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Mr. Gordon E. Dove  
Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Dove,

I appreciate your letter dated January 30, 2025, regarding the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) – Mid Barataria - US Diversion (MVN 2012-02806-EOO-USACE Permit) - Local Floodplain Permitting, in which you posed the following questions:

- a. *"Is CPRA requested to obtain local floodplain permits pursuant to permit condition 20 prior to the start of construction?"*
- b. *"Does the local permitting (NFIP) floodplain requirement apply to all parishes that are within the project area if they participate in the NFIP and have local floodplain ordinances?"*
- c. *"Does the requirement to comply with local permitting floodplain ordinances apply to all parishes that are within the project area that do not participate in the NFIP but have local flood ordinances?"*

In response, the CPRA, as the permittee, must achieve compliance with any local laws, ordinances and permitting prior to engaging in the activity that is the subject of those laws, ordinances or permitting

The determination whether the CPRA needs a permit and/or has otherwise achieved compliance with those local laws, ordinances and permitting would be made by the local government authority (parish or municipal). This requirement is applicable within any parish where CPRA will engage in activity affecting floodplains that is regulated by that parish or other authority.

We look forward to continued collaboration on this effort. Should you have additional questions, please reach out to Mr. Durund F. Elzey, Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management Division, at [Durund.Elzey@usace.army.mil](mailto:Durund.Elzey@usace.army.mil), or (504) 862-2204.

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