



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Marine Fisheries Service
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Baton Rouge, LA 70803

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William Beck
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Re: Bayou Verdine/Sabine Refuge Unit 1999 Marsh Restoration - Certificate of Construction
Completion

Dear Mr. Beck:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, acting through their designated Trustee Council, have completed their post-construction inspection of the field site of the Sabine Refuge Unit 1999 Marsh Restoration Project (hereafter, "the Project") and have reviewed the Construction Report for that Project, which you provided to the Trustee Council on 14 November 2011. Based upon that inspection and review, the Trustee Council has determined that the Sabine Refuge Unit 1999 Marsh Restoration Project, as constructed, is in accordance with all requirements contained in the Restoration Implementation Plan for the Project. Further, all construction requirements were fulfilled within the timeframe required for completion of the Project, as extended once and for a short period with the agreement of the Council.

Therefore, on behalf of Trustee Council, I am pleased to transmit to ConocoPhillips Company and Sasol North America Inc., through you, their jointly designated Project Manager, this letter serving as the Trustee Council's Construction Completion Certificate for the Project. This Certificate is issued pursuant to Paragraph 4.9 of the Restoration Implementation Plan for the Project as well as pursuant to Paragraph 11 of the Consent Decree incorporating that Plan (Appendix A) and entered on March 24, 2011 in U.S. et al v. ConocoPhillips Company et al, Case No. 2:10-cv-01556 (W.D. La 2010). This letter is being provided, by cc, to the persons identified to receive notices issued pursuant to the Consent Decree (Section XVI & Appendix B).

The Council also gratefully acknowledges your cooperation and efforts throughout this process. Through your efforts, construction requirements were not only met, but were met in a timely, thorough and professional manner. This was greatly appreciated by the Council.

Sincerely,

Jean Cowan
Lead Administrative Trustee
NOAA Restoration Center



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