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MEMORANDUM

To: Rocky Hinds, Permits/Mitigation Program Manager
From: David Frugé, Administrator *DF 12/24/03*
Subject: Determinations of Local Concern

Before making a determination that a proposed application is a use of local concern it is essential that the following information be addressed in the application under review:

- sufficient location information to determine whether or not the project will impact (be constructed on) state waterbottoms or other state lands;
- a project description which is adequate to evaluate possible impacts to resources of regional, state or national interests;
- if it is not evident by the nature of the project, a discussion of the source of funding (projects utilizing state or federal monies will be determined to be of state concern).

Beyond these specific issues, assuming that it is **reasonably** complete otherwise, the application can be forwarded to a parish with an approved Local Coastal Program (LCP) if the proposed activities satisfy the requirements of La. R.S. 49:214.25.A.2.

If CMD would typically require additional information from the applicant before proceeding with permit processing, a checklist indicating what is lacking should be attached to the state/local determination sheet as an aid to the local program. Any other suggestions which might be useful to the parish or issues of special concern that might be identified during our review should also be noted on either the checklist or the transmittal form.

If there is ANY question about appropriate jurisdiction, CMD should obtain all necessary information to adequately assess the project before making a determination.

The goals of this policy are to ensure due deference is given to the permitting authorities of the LCPs, to provide our LCP partners with any necessary technical assistance in their review of applications of local concern, to minimize the frequency of information requests from the applicant and to have, to the extent practicable, a single point of contact between the applicant and the coastal use permitting system.