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Attention: Kelly A. Burks-Copes, Chief, Coastal Section, Environmental Compliance Branch

Subject: Freeport Harbor Channel Improvements Project
NEPA/FPPA Evaluation
City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas

We have reviewed the information provided in your correspondence dated April 11, 2017 concerning the proposed channel improvements located in the City of Freeport, Texas. This review is part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) evaluation for the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD). We have evaluated the proposed site as required by the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA).

The proposed site does not contain areas of Prime Farmland. Additionally, the project site location is included within an area of land with a density of 30 structures per 40-acre area. Due to these reasons, this project is exempt from provisions of FPPA and no further consideration for protection is necessary. We strongly encourage the use of acceptable erosion control methods during the construction of this project.

If you have further questions, please contact me at 254.742.9836 or by email at carlos.villarreal@tx.usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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