

## Public Notice for Buffalo Cove Management Unit - Element 10 Corps Project and EA #441

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Dear Mr. Roberts,

As you discussed with Dean Wilson over the phone last week, it has come to our attention that the Corps has issued a Public Notice for the Buffalo Cove Element 10 project in the New Orleans District.

Atchafalaya Basinkeeper and the LCPA-West neither received this public notice through regular mail, despite the Notice's indication that *all stakeholders* would be provided the notice, and that Basinkeeper and the Louisiana Crawfish Producers Association West are both integral stakeholders working in and advocating on behalf of the Atchafalaya Basin, nor have we seen this Notice published on the Corps' website under the Public Notices tab. Similarly, we were unaware of the public notice and opportunity for public review of the Environmental Assessment #441 related to this project.

Can you please let me know what is the best method to receive proper notice for future proposed projects impacting the basin? If we don't receive a sent letter and if the notice is not shared on the Corps' MVN Public Notice's tab, where can we access public notices for development project in the New Orleans District? Please let me know what I can do to stay informed. Thank you, in the meantime, for sending the #441 EA documents, the BCMU Element 10 PN and drawings. We truly appreciate it.

On behalf of Atchafalaya Basinkeeper, we officially request an extension of time in which to comment on the Buffalo Cove Water Management Unit Element 10 Corps Project and accompanying EA #441 to the extent allowed under law. The deadline for public comment is currently July 18, 2018, one week from Wednesday. In light of the delay in our receipt of the public notice, we have insufficient time to comment.

We appreciate your time and consideration of our request. Please contact me if you have any questions or request additional information.

Best Regards,

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