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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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Policy and Policy Compliance Division

Mr. Kenneth Babcock
Chairman, Environmental Advisory Board
Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
Southern Regional Office
193 Business Park Drive, Suite E
Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157-6026

Dear Chairman Babcock:

Thank you for your recent letter conveying the Environmental Advisory Board's recommendations on how the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers should proceed in both the near and longer term to address the devastating effects of the recent hurricanes on the coastal environments of Gulf Coast States. You also request regular, detailed and timely reports on progress towards integrated water resource planning in the impacted region.

You have raised many important points and I support your recommendations. I have asked Mr. Tom Waters, the Corps Policy and Planning Chief, to provide a report at our December meeting on both the Corps activities to date and on our longer-term plans for integrating environmental needs into future activities within the impacted area. Mr. Waters will also arrange for regular, detailed and timely reports to the Board on our progress towards integrated water resource planning in the impacted region. I would like you to work with Mr. Waters to assure that you receive consistent information on the steps we are taking to implement your recommendations or the reasons why we are not. Mr. Waters may be reached at 202-761-0115.

I am pleased that you took this opportunity to contact me directly and look forward to an eventful meeting in Florida.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl A. Strock".

Carl A. Strock
Lieutenant General, US Army
Commanding