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To: Director, Fish and Wildlife Service
Director, National Park Service
Director, Geological Survey
Director, Office of Surface Mining
Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for
Improvements to the Cedar Bayou Navigation Channel near Baytown in Harris
and Chambers Counties, TX
(ER 04/623) (Agency due date: **September 13, 2004**)

The Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers (CE) has published in the August 13, 2004, Federal Register a notice of intent to prepare a DEIS for the subject project. You may view the notice at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont04.html.

This notice gives you an early opportunity to provide technical assistance and/or to participate from your areas of special expertise or jurisdiction. If significant involvement is indicated, you should also participate in the follow-up scoping activities.

Comments should be made directly to the person/address listed in the notice by **September 13, 2004**.

Please provide a copy of any comments you make to this office.

/s/ 8/18/04
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cc: Assistant Secretaries
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