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Ann H. Berger
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Dear Ms. Berger:

Thank you for your October 29, 2001 letter inviting the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, Office of the Governor (LOSCO) to be a joint lead agency with NOAA in the development of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Louisiana Regional Restoration Planning Program (RRP Program). LOSCO agrees to be a joint lead agency with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the development of the PEIS for the proposed RRP Program in accordance with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 [40 C.F.R. 1501.5(b)].

We appreciate the opportunity to work with you as a joint lead agency. If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Dr. Karolien Debusschere, Deputy Coordinator, at 225-219-5800.

Sincerely,

Roland Guidry
Oil Spill Coordinator

cc: Karolien Debusschere, LOSCO
Karen Gautreaux, Governor's Office