ENDANGERED SPECIES OBSERVER PROGRAM

Project: Mississippi River Gulf Outlet

INCIDENT REPORT OF SEA TURTLE TAKE BY DREDGING ACTIVITY

Date 10 / 26 / 96 Time(24hr) 1725

Species of Turtle Taken Unidentified Sea Turtle

Dredging Site (channel, port, etc.) Mississippi River Gulf Outlet Channel stations 375+00-381+0

Location of Take: Latitude See above stations Longitude

Vessel Name and Company NATCO - PADRE ISLAND

Type of Dredging Activity maintenance dredging

Load # 6 Times: Start 1621 End 1717 Dump 1723-1726

Sampling Method (overflow, inflow,etc.)

Samples Recovered From STBD. AFT DISCHARGE BOX

Condition of Screening excellent

Draghead Deflector? Yes ✓ No

Condition of Deflector fine

Weather Conditions S WIND ~10 Kts - Beaufort sea state: 2 Tide

Water Temperature: Surface NR Column C or F (circle one)

Condition of Specimen(s) Sampled Badly decomposed, a portion of the animals body including a flipper - too badly gone to even tell what flipper I was looking at.

Measurements--

Give estimate of entire carapace dimensions, as well as fragments sampled (in metric when possible, indicate if not):

Head Width

Plastron Length Width

Carapace S. L. Length S.L. Width

Carapace O.C. Length O.C. Width

Turtle Tagged? Yes No Tag # Tag Date / /

Comments Impossible to take any measurements

I disposed of the remains at the dump site

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