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Re: West Dowling Road
Connection Project
Project No.: STP-0532(5)/55012

U4 Wetlands

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ATTN: CEPOA-RD-S

Dear Mary Lee:

In your comments on the West Dowling Road Connection Project Environmental Assessment (EA), you requested that a wetland located southeast of the former Alaska Seafood plant be added to the document and project mapping. At the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) request, HDR wetland scientist, Jeff Schively reviewed the existing documentation and aerial photography of the area and identified two sites that could possibly contain wetlands. On June 7, 2007 he made a field visit to the area and completed standard wetland determination data forms on these sites. He found that both sites lacked all of the three required parameters needed to classify an area as wetland. A memorandum documenting his findings and wetland determination data forms are attached.

In conclusion, DOT&PF does not believe there are any unmapped wetlands in the project area near the former Alaska Seafood plant.

Sincerely,



Miriam McCulloch, PE
Project Manager

Enclosures: HDR Memorandum