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Exhibit DD. Carville Riverfront
Development LA SHPO Letter of Site
Recommendation

Re: Draft Report
La Division of Archaeology Report No. 22-4701
Phase I Cultural Resources Survey of 723 acres (292.6 hectares) to be Certified for Industrial Use, St. Gabriel, Iberville Parish, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Shuman:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 2 July 2014 and two copies of the above-referenced report. We have completed our review of this report and offer the following comments.

In Figure 10, the areas of HP and LP are not correlated with the red dashed lines and it is not possible to determine which areas were surveyed at what intensity. A site number is missing from Chapter 8.

We concur that each of the five loci at 16IV215 are undetermined with respect to their eligibility for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. We also concur that the locus of 16IV146 within the project area is undetermined with respect to its eligibility for nomination to the National Register. In light of the latter locus' identification as a church and cemetery, we believe a no-work buffer of at least 200 feet would provide greater insurance that human burials would not be impacted by construction. If this buffer cannot be reconciled with development plans, we recommend that the area between the site and the 200 foot buffer limit be stripped in the presence of archaeological monitors to confirm or disconfirm the presence of burials. We also caution that any land disturbance within 300 feet of Highway 146 on either side of the site should be alert for the potential for burials to be present. Our office would be happy to consult further concerning viable approaches to addressing the potential cemetery and ways to avoid impacting burials.

We look forward to receiving two bound copies of the final report along with a pdf of the report. If you have any questions, please contact Chip McGimsey in the Division of Archaeology by email at cmcgimsey@crt.la.gov or by phone at 225-219-4598.

Sincerely,

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