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Re: OSC File No. DI-07-2724

Dear Mr. Reukauf:

This is in final response to letters dated August 4 and 28, 2008, from Mr. Scott Bloch, former Special Counsel, regarding our efforts to examine the adequacy of the pumping systems purchased for New Orleans flood control by the Army Corps of Engineers.

As previously reported to your office, we obtained a contract with Parsons Infrastructure and Technology Group to conduct an independent, professional engineering assessment of the pumping system at issue.

Attached for your review is the report completed under Parsons Project Number 746558, titled "Independent Engineering Assessment of the New Orleans Temporary Outflow Canal Pumps," dated February 27, 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. John Crane, Assistant Inspector General for Communications and Congressional Liaison, at (703) 604-8324.

Sincerely,

Gordon S. Heddell
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Enclosure