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The Honorable Haley Barbour  
Governor of Mississippi  
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Dear Governor Barbour:

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has reviewed Mississippi's Coastal Impact Assistance Plan (Plan) and is pleased to inform the State that it has been approved. While our approval of the State's Plan signifies that Mississippi and its coastal political subdivisions (CPSs) are now eligible to apply for Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) funds, it should not be construed as final funding approval of the individual State and CPS projects incorporated in the Plan. Individual projects will be given final funding approval by MMS through the grant application and approval process. The Program Announcement declaring the availability of the Mississippi CIAP funds will be posted in Grants.gov shortly after the time of this signing. The State and CPSs may begin submitting grant applications once we post the Program Announcement on Grants.gov. Our goal is to work cooperatively with the State and each CPS to ensure that CIAP projects are approved as efficiently and expeditiously as possible.

If you have questions regarding CIAP, please contact the MMS National CIAP Coordinator, Ms. Colleen Benner, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4040, Herndon, Virginia, 20170 or the MMS Gulf of Mexico CIAP Representative, Ms. Stephanie Gambino, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Mail Stop 5450, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70123. Ms. Benner can also be reached at (703) 787-1710 and Ms. Gambino at (504) 736-2856.

We look forward to working with your State and eligible parishes on this program.

Sincerely,

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Acting Director

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