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Dear Mr. Brown:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 – 1508), and our NEPA review authority under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the proposed Chief of Engineers Report and Final Environmental Impact Statement Final (EIS) for the Houston Ship Channel Expansion Channel Improvement Project (CEQ No. 20200026). The Final EIS addresses the potential environmental effects of deep draft navigation opportunities and proposed improvements to the Houston Ship Channel within Houston, Chambers and Galveston counties, Texas.

The EPA commented on the Draft EIS on November 13, 2017 and had no objections to the proposed project. We have no additional comments to offer on the Final EIS. Once completed, please send our office one copy of the Record of Decision at the address above. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Jansky, the project review lead, at 214-665-7451 or jansky.michael@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arturo J. Blanco", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Arturo J. Blanco
Director

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