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Personnel of the Habitat Section of the Coastal & Nongame Resources Division have reviewed the preliminary data for the captioned project.

Suitable habitat for the federally and state endangered red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) (RCW) may occur within the proposed project area. RCW nesting and foraging habitats are defined as pines ≥ 60 years old and/or pines ≥ 30 years old that are at least 10-inches in diameter at breast height (DBH). RCWs will nest in most species of southern yellow pine, including longleaf pine (*Pinus palustris*), loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda*), short-leaf pine (*Pinus echinata*) and slash pine (*Pinus elliottii*). If pines ≥ 30 years old that are at least 10-inches DBH are to be removed from the project site, a survey of potential RCW nesting habitat should be conducted by personnel experienced in management and/or monitoring of the species (USFWS 2003). Surveys should be conducted as described in Appendix 4 of the RCW Recovery Plan, Second Revision. Contact Eric Baka at (318) 487-5885 for more information regarding this species.

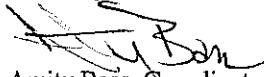
The LNHP database also indicates that the Bachman's sparrow (*Peucaea aestivalis*) is within the proposed project area. This species is considered rare in Louisiana and holds a state rank of S3. This is a small ground-nesting sparrow that is endemic to the southeastern United States and a permanent resident in Louisiana. The Bachman's sparrow is most common in longleaf pine (*Pinus palustris*) savannas, which are characterized by an open overstory and a ground cover of perennial grasses and forbs. Important factors contributing to the decline of this species includes conversion of longleaf pine stands to plantations of fast-growing pines, shortage of newly abandoned farmland and urbanization. Timber management practices that produce suitable habitat for red-cockaded woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*) also provide habitat for Bachman's sparrows. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Michael Seymour at 225-763-3554.

After careful review of our database, no other impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitats are anticipated for the proposed project. No state or federal parks, wildlife refuges, scenic streams, or wildlife management areas are known at the specified site within Louisiana's boundaries.

The Louisiana Natural Heritage Program (LNHP) has compiled data on rare, endangered, or otherwise significant plant and animal species, plant communities, and other natural features throughout the state of Louisiana. Heritage reports summarize the existing information known at the time of the request regarding the location in question. The quantity and quality of data collected by the LNHP are dependent on the research and observations of many individuals. In most cases, this information is not the result of comprehensive or site-specific field surveys; many natural areas in Louisiana have not been surveyed. This report does not address the occurrence of wetlands at the site in question. Heritage reports should not be considered final statements on the biological elements or areas being considered, nor should they be substituted for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. LNHP requires that this office be acknowledged in all reports as the

source of all data provided here. If at any time Heritage tracked species are encountered within the project area, please contact the LNHP Data Manager at 225-765-2643. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call 225-765-2357.

Sincerely,



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Natural Heritage Program

cc: Eric Baka