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Jay Lapeyre
Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority (SLFPA)
Nominating Committee Chairman
5307 Toler Street
Harahan, LA 70123

Dear Mr. Lapeyre:

As a follow up to my email to you on December 3, 2013 regarding the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East (SLFPA-E) Nominating Committee's submission of two nominees to fill the vacancy on the SLFPA-E Board of Commissioners for the position reserved for a resident in the parish of St. Bernard, the nominees submitted by the Committee have recently become ineligible for appointment to the Board.

As you are aware, nominees to the SLFPA-E Board must comply with the requirements of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, Section 38:330.1. Specifically, R.S. 38:330.1(K)(3) states:

No public employee or former public employee shall serve as a member of the board within twelve months of the termination of his employment other than as a member of the board. Any person who is a member of faculty or staff of any state university or any individual serving on any state board or commission where the individual is not compensated for that service shall be excluded from the provisions of this Paragraph.

Despite his impressive credentials, Judge David Gorbaty's recent work for St. Bernard Parish prohibits him from also serving on SLFPA-E.

Mr. Tim Doody was informed of a conflict of interest relating to his employer following his re-nomination to SLFPA-E. As such and in order to honor the process of the Nominating Committee outlined by the Attorney General's Office, we are confirming our earlier request that you reconvene the nominating committee in order to submit new nominees for the position allocated to a resident in the parish of St. Bernard.

We commend the thorough work of the Nominating Committee in the past and appreciate your review of our request. It is important to note that we have no intention of circumventing the nominations committee's role in this appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Garret Graves", is written over a horizontal line.

Garret Graves, Chair
Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana