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To: Keith Lovell
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RE: Recommendation for State Concern Determinations for Proposed Projects Submitted for Authorization under the State and Local Coastal Zone Management Act.

The Office of Coastal Management's statutory guidance defines projects of State Concern under LA R.S. 49:214.25.A(1). Furthermore, the statute allows the classification of uses of local concern which may significantly affect interests of regional, state, or national concern to be classified as a use of State Concern (LA R.S. 49:214.25.A(1)(i)). An appraisal of projects has led to the conclusion that there are classes of projects submitted for authorization under our program that justify review at the state authorization level. This recommendation outlines those additional types of projects for which a determination of State Concern shall be warranted to address regional, state and national interests. The paragraph that follows will identify those types of projects.

In addition to those uses identified in LA R.S. 49:214.25.A(1)(a - h), State Concern should be determined for the following types of projects:

- that may affect flood protection, levees and/or drainage projects;
- that may have an impact on or be located near a State Coastal Master Plan project or otherwise conflict with the goals and objectives of the State Coastal Master Plan;
- that may have an impact in the jurisdictions of any port or harbor authority; or
- that propose the construction of new roads/highways or to widen or expand existing roads or highways.

This guidance would not limit the ability of the Office of Coastal Management to make determinations of State Concern for other type projects on a case by case basis.