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Dear Mr. Easely,

Enclosed please find a compact disk of the Freeport Harbor Channel Improvement Project Draft Integrated General Reevaluation Report – Environmental Assessment (DIGGR-EA). This draft report is provided for your agency's review and comment under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers is requesting a Section 401 State Water Quality Certification from Texas for this action. The Section 404(b) (1) Evaluation, provided in Appendix F of the DIGGR-EA, concludes that the Tentatively Selected Plan would comply with Section 404(b) (1) guidelines.

The public comment period closes 30 calendar days after the date of this letter, and we would appreciate receipt of your comments by the end of the review period. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Janelle Stokes at the letterhead address, by telephone at 409-766-3039, or by email at janelle.s.stokes@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Kelly. A. Burks-Copes

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