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Mr. Mark R. Wingate  
Deputy District Engineer  
USACE – New Orleans  
704 Leake Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70118

RE: Dredging of the Vermilion River

Dear Mr. Wingate:

On August 20<sup>th</sup>, the Lafayette City-Parish Council adopted the attached Resolution No. R-047-2019, declaring the urgent need to dredge the Vermilion River. Although I am requesting that you read the resolution in its entirety to review specific and important points made, in short, the Council:

- Declared the urgent need to dredge the Vermilion River to prevent future flooding of residential, commercial and industrial properties.
- Requested the assistance of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to apply for and obtain a permit allowing Lafayette Consolidated Government to dredge the Vermilion River.
- Requested support for funding from the Governor of Louisiana, the Acadiana Legislative Delegation and other federal and state agencies.
- Requested that the Teche –Vermilion Fresh Water District and/or any authorized agencies cease the pumping of water to Bayou Courtableau and/or any other areas and into the Vermilion River in advance of future severe weather events in order to mitigate flooding of residential, commercial and industrial properties in the Parish of Lafayette.

The Council is requesting immediate response by all parties as recent heavy rain events (*whether storm related or not*) have had a detrimental impact with repeated episodes of severe flooding on residents, businesses and property owners of Lafayette and surrounding Parishes.

In closing, serious review and your prompt response with a solution and/or options on this urgent matter would be much appreciated. Thank you for consideration of our request and please contact me with your findings and comments.

Sincerely,

Jared P. Bellard  
Chair of the Council  
Lafayette City-Parish Council

c: Governor John Bel Edwards  
Senator John Kennedy  
Congressman Clay Higgins  
LCG Mayor-President Joel Robideaux  
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Dr. David Cheramie, Bayou Vermilion District

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