DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
GALVESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:
Regulatory Branch

Dear Applicant:

Many proposed activities located near waters of the United States, including wetland areas, require a signed Department of the Army permit prior to the initiation of the project. To facilitate obtaining the necessary permit, an application form and instruction sheets, with sample project plans, are enclosed. These materials outline the required submittals to our office and are provided for your use.

We have also included information regarding State approval of your proposal. Please note that the State of Texas has separate requirements for "structures" placed on or over submerged public lands. Should you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact the appropriate State office directly.

The Regulatory program has been established to protect the water resources of the United States. While considering your application for a permit, we will evaluate the probable impact of your proposed activity on the public interest, weighing the expected benefits that might be expected to accrue against reasonably foreseeable detriments. Concise project plans will certainly assists us in this evaluation. We also request, and consider, the views of other agencies, such as the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Texas General Land Office, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The foundations for this program are laws passed by Congress, principally Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, as amended. Within the framework of the applicable laws, it is our intention to make this program as responsive to the desires and needs of the public as possible. For additional information please access our website at www.swg.usace.army.mil/reg

To this end, we stand ready to assist you with our program in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to call the Regulatory Branch at 409-766-3930. To assist us in improving our service to you, please complete the survey found at http://per2.nwp.usace.army.mil/survey.html.

Sincerely,

Fred L. Anthamatten
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosures