ALABAMA-COUSHATTA TRIBE OF TEXAS
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US Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston
Environmental Compliance Branch
Attn: Kelly Burks-Copes
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Dear Ms. Burks-Copes:

On behalf of Mikko Colabe III Clem Sylestine and the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe, our appreciation is expressed on your efforts to consult us regarding the Freeport Harbor Channel Draft Integrated General Reevaluation Report-Environmental Assessment in Brazoria County.

Our Tribe maintains ancestral associations throughout the state of Texas despite the absence of written records to completely identify Tribal activities, villages, trails, or burial sites. However, it is our objective to ensure significances of American Indian ancestry, especially of Alabama-Coushatta origin, are administered with the utmost considerations.

Upon review of your April 11, 2017 submission, "There are no historic properties within the APE" conflicts with the previous confirmation of "Only one archaeological site (41BO175) is recorded within the APE." As such, any undertaking would possibly impact a historic property (41BO175). Our Office is in the understanding that the historic property is within the APE of proposed undertaking but will be avoided.

Therefore, no known impacts to cultural assets of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas are anticipated in conjunction with this proposal. In the event of the inadvertent discovery of archaeological artifacts and/or human remains, activity in proximity to the location must cease and appropriate authorities, including this Office, notified without delay for additional consultations.

Should you require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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