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Mr. Donald R. Allee
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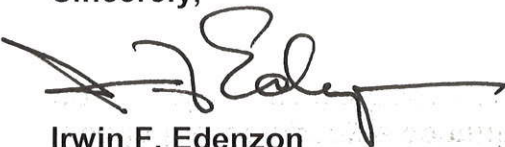
Dear Mr. Allee:

At Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding-Gulf Coast, we take pride in conducting our business with a broad perspective, taking into account our customers, our employees, our shareholders, and the environment and communities in which we operate.

We view our Pascagoula and Gulfport Port facilities as vital community partners here on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. As Mississippi's largest industrial employer since the 1930's, our company takes great pride not only in our role in national defense, but also in the Company's commitment to our employees, our customers and the communities in which we live and work.

We recognize that the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport is an essential community partner as well. The State's plan to restore, revitalize and redevelop the Port at Gulfport is an innovative plan – one that Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding-Gulf Coast supports because of the project's potential to aid in the recovery of the Gulf Coast from the devastating impact of Hurricane Katrina, and because of its potential future impact on the economic and community development activities that should positively impact the entire State of Mississippi.

Sincerely,



Irwin F. Edenzon

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cc: Elizabeth Stanga
Team Leader – Port of Gulfport Restoration
Mississippi Development Authority