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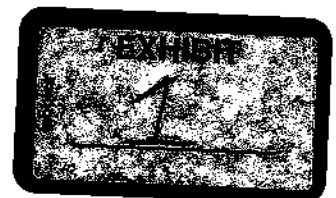
Reply To:
Office of Counsel

Matt McBride
Linder W H & Associates Inc,
3330 W Esplanade Ave, Suite 300
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Dear Mr. McBride:

Reference your four Freedom of Information Act requests dated as follows:

- 1) April 28, 2006, regarding:
 - a. The complete operations manual or manuals (including any appendices, addenda, or indices) issued by the Corps sometime during the month of April which detail the operational scheme for the new temporary pumps stations and interim closure structures installed at the mouths of the three outfall canals in New Orleans. These canals specifically are the 17th Street Canal, the Orleans Avenue Canal, and the London Avenue Canal. In addition, I also request any and all correspondence to which the manual was attached, such as cover letters or emails to outside parties, including - but not limited to - the New Orleans Sewerage & Water Board and the Jefferson Parish Drainage Department
 - b. Any and all documents relating to - and including - ponding studies conducted in connection with the engineering of the interim closure structures. This would include, but not be limited to, drafts of hydrologic and hydraulic analyses of the effects of installation and operation of all the interim closure structures conducted by Brown, Cunningham & Gannuch of Metairie, LA and sent to the New Orleans District in March, 2006.
 - c. Any and all records pertaining to the repair of Drainage Pumping Stations in Orleans Parish after Hurricane Katrina. Such records would include - but not be limited to - technical specifications, meeting minutes, internal or external correspondence, hard copies of presentation slides or handouts, and any other data or errata generated in connection with repairs to Orleans Parish Drainage Pumping Stations.
- 2) May 1, 2006, 7:02 AM, regarding:
 - a. "Project Information Report (PIR), PL 84-99, Rehabilitation of Damaged Hurricane/Shore Protection Project, Lake Pontchartrain, La And Vicinity Hurricane Protection Project, Orleans Parish, La, Orleans East Bank," prepared by the District Engineer, U. S. Army Engineer District, New Orleans, dated October 18, 2005 and approved by the Deputy Division Engineer on October 19, 2005 and Revision No. 1 to that PIR prepared by the District Engineer, U. S. Army Engineer District, New Orleans, dated January 20, 2006 and approved by the Deputy Division Engineer on January 22, 2006.
 - b. Any and all subsequent revisions to the PIR after Revision 1. If the subsequent revisions are in unapproved draft form, I still want them.
- 3) May 1, 2006, 9:48 PM, regarding:
 - a. Any written agreement between the Corps of Engineers, the Sewerage and Water Board (S&WB) of New Orleans, and any other parties - including but not limited to - the Orleans Parish Levee Board, the City of New Orleans, or Jefferson Parish, the subject of which is repair of non-federal drainage facilities within the City of New Orleans and which are operated by the S&WB. This



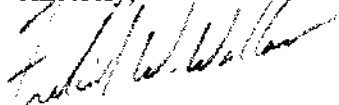
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- agreement would have been signed pursuant to the post-Katrina PIR (Project Information Report) prepared under PL 84-99 (Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies Act).
- b. Any written agreement between the Corps of Engineers, the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD), and any other parties - including but not limited to - the Parish of Saint Bernard, the subject of which is repair of non-federal drainage facilities within St. Bernard Parish and which are operated by the LBBLD. This agreement would have been signed pursuant to the post-Katrina PIR (Project Information Report) prepared under PL 84-99 (Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies Act).
 - c. Any written agreement between the Corps of Engineers, Plaquemines Parish, and any other parties - including but not limited to - the Citrus Lands Corporation, the subject of which is repair of non-federal drainage facilities within Plaquemines Parish and which are operated by Plaquemines Parish Drainage Department. This agreement would have been signed pursuant to the post-Katrina PIR (Project Information Report) prepared under PL 84-99 (Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies Act).
- 4) May 1, 2006 regarding:
- a. Supporting documentation available only to registered bidders through the Federal Technical Data System (FedTeDS) for the following solicitation: W912P8-06-R-0163, issued May 3, 2006, titled "Emergency Procurement - Rewinding of motors at Pump Stations 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7, New Orleans, LA."

As we had discussed in our telephone conversations, your requests are being processed as quickly as possible. The resources of the New Orleans District are focused on the reconstruction of the New Orleans area, and many of the FOIA subject matter experts are in the field on those projects. Nevertheless, records are still being searched and compiled to respond to the volumes of FOIA requests we have received. A website has been established to facilitate providing records to the public as quickly as possible. Some of the records you seek may already be posted to this website or may be posted soon. The address of this site is: <https://ipet.wes.army.mil/>.

As I told you in our discussion as well, the records you seek in your request # 4 have been located, and reviewed. The documents have been deemed releasable in their entirety and are enclosed herein. I trust that this response satisfies your request # 4. The fee for processing your request falls below the minimum collectable amount and has been waived at this time. Should you have any questions regarding this response, please contact me at 504-862-2264.

Sincerely,



Frederick W. Wallace
Freedom of Information Act Coordinator

Enclosures