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May 18, 2018

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RE: USACE Absecon Inlet Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Structures
Brigantine Inlet to Great Egg Harbor Inlet, Absecon Island, Atlantic Co., NJ
Notification of Completion of Outfall System 5
USACE Contract No. W912BU-17-C-0004
NJDEP DCE Project No. 6057-I

Dear Mr. Dixon:

Please accept this response on behalf of the City of Margate with regard to your letter of May 2, 2018. Your agency has requested that the City of Margate assume responsibility for all routine maintenance and costs associated with Outfall System No. 5. It is the Governing Body's position that the City cannot accept responsibility of a partially completed Outfall Pipe System and as such we respectfully decline to do so.

The Governing Body has a number of other concerns including the following:

1. Serious concerns have been raised about pollution of our ocean front waters. Will your agency be monitoring the affects of the Outfall System with regard to its impact on water quality? What steps are being taken to minimize any adverse impact of the street drainage flowing into bathing areas?
2. The storm water pipe and supporting cribbage is massive. We are unaware of any other South Jersey community that has an ocean outfall piping system this extensive in size. We understand that there will be a total of five of these pipes to be placed along our oceanfront. The placement of these pipes is unsightly and will block the public's normal use of the water's edge. Is it possible that a re-design can be considered?
3. There is a lack of handicapped access. We are concerned that the handicapped as well as the general public will not have the ability to easily access to the ocean side of the dunes.

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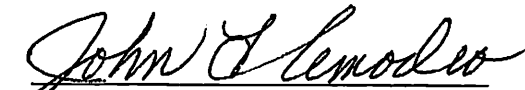
4. We want to insure that water activities including catamarans, kayaks and surfing can be placed at viable locations. The placement of ocean outfall pipes and existing groins may interfere with these activities as the areas may be insufficient in width to allow reasonable use.

The Governing Body requests that the DEP and the Army Corp meet with us in public to address any concerns raised by the Governing Body and the members of the public.

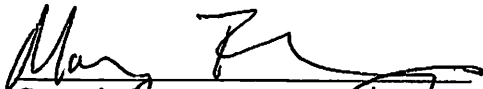
Very truly yours,



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