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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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Honorable R.L. Brownlee  
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)  
108 Army Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310-0108

Dear Assistant Secretary Brownlee:

The attached consensus document represents the final response of the Council on Environmental Quality to the October 16, 2001 referral from the Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration regarding the Department of the Army Corps of Engineers' Final Supplement III to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Manteo (Shallowbag) Bay Project located in Dare County, North Carolina. I thank the Departments of the Army, Commerce and the Interior, and the interested public, particularly the citizens of Dare County, North Carolina, for their efforts to educate CEQ regarding the alternatives available for addressing the needs of navigation safety and sustainable public use of Oregon Inlet and the outstanding natural resources of the Outer Banks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Connaughton", written over a horizontal line.

James L. Connaughton

cc: The Honorable Gale Norton  
Vice Adm Conrad C Lautenbacher, Jr USN (ret)