



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

JUN 22 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR: Paul N. Doremus, Ph.D.
NOAA NEPA Coordinator

FROM: *William F. Broglie*
William F. Broglie

SUBJECT: Finding of No Significant Impact for the Environmental
Assessment for Establishing a Gulf of Mexico Disaster Response
Center - DECISION MEMORANDUM

Based on the subject environmental assessment, I have determined that no significant environmental impacts will result from the proposed action. I request your concurrence in this determination by signing below. Please return this memorandum for our files.

1. I concur. _____

J. K.

6/29/09

Date

2. I do not concur. _____

Date

Attachments





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
PROGRAM PLANNING AND INTEGRATION
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

JUN 29 2009

To All Interested Government Agencies and Public Groups:

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an environmental review has been performed on the following action.

TITLE: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Ocean Service
Establishing a Gulf of Mexico Disaster Response Center (GoMDRC)

LOCATION: Mobile, AL

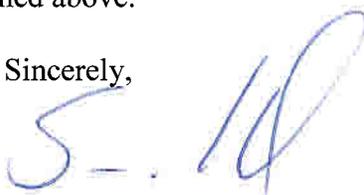
SUMMARY: The proposed action is to establish a GoMDRC in or near Mobile, AL. Mobile also is the location of tropical weather monitoring programs affiliated with NOAA, including those of the University of South Alabama and the Dauphin Island Sea Lab. Co-location of these programs and the GoMDRC would strengthen the Gulf of Mexico's defense and awareness capabilities to better protect lives, property, and natural resources from natural disasters.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: William F. Broglie, NOAA Chief Administrative Officer, SSMC 4, Ste. 8443, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301) 713-0836

The environmental review process led us to conclude that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared. A copy of the finding of no significant impact (FONSI) including the supporting environmental assessment (EA) is enclosed for your information.

Although NOAA is not soliciting comments on this completed EA/FONSI we will consider any comments submitted that would assist us in preparing future NEPA documents. Please submit any written comments to the responsible official named above.

Sincerely,



for Paul N. Doremus, Ph.D.
NOAA NEPA Coordinator

Enclosure

