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Re: Request for 90-day Extension of the No Action Assurance Letters

Dear Ms. McCabe:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been a valuable partner with FEMA as our agencies have worked together to assist the State of Louisiana in its recovery from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Most of the FEMA funded eligible demolitions have been completed. FEMA has worked diligently together with State and local governments to complete the remaining demolitions by the June 30, deadline. However, St. Bernard Parish has been unable to complete its demolitions by June 30, 2009. St. Bernard Parish is requesting a ninety day extension of the No Action Assurance Letters.

FEMA has an Inter Agency Agreement with the EPA for air monitoring at demolition sites. We are continuing to fund EPA's deployment of air monitors at the demolition sites. This air monitoring verifies that the demolitions are being conducted in a manner that has been proven safe to the environment. With most of the demolition work completed, FEMA respectfully supports the request of St. Bernard Parish that EPA grant a ninety day extension of the EPA's No Action Assurance so that demolitions can continue and the remaining demolitions can be