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April 12, 2019

Policy Branch

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Department of the Army Permit Application SWG-2019-00067

Port of Corpus Christi Authority
Attn: Sarah Garza
222 Power Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Ms. Garza:

This is in reference to your permit application submitted on January 7, 2019 requesting authorization to dredge 12.8 miles of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel (CCSC) to -78 to -80 MLLW between Station 54+00 at Harbor Island and Station -620+00 in the Gulf of Mexico. The depths of the proposed channel project are designed to accommodate a fully laden very large crude carrier or VLCC. The proposed project also involves the placement of 38.9 million cubic yards of dredged material in waters of the United States.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), submitted a letter to the Port of Corpus Christi Authority (PCCA) on February 14, 2019 and held a subsequent meeting with PCCA and their environmental consultant, AECOM, on March 6, 2019 to address the appropriate purpose and need and subsequent scope of analysis for the proposed project. A subsequent letter was sent March 13, 2019 with a following teleconference on March 21, 2019. The Corps advised you in the initial letter that if we did not receive all of the requested information within 30 days, your permit application would be withdrawn. As of the date of this letter, the Corps has not received any of the information requested. Furthermore, as of the March 21, 2019 teleconference, the PCCA has stated it is unable to disclose the full project due to disclosure agreements with unnamed parties. Therefore, your Department of Army Permit application SWG-2019-00067 is hereby withdrawn. This withdrawal is without prejudice to your right to reapply at a later date.

In addition to the requested modification to your permit application, you were notified by electronic mail dated January 23, 2019, that the proposed project will require Section 408 coordination and review. This is a requirement for activities that require permission from the Corps pursuant to 33 USC 408 because it will alter or temporarily or permanently occupy or use a US Army Corps of Engineers federally authorized civil

works project. Please note that if the proposed activity requires a review under Section 408, the Regulatory Permit decision cannot be made until after the District Engineer issues the Section 408 decision. Please contact Mr. Karl Brown (409) 766-3069 and/or Mr. Frank Garcia (409) 766-3111 for further information regarding the Section 408 process.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Jayson M Hudson at the letterhead address or by telephone at 409-766-3108.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Heinly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping tail.

Robert W. Heinly
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