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Ms. Misha L. Mitchell  
On behalf of Atchafalaya Basinkeeper  
P.O. Box 410  
Plaquemines, LA 70765

Dear Ms. Mitchell,

This responds to your letter dated 28 April 2021, concerning the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources' (LDNR) Department of the Army (DA) permit application (MVN 2016-01163-CM) to perform dredge and fill operations to implement the East Grand Lake Hydrologic Restoration Project. I proffer the following responses to your requests.

The DA permit application was officially withdrawn by the New Orleans District Regulatory Branch (MVN) on 23 March 2021; therefore, our project evaluation has ceased. Furthermore, MVN has not received any response from LDNR regarding our withdrawal of their DA permit application for the proposed work as of this date.

Should LDNR decide to re-submit a DA permit application, the need for a new Public Notice (PN) will be considered at that time. Factors such as a substantial change in project plans from what was previously advertised; increased wetland impacts; re-submitting the application more than a year after being withdrawn; or change in purpose and need, could weigh into this decision. If deemed appropriate, MVN will issue a new PN shortly following verification that the re-submitted application is complete.

In regard to your request for MVN to inform Atchafalaya Basin Keeper of any final permit decision, such information is publicly available at:

<https://permits.ops.usace.army.mil/orm-public#>

MVN discontinued maintenance of a PN mail distribution list over 10 years ago in favor of posting these documents on its website. The district website is updated every Monday and can be found at:

<https://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Public-Notices/>

Please advise if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Martin S. Mayer  
Chief, Regulatory Branch

