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Dear Mr. Morgan:

On behalf of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Department of Commerce, I am pleased to inform you of the approval of Louisiana's Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP) Plan. The National Ocean Service has reviewed the plan, and we find that it adequately addresses the CELCP plan requirements published in Final Guidelines for the CELCP (68 Federal Register 35860-35869 (June 17, 2003)). We congratulate you and your staff on the development of a comprehensive CELCP plan with participation by a broad range of stakeholders and opportunities for public comment. The priorities identified under the plan will help to protect Louisiana's valuable coastal resources for future generations.

If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Vaudreuil with the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management at (301) 713-3155, extension 103. I look forward to our continued collaboration on this and other initiatives.

Sincerely,

David M. Kennedy  
Assistant Administrator for  
Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management

cc: Donna Wieting, Acting Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management



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