised Draft Report  
La Division of Archaeology Report No. 22-4692  
*Phase I Cultural Resource Investigations for Louisiana Highway 70 Detour Route, Assumption Parish,  
Louisiana*  
State Project No. H 010571.2

Dear Ms. Ardoin:

We acknowledge receipt your letter dated 4 August 2014 and two copies of the above-referenced report. We have completed our review of this report and offer the following comments.

We appreciate the efforts to address the concerns raised in the initial review letter. We concur that no historic properties will be impacted by this project. Our office has no further concerns for this project.

We look forward to receiving two bound copies of the final report along with a pdf of the report. If you have any questions, please contact Chip McGimsey in the Division of Archaeology by email at [cmcgimsey@crt.la.gov](mailto:cmcgimsey@crt.la.gov) or by phone at 225-219-4598.

Sincerely,

Pam Breau  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
REGION VI  
MITIGATION DIVISION

## **PUBLIC NOTICE REVIEW/ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATION**

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We have no comments to offer.       We offer the following comments:

**WE WOULD REQUEST THAT THE PARISH FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR BE CONTACTED FOR THE REVIEW AND POSSIBLE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PROJECT. IF PROJECT FEDERALLY FUNDED, WE REQUEST PROJECT TO BE COMPLIANT WITH EO 11988 AND EO 11990.**

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REVIEWER:

DATE: June 13, 2013

*Mayra G. Diaz*  
Mayra G. Diaz  
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Denton, TX 76209



**Environmental Section**

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**Bobby Jindal**, Governor  
**Sherri H. LeBas**, P.E., Secretary

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June 10, 2013

STATE PROJECT NO.: H010571.2  
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO.: H010571  
LA 70 DETOUR ROUTE  
ROUTE LA 70  
ASSUMPTION PARISH

**SUBJECT: Solicitation of Views**

Early in the planning stages of a transportation facility, views from federal, state and local agencies, organizations, and individuals are solicited. The special expertise of these groups can assist the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) with the early identification of potentially economic, social, or environmental effects associated with project development. Your assistance in this effort is appreciated.

Under contract to DOTD, Providence is preparing two Environmental Assessments (EAs) to provide a detour route and a bypass for LA 70 in the vicinity of LA 69 (see the attached project description). One of the projects is for a detour route that could be constructed in the event of imminent threat to the integrity of LA 70 associated with failures of the Napoleonville Salt Dome. The other is a permanent bypass. The Feasibility Study and Environmental Inventory for the proposed projects are ongoing. Due to the time frame requested for the completion of the LA 70 Detour Route EA, this Solicitation of Views (SOV) addresses only the LA 70 Detour Route. A second SOV will be transmitted upon development of the LA 70 Bypass alternatives in the near future.

To assist in your review and comment, a project description and a map identifying the corridor area for the LA 70 Detour Route are attached. We request that you review the attached information and provide us with your views and comments within 30 days. All comments should be addressed to:

Mr. Paul Griggs  
LA70 Detour Route c/o Providence  
1201 Main Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
Fax: 225.766.7440  
e-mail: paulgriggs@providenceeng.com

Please refer to State Project No. H.010571.2 in your reply.

Thank you for your input regarding the proposed project. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Mr. Paul Griggs, the consultant project manager at Providence, at (225) 766-7400.

Sincerely,  
  
Noel Ardoin  
Environmental Engineer Administrator

Attachments



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

P.O. BOX 60267

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70160-0267

September 20, 1993

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

Planning Division  
Plan Formulation Branch  
Basin/Special Studies Section

1-800-442-2511

Ms. Faye Mistretta  
Assumption Parish Police Jury  
141 Highway 1008  
Napoleonville, Louisiana 70390

Dear Ms. Mistretta:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 10, 1993, in which you requested a flood hazard evaluation for a site located on Highway 69 in Section 34 T12S R13E in Assumption Parish, Louisiana.

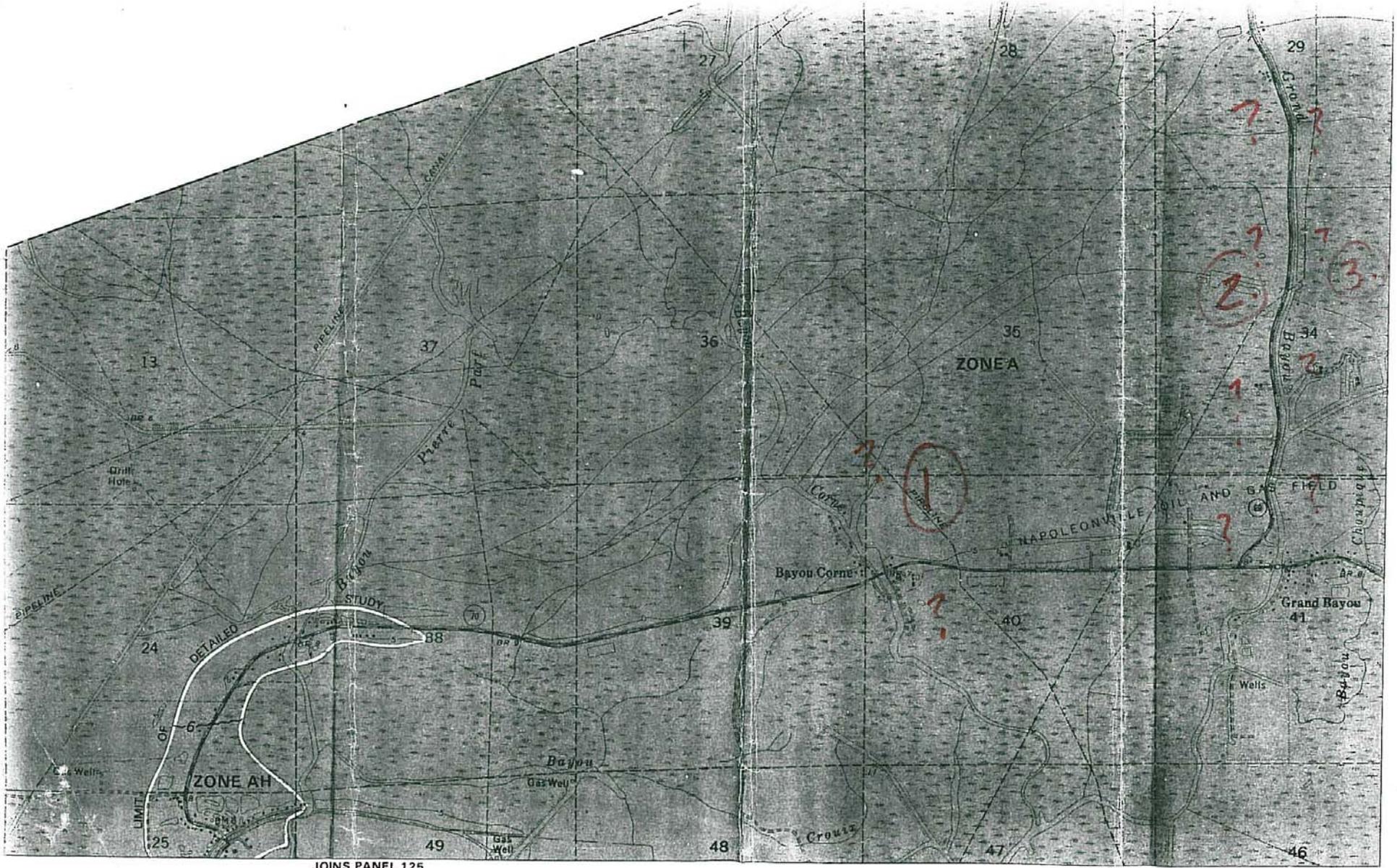
Information from your map indicates that the site is located in a special flood hazard area designated as a Zone "A." Preliminary hydrologic investigations indicate that a flood with a recurrent frequency of once in 100 years would produce a stage of 6.5 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 in the vicinity of locations 2 and 3 of your site. We are returning your map which shows the location of the site.

Should you require any additional information concerning the above, please contact Mr. Harris Blanchard at (504) 862-2556.

Sincerely,

R. J. Kliebert  
Chief, Plan Formulation Branch

Enclosure



JOINS PANEL 125



United States Department of Agriculture

June 17, 2014

Monica Edlund Herrera  
Providence Engineering and Environmental Group, LLC  
1201 Main Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

RE: Assumption Parish – LA 70 Detour Route – State Project No.: H.010571.2

Dear Ms. Herrera:

I have reviewed the above referenced project for potential requirements of the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) and potential impact to Natural Resources Conservation Service projects in the immediate vicinity.

Projects are subject to FPPA requirements if they may irreversibly convert farmland (directly or indirectly) to nonagricultural use and are completed by a federal agency or with assistance from a federal agency. For the purpose of FPPA, farmland includes prime farmland, unique farmland, and land of statewide or local importance. Farmland subject to FPPA requirements can be forest land, pastureland, cropland, or other land, but not water or urban built-up land.

The project map and narrative submitted with your request indicates that the proposed construction areas will potentially impact the following prime or unique farmland soils: CmA = Cancienne silt loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes (0.3 acres), CnA = Cancienne silty clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes (11.4 acres), and SkA = Schriever clay, 0 to 1 percent slopes (1.8 acres). The site area total is 18.9 acres of which 13.5 acres are considered 'Prime Farmland' for FPPA purposes. The remaining acres are either 'Not Prime' or are exempt due to location within existing road right-of-way. The average RV for the project site is 98.

Please find attached an NRCS-CPA-106 Farmland Conversion Impact Rating for Corridor Type Projects with our agencies information completed. Furthermore, we do not predict impacts to NRCS work in the vicinity.

For specific information about the soils found in the project area, please visit our Web Soil Survey at the following location: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/>

For more information on FPPA requirements or the process to receive a Farmland Conversion Impact Rating (Form AD-1006 or CPA-106) please visit the following location: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/landuse/fppa/>

Please direct all future correspondence to me at the address shown above.

Respectfully,

Kevin D. Norton  
State Conservationist

**ACTING FOR**

Enclosures

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Alexandria, Louisiana 71302  
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**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING  
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS**

<b>PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request <b>6/17/14</b>	4. Sheet 1 of _____
1. Name of Project <b>LA 70 Detour Route - State Proj. H.010571.2</b>		5. Federal Agency Involved <b>DOTD</b>	
2. Type of Project <b>Highway detour</b>		6. County and State <b>Assumption Parish, Louisiana</b>	
<b>PART II (To be completed by NRCS)</b>		1. Date Request Received by NRCS <b>6/17/14</b>	2. Person Completing Form <b>Mike Lindsey</b>
3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form). YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		4. Acres Irrigated   Average Farm Size	
5. Major Crop(s) <b>Sugarcane</b>	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: <b>86,443</b> % <b>36.8</b>	7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: <b>86,201</b> % <b>36.7</b>	
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used <b>Assumption Parish</b>	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System <b>NA</b>	10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS <b>6/17/14</b>	

<b>PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>	<b>Alternative Corridor For Segment</b>			
	<b>Corridor A</b>	<b>Corridor B</b>	<b>Corridor C</b>	<b>Corridor D</b>
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	<b>18.9</b>			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services	<b>18.9</b>			
C. Total Acres In Corridor	<b>18.9</b>			

<b>PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information</b>	
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	<b>13.5</b>
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland	<b>0</b>
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	<b>0.02</b>
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	<b>37.9</b>

<b>PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)</b>	
	<b>98</b>

<b>PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>				
1. Area in Nonurban Use	<b>15</b>				
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	<b>10</b>				
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	<b>20</b>				
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	<b>20</b>				
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	<b>10</b>				
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	<b>25</b>				
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	<b>5</b>				
8. On-Farm Investments	<b>20</b>				
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	<b>25</b>				
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	<b>10</b>				
<b>TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	<b>100</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	<b>160</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

1. Corridor Selected:	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project:	3. Date Of Selection:	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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5. Reason For Selection:

Signature of Person Completing this Part: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor**

## CORRIDOR - TYPE SITE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The following criteria are to be used for projects that have a linear or corridor - type site configuration connecting two distant points, and crossing several different tracts of land. These include utility lines, highways, railroads, stream improvements, and flood control systems. Federal agencies are to assess the suitability of each corridor - type site or design alternative for protection as farmland along with the land evaluation information.

(1) How much land is in nonurban use within a radius of 1.0 mile from where the project is intended?

More than 90 percent - 15 points  
90 to 20 percent - 14 to 1 point(s)  
Less than 20 percent - 0 points

(2) How much of the perimeter of the site borders on land in nonurban use?

More than 90 percent - 10 points  
90 to 20 percent - 9 to 1 point(s)  
Less than 20 percent - 0 points

(3) How much of the site has been farmed (managed for a scheduled harvest or timber activity) more than five of the last 10 years?

More than 90 percent - 20 points  
90 to 20 percent - 19 to 1 point(s)  
Less than 20 percent - 0 points

(4) Is the site subject to state or unit of local government policies or programs to protect farmland or covered by private programs to protect farmland?

Site is protected - 20 points  
Site is not protected - 0 points

(5) Is the farm unit(s) containing the site (before the project) as large as the average - size farming unit in the County?

(Average farm sizes in each county are available from the NRCS field offices in each state. Data are from the latest available Census of Agriculture, Acreage or Farm Units in Operation with \$1,000 or more in sales.)  
As large or larger - 10 points  
Below average - deduct 1 point for each 5 percent below the average, down to 0 points if 50 percent or more below average - 9 to 0 points

(6) If the site is chosen for the project, how much of the remaining land on the farm will become non-farmable because of interference with land patterns?

Acreage equal to more than 25 percent of acres directly converted by the project - 25 points  
Acreage equal to between 25 and 5 percent of the acres directly converted by the project - 1 to 24 point(s)  
Acreage equal to less than 5 percent of the acres directly converted by the project - 0 points

(7) Does the site have available adequate supply of farm support services and markets, i.e., farm suppliers, equipment dealers, processing and storage facilities and farmer's markets?

All required services are available - 5 points  
Some required services are available - 4 to 1 point(s)  
No required services are available - 0 points

(8) Does the site have substantial and well-maintained on-farm investments such as barns, other storage building, fruit trees and vines, field terraces, drainage, irrigation, waterways, or other soil and water conservation measures?

High amount of on-farm investment - 20 points  
Moderate amount of on-farm investment - 19 to 1 point(s)  
No on-farm investment - 0 points

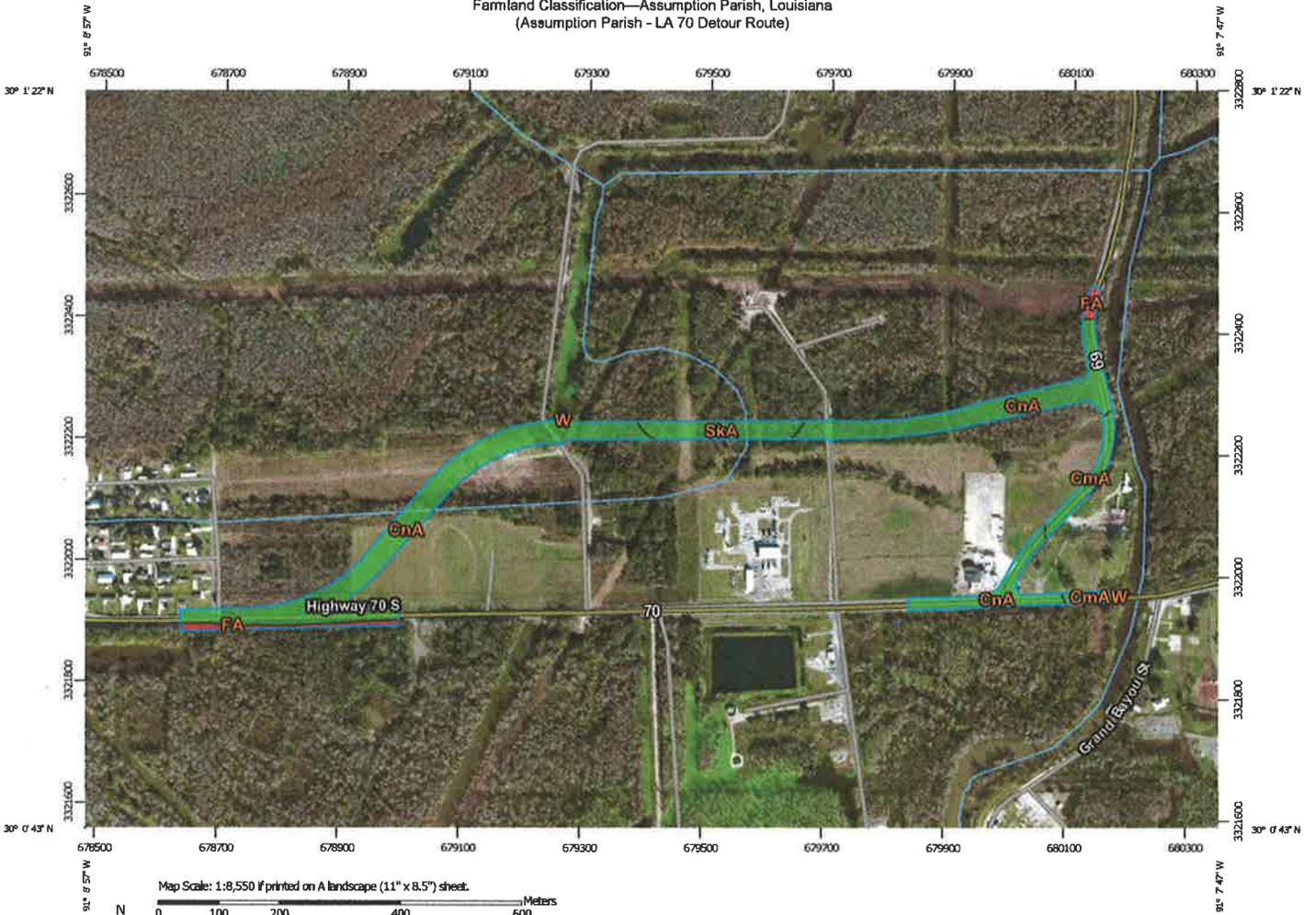
(9) Would the project at this site, by converting farmland to nonagricultural use, reduce the demand for farm support services so as to jeopardize the continued existence of these support services and thus, the viability of the farms remaining in the area?

Substantial reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 25 points  
Some reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 1 to 24 point(s)  
No significant reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 0 points

(10) Is the kind and intensity of the proposed use of the site sufficiently incompatible with agriculture that it is likely to contribute to the eventual conversion of surrounding farmland to nonagricultural use?

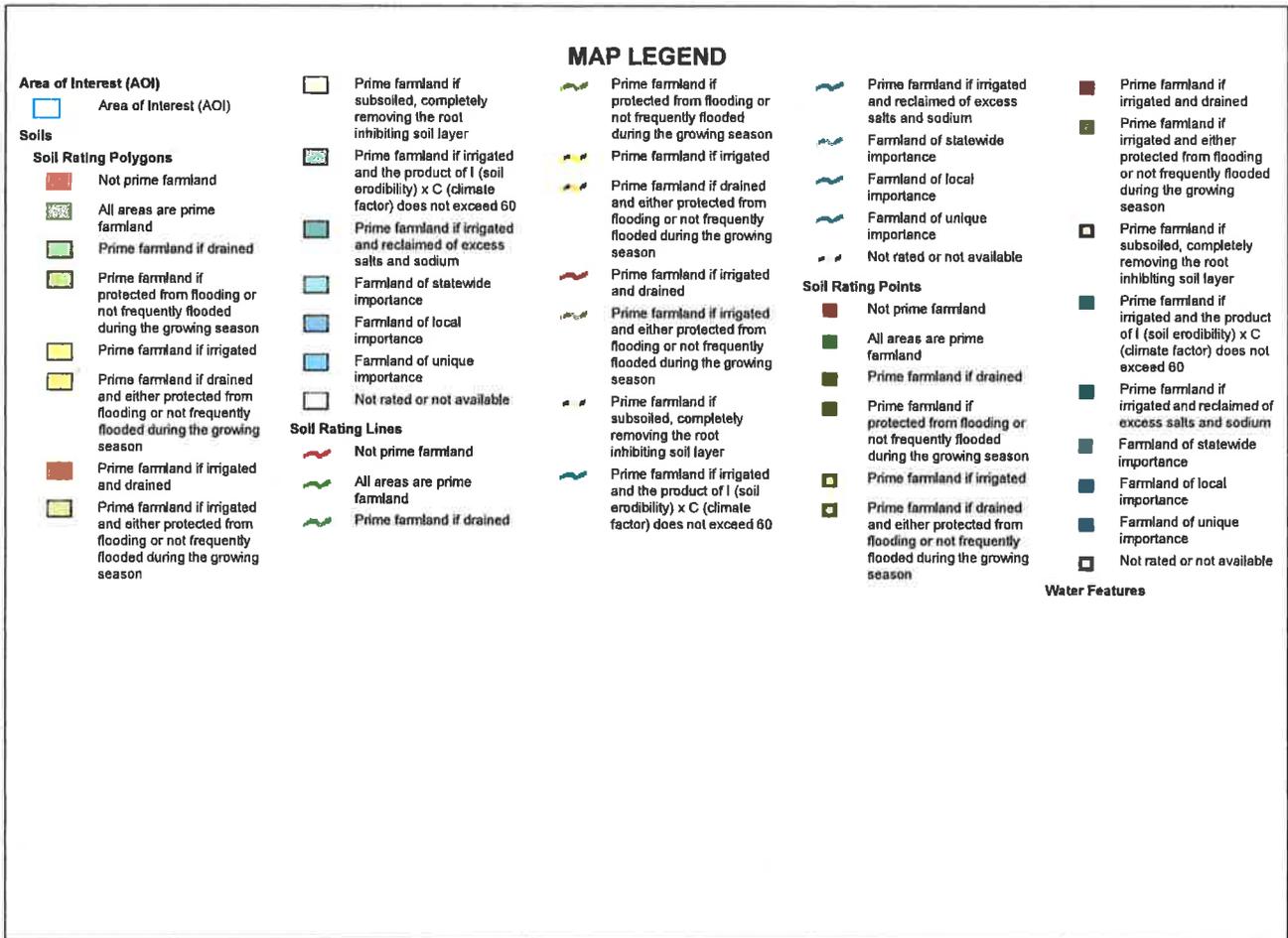
Proposed project is incompatible to existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 10 points  
Proposed project is tolerable to existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 9 to 1 point(s)  
Proposed project is fully compatible with existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 0 points

Farmland Classification—Assumption Parish, Louisiana  
(Assumption Parish - LA 70 Detour Route)



Map Scale: 1:8,550 if printed on a landscape (11" x 8.5") sheet.  
 0 100 200 400 600 Meters  
 0 400 800 1600 2400 Feet  
 Map projection: Web Mercator Corner coordinates: WGS84 Edge tics: UTM Zone 15N WGS84

Farmland Classification—Assumption Parish, Louisiana  
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### MAP INFORMATION

-  Streams and Canals
- Transportation**
-  Rails
-  Interstate Highways
-  US Routes
-  Major Roads
-  Local Roads
- Background**
-  Aerial Photography

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Web Soil Survey URL: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>  
Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Assumption Parish, Louisiana  
Survey Area Data: Version 7, Dec 4, 2013

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Mar 3, 2010—Feb 5, 2011

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

## Farmland Classification

Farmland Classification— Summary by Map Unit — Assumption Parish, Louisiana (LA007)				
Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
CmA	Cancienne silt loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	All areas are prime farmland	1.4	7.5%
CnA	Cancienne silty clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	All areas are prime farmland	14.7	77.7%
FA	Fausse association, 0 to 1 percent slopes, frequently flooded	Not prime farmland	0.9	4.8%
SkA	Schriever clay, 0 to 1 percent slopes	All areas are prime farmland	1.8	9.8%
W	Water	Not prime farmland	0.0	0.2%
<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>			<b>18.9</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### Description

Farmland classification identifies map units as prime farmland, farmland of statewide importance, farmland of local importance, or unique farmland. It identifies the location and extent of the soils that are best suited to food, feed, fiber, forage, and oilseed crops. NRCS policy and procedures on prime and unique farmlands are published in the "Federal Register," Vol. 43, No. 21, January 31, 1978.

### Rating Options

*Aggregation Method:* No Aggregation Necessary

*Tie-break Rule:* Lower